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RALPH WALDO EMERSON.
Born at Boston, May 25, 1803.
From His Essay on the Future of the Republic:
Of no use are the men who study to do exactly as was done before, who can open their eyes, but take a new direction. There never was such a combination as this of ours, and the rules to meet it are not set down in any history. We want men of original perception and original action, who can open their eyes, and take a new direction. We want men of original perception and original action, who can open their eyes, and take a new direction.

The Common Ground.
MR. NORMAN E. MACK OF BUFFALO, the New York member of the Democratic National Committee, remarks further as follows, on the subject of a financial plank in the next platform which shall be satisfactory to all Democrats:
If the National Convention were to be held today the great point of difference among the Democratic forces would be the financial plank. It is easy to see that unless a common ground is established—and one can be established—the same will be true a year from now.

Why British Emigration to South Africa is Slow.
Geographically, the term South Africa is about as definite as our own Old West or Down South. In its general use, it may be regarded as covering the territory lying between Cape Town, on the south, and the Zambesi River, on the north. This would include an area a little less than 45 per cent. of that of the United States. About 55 per cent. of this is British territory. Its population consists of some 1,200,000 whites and 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 native blacks representing a considerable number of different tribes.

The Progress of Japan in Education.
The extraordinary facilities for elementary, secondary and university instruction now offered in Japan will be found described in the latest annual report published at Tokio by the Minister of Education. The signer of the report, Baron KIKUCHI DAIBOKU, not only graduated some thirty years ago at the University of Cambridge, England, but took a high place in the wranglers' list. After his return to his native country, he became professor of mathematics at the University of Tokio, and is regarded as the highest Japanese authority in educational affairs. The facts set forth in his report are likely to surprise many persons unfamiliar with the efforts that have long been made to extinguish illiteracy in the Mikado's empire.

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Kyoto. The former comprises a University, Hall and six colleges of law, medicine, engineering, literature, science and agriculture. The College of Engineering offers nine courses, to wit: civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, naval architecture, technology of arms, civil architecture, applied chemistry, technology of explosives, and mining and metallurgy. The total number of resident instructors is 222, and there are 35 assistant professors now studying in foreign countries. The students number 2,850, and include eleven foreigners, one of them a native of the United States. The University of Kyoto, though founded much later than that of Tokio, includes, besides the University Hall, colleges of law, of medicine, and of science and engineering. The College of Science and Engineering provides courses in mathematics, physics, pure chemistry, chemical technology, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering and mining and metallurgy. There are already 25 professors and 186 students.

The Lateral Origin of Civilization.
The connection of side whiskers with "true greatness" and the relation of whiskers in general to the social progress and intellectual development of mankind continue to be the subjects of earnest thought and rapt speech on the part of sociologists and students of primitive institutions. It has been our own modest share in the investigation to trace the origin of forests in the primeval protective whiskers of which they were an imitation; and we have offered as a working hypothesis the theory that the beginnings of clearing paths through the jungle, of partial deforestation, preceded and suggested side whiskers. These effects of Man upon Nature and of Nature upon Man have been too much neglected by the philosophers who have sought to construct the early history of the human race.

Charleston's Statues to Eminent Men.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: To make further additions to the published list of statues to great Americans, I send you the following catalogue of such as Charleston can boast. I head the list with a name that should never have been overlooked among great Americans, that of John C. Calhoun. A monument, a tall column with bronze statue of the great statesman, should be erected in the city of Charleston. It is a monument to the memory of a great American, and it is a monument to the memory of a great American.

The Bicycle's Grievance Against the Automobile.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: In a recent edition of the Sun, you published an article in which you omitted to refer to one of the principal causes why bicycling is not as popular as it was a few years ago. This is the great increase in the number of automobiles, which are driven at rapid speed without regard to the safety of bicycle riders.

A Northern Comment on Dr. Parkhurst's Statement.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Dr. Parkhurst's statement regarding the death of the word "nigger" in the South. I visit that part of the country every year, and have recently returned from a somewhat extended trip through the South. I have visited such cities as Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, New Orleans, Dallas and Shreveport. Outside of a spirit of rancor or color prejudice, there is no more to be said. The South is a great and noble people, and they are entitled to the same respect and consideration as any other people.

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life, and it was Mr. Byrne's opinion that he was buried alive or was hanged by the neck until he was dead. Nobody in Roscommon claims the body, and for cause. The grave questions to be decided by the honorable County Court will be these: Did the goat of his own accord deliberately derailed the train? Was he induced to attack it by his wicked owner? Who was that owner, or, in a word, who set Billy at the bulge?

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