

door fun." And Squinty set it up so it read the next morning. "Seth Brown has bought a set of tights, since which time he has taken quinine shot from an air-gun." Well, maybe Seth wasn't made Why, he gunned for us for about two weeks loaded to the muzzle, but we kept shady, thereby saving Seth from having the crime of murder on his soul, and our bodies from being filled with cold lead.

We used to slide under the bed every time we heard a gun go off for a month afterwards. Then we considered it was not healthy to run a newspaper and dodge bullets at the same time, so we retired from business, and *The Arizona Howler* ceased to exist. In looking back over the vista of fading years, I sometimes doubt if in all the intervening time we have had as much healthy pleasure as we get out of editing and publishing *The Arizona Howler*, of Happy Flat.

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## Thomas Edison.

Thomas Alva Edison was born in Ohio, in 1847. Although he had very little schooling, yet under his mother's care, his education was greatly advanced. He had a great taste for reading, and before he was twelve he had read Hume's and Gibbon's works. As he had a liking for Chemistry, he read Newton's *Principia* and Ure's *Dictionary of Science*.

He became newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railroad, where his love for Chemistry took shape in his establishing a laboratory in an empty car; but his chem's cal's exploded and set the car on fire, and he was thrown out by the conductor. — Edison next bought some type, and published on the train a little paper called, *The Grand Trunk Herald*. As he wished to learn telegraphing, a kind-hearted operator offered to teach him; so, nightly, after his long day's work, he walked to the station to take his lesson. He soon became expert, and after some changes was sent to Adrian, where he set up a work-

shop for repairing telegraphic instruments. At Indianapolis he invented his automatic repeater. He was next called to Boston, where he became superintendent of a company. At one time he had a factory in which he employed three hundred hands, and which took so much of his time that he gave it up, and established a smaller one at Menlo Park, around which a village has since grown up.

Edison has invented over two hundred machines of which the following are very important: the electric pen, the phonograph and the carbon telephone. He has perfected the electric light, and has greatly improved the telegraph.

Edison is still living, and is working so hard that he gives only four or five hours to sleep daily, and as he is on the right side of fifty, we may still expect great advances in electrical work.

A. SCOTT.

## A Tale of the Isle of Eigg.

Perhaps the readers of the MONTHLY who have never read the "Tales of a Grandfather," have some curiosity to hear the story of how the inhabitants of Eigg were suffocated in the celebrated cave of Frances. The story is a good example of how the feuds between rival clans were carried on in the olden times and it also shows the barbarity and cruelty of the people of the Western islands of Scotland. The Macdonalds were originally the principal possessors of the Hebrides, but this clan became divided and others settled on the islands, among whom were the Mcleods, a very powerful tribe who settled on the Isle of Lewis and made war with the Macdonalds.

About the end of the sixteenth century a small boat manned by the Mcleods landed on the Isle of Eigg. They were hospitably received, but they became disorderly and encouraged the inhabitants that they tied them hand and foot and towing them to sea, left them to die of starvation. But it happened that a boat belonging to the Mcleods found them and took them to