

New York Home Journal

New York Home Journal, Editorial

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8/5/1885 - "No object seems to be too high or remote for human endeavour. It is not strange that some of these attempts should stagger the faith of all but the boldest imaginations. A notable example of this class is the famous etheric motor invented by Keely, of Philadelphia, and the subject of a communication which we (received) from a well-known American lady in Italy. The inventor claims to have found a new force, one that entirely transcends those that have been hitherto appropriated for human use. [Heat](#), steam, [electricity](#), [magnetism](#) are but crude antetypes of this new discovery. It is essentially the creator of these forces. It is scarcely less than the 'primum mobile.'

Indeed in reading the exposition of its potentialities one can hardly help doubting whether the concrete matter of our earth is not too weak and volatile to contain, restrain, and direct this vast cosmic energy except in infinitesimal proportions. How shall [iron](#) and steel stand before the power which builds up and clasps the very atoms of their [mass](#)? Where shall the inventor look for [safety discs](#)' to stay his new-found force, when every [substance](#) within his reach is but a residuum of the activity of his identical principle? How shall strength of materials avail against the power that gives, and indeed is, strength of materials? This, however, is but a metaphysical doubt, and as the invention has already demonstrated its practical efficiency on a small scale, there is a presumption that it may be extended to the higher degrees. At all events, whether the force can or cannot be harnessed to do the daily work of the world, the discovery is one that will mark an epoch in the progress of [science](#) and give the inventor and his patrons a meed of immortality. Granted they are but poets building a lofty cosmical rhyme, their work shall have not the less an enduring honour."

New York Home Journal on 8/5/1885 announced [Keely](#) had imprisoned the [ether](#) - wrongly supposed that the unknown force was the [ether](#) itself, not the [medium](#), "as it is now known to be." "*Where can the inventor look for 'safety discs' to stay his newfound force ... The invention has already demonstrated practical efficiency on a small scale.*" [[Snell Manuscript - The Book, page 2](#)]

Keely

"For ten years [Keely's demonstrations](#) were confined to the [liberation](#), at [will](#), of the [energy](#) he had "stumbled over" while experimenting on [vibrations](#) in 1872; and his efforts were put forth for the [construction](#) of "the perfect [engine](#)," which he had promised to the [Keely Motor Company](#). He made the [mistake](#) of pursuing his [researches](#) on the line of [invention](#) instead of [discovery](#). All his [thoughts](#) were [concentrated](#) in this [direction](#) up to the year 1882. [Engine](#) after [engine](#) was [abandoned](#) and sold as old [metal](#), in his repeated [failures](#) to construct one that would keep up the [rotary motion](#) of the [ether](#) that was necessary to hold it in any [structure](#). [Explosion](#) after [explosion](#) occurred, sometimes harmless to him, at other times [laying him up](#) for weeks at a time.

Two more years were lost in efforts to [devise](#) an [automatic arrangement](#), which should enable the [machine](#), invented by [Keely](#) for [liberating](#) the [energy](#), to be handled by any [operator](#), and it was not until 1884 that steady [progress](#) was seen, from years to years, as the result of his enlarged [researches](#). When [Keely](#) was asked, at this time, how long he thought it would be before he would have the [engine](#) he was then at [work](#) upon ready to [patent](#), he illustrated his [situation](#) by an [anecdote](#): "A man fell down, one dark night, into a mine; catching a rope in his descent, he clung to it until morning. With the first glimpse of daylight, he saw that had he let go his hold of the rope he would have had but a few inches to fall. I am precisely in the situation of that man. I do not know how near [success](#) may be nor yet how far off it is."

August 5th, 1885, the **New York Home Journal** announced that [Keely](#) had [imprisoned](#) the [ether](#); and, as was then wrongly supposed, that the unknown [force](#) was the [ether](#) itself; not the [medium](#) of the [force](#), as it is now

known to be." [\[Bloomfield-Moore\]](#) [\[Ether the True Protoplasm\]](#)

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