



The storage battery is, in my opinion, a catch-penny, a sensation, a mechanism for swindling the public by stock companies. The storage battery is one of those peculiar things which appeals to the imagination, and no more perfect thing could be desired by stock swindlers than that very self-same thing Just as soon as a man gets working on the secondary battery it brings out his latent capacity for lying Scientifically, storage is all right, but, commercially, as absolute a failure as one can imagine.

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