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Mr. Edison, the great inventor, has turned his attention to the construction of a practical flying machine.

The American Peace Society, of which Edward S. Tobey has been re-elected President, has a fund of \$17,800, and its membership is increasing.

Ten Presidents have been renominated for office, and of these three were defeated, the unlucky ones being the two Kansases and Martin Van Buren.

A statue of John P. Hale, who was presented as a spy by the British during the Revolution, is to be erected in the yard of the State House at Concord, N. H.

It is proposed in the City of Mexico that there be an exposition for handsome men next winter. The prize suggested would be a good husband and a "lot" of \$10,000.

More cut flowers are now used in this country than in any other, and there are probably more flowers used in New York than in London, with a population four times as great.

The population of Canada is less than that of the State of New York; and yet while New York has a debt of only \$7,000,000, Canada has a debt of nearly \$240,000,000.

A youthful applicant for graduation at Lexington, Ky., being asked the other "What does history teach?" answered: "That the United States never has whipped and never will be."

The Rev. Father Tolten, of Quincy, is the only colored Catholic priest in the United States. He was born in France. He speaks several languages and is highly regarded by the clergy.

Mr. O'Rell, the French artist, on being taken back to England, declared that the higher classes of American society there is more culture and availability than in any other country in the world.

French arms are acknowledged to have been shot and projectiles in Europe. Mr. Permyer shell has been shot with an armor plate twenty inches thick, and came out with its steel point unscathed.

An experimental cattle farm is to be started in France by the French Government. A commission, consisting of the directors of agriculture, horse breeding and other experts, has secured 300 acres to be operated on.

The Chicago News has established a fund of \$10,000, the income of which is to be given yearly (in medals) to the winners in the several public schools of the city for writing the best composition on "Patriotism."

Rev. Edward Judson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New York City, has been invited to raise funds for the erection of a memorial church in that city. He is a native of New York, and founder of the Baptist Church in Memphis. The sum required is \$100,000.

The rabbit pest in New Zealand is found to be constantly increasing in severity in spite of the persistent efforts made by the Government and the farmers to eradicate it. They reduce, it is said, the feeding capacity of the land one-third, while the fleeces of the sheep have decreased from 30 to 40 per cent.

It is hoped that the increase in the population and the cultivation of the country will drive out the pests in time.

The gradual destruction of our forests leads Professor Foster to make the prediction that in 209 years this country will be a desert, and immense sand storms will be playing over the region where abundant crops are now produced. The Atlanta Constitution thinks the Professor may be mistaken. The growing interest in forestry makes it probable that in the future a tree will be planted to take the place of every one that is cut down.

Speaking of the rudeness and inconvenience to which passengers, and especially ladies, are subjected in crowded street cars, the New York Press suggests the construction of street cars without any seats at all. The passengers would then be on an equality of discomfort. No complaints would be made about the refusal of men to give up their seats to ladies. All would have to stand, and the accommodations would be equally shared.

Trades Unions in China are very conservative, declares James Payn in the Independent, and those who break their unwritten laws are treated with greater severity than even with us. Instead of being boycotted, or blown up with gunpowder, the offenders, it seems, are bitten to death. At Soochow, I read, this punishment was inflicted the other day on a member of the gold-leaf craft, for taking more than one apprentice at a time. One hundred and twenty-three members had a bite at him. These institutions boast, not without reason, that one of the "brethren" ever committs a second offense; from which circumstance it is supposed the proverb has arisen: "Once bit, twice shy."

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A COMPARISON.

I'd rather lay me among the trees, With the singing birds in the hum'lebees, A-knowin' that I can do as I please, Than to live what folks call a life of ease, Up thar in the city.

As for that, ju' look at the flowers aroun' A-peepin' their heads up all over the groun', An' th' fruit aboun' the trees way down, You don't find such things as these in town, Or rutther in the city.

AN EVIL SPIRIT.

BY GEORGE D. SPARKS.

I received one morning, a year or so ago, an invitation from an old schoolmate whom I had not seen since leaving college, to come and dine with him at his residence on Staten Island.

When I came to I found I was once more in bed. The candle was still lighted, and I saw Macray sitting on a chair near me with his head buried in his hands. A slight movement on my part caused him to start.

After dinner, Macray and I lingered over our cigars, talking over our old college days. Finally at Macray's suggestion we adjourned to the library. I had originally been, I was told, an artist's studio, the principal light coming from above; but there were also windows on two sides.

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The door was presently pushed open and an old settler crawled into the room. The noise was now explained—it was the old dog. I again looked at Macray; the look of despair had faded out of his countenance and he was once more himself.

We talked late into the night; but all gatherings must break up sometime, and at half-past twelve I followed Macray to my room. It was on the second story—only a short distance from the one occupied by himself.

The Mechanism of the Heart. In the human subject the average rapidity of the cardiac pulsation of an adult male is about seventy beats per minute. These beats are more frequent as a rule in young children and in women, and there are variations within certain limits.

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never mention what you have seen to any one. By the way, old Pompey gave me a big fright to-night: I thought it was Charley. I gave it a notice, I thought you were ill," I answered.

Some two or three weeks later, I was again asked to visit Staten Island. Among those whom I met was Charles Macray, and his clever wife. I could hardly bring myself to acknowledge that the man who sat opposite to me at dinner, and who by his brilliant conversation held the entire table, was the same who had attacked me in the dead of night only a few weeks before.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

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SPONGING IN THE BAHAMAS.

AN INDUSTRY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE LAZY ISLANDERS.

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BE BRAVE, MY HEART.

Be brave, my heart, through every ill That cruel Fate to thee doth send, To every struggle come an end, And so to thine there surely will.

Be brave, my heart, remember all— Their brave-fought combats now are o'er— No more thy heart at trumpet call.

Be brave, my heart, and should'st thou know Thyself defeated—do not die— Be brave—be brave till thy last breath— And die—thy face turned toward the foe.

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