

This accident occurred on the 10th of June about three miles from Chanute, Kansas. We were working on a country electric line which was being constructed for electric lights and motor equipment for dairys which were operating under state regulations, and therefore had to have this electricity. All the line had been completed except the jump<sup>ers</sup> from the main line to the remainder of the line.

The accident happened to an employee who had climbed the pole and was ready to tie in or make connections to make the whole line live. Two other employees had not completed their job of getting the guy line shifted. About one-third of the way down the guy line is an insulator called the "johnny ball". This "johnny ball" was resting on the country telephone line. The employee had put his foot on the through bolt which fastens the guy line to the top of the pole and had also shifted his safety belt and was resting there before beginning his work. When he reached up to tie in this live wire it automatically grounded him, because the guy line was touching the country telephone line. Another employee was working with him and saw immediately that he had gotten into the electric line.

When he first came into contact with the electricity his muscles were set very firmly. All he could do was to groan and fall back into his safety belt. However, when he fell back his hooks slipped out, or were kicked out of the pole, and one foot hit the guy line just enough to lower the "johnny ball" on the country telephone line and break the connection. When the connection was broken he was automatically released, and started to fall. He fell for about three feet, but his weight was so much that his safety belt broke when he hit the through bolt in the guy line. He then was released entirely from the pole and turned over two complete times before hitting the ground face down.