OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Whether or not the old party lines and names are too fascinating, or the idea of George's success is too intolerable to permit of a just estimate of his strength, certain it is that the "workingman's candidate" is less heard of than he was a fortnight ago. At all events the Democrats and Republicans are fighting each other far more energetically than they are Mr. George. Of course, the advocates of each party find it easy enough to make the figures of former elections show a victory for themselves, and easy enough to count out Mr. George; but as an outsider, I should say it was folly to predict the verdict of next Tuesday, with the slightest possible balance of probabilities in favor of Mr. Hewitt, the Democrat.

In the larger view of the interesting situation in New York politics, George's candidature shows in a measure even greater than Cleveland's election in 1884, the waning of the absolute despotism of the politician. Heretofore the nominating power—which is practically the electing power—has been wholly in the hands of the politician. The actual attendance at primaries in 1884 is said to have been 20,000 in this city: just about the number of office-holders, who, one may be sure, were all on hand. In a "straight" party fight, therefore, the office-holders simply determined the elections. But in 1884 the disconcerting mugwump made his appearance, and, though he did not nominate, he elected Mr. Cleveland. This year for the first time (not counting prohibition nominations for obvious reasons) was a candidate with any respectable strength nominated outside the regular party primaries, in the person of Mr. George. And now comes Mr. David Dudley Field, an eminently practical person with vast experience in the drafting and working of laws, with the proposal to make every voter register a month before the elections, and declare then and there whom he desires to be elected out of a number named and certified beforehand by a respectable number of citizens, such nomination and recommendation to be published in the newspapers prior to the day of registration. (See his article in the November Forum.) Will the enemies of party, e.g., the Week, see herein a further step in the overthrow of that system? Cleveland's election was declared by them to be the beginning of the end.

Disaster seems to attend every attempt at an autumn pageant in New York. The celebration three years ago, at the centennial of the evacuation of New York by the British took place in the dreariest drizzle. And rain is peculiarly damaging to American processions by reason of the unaccountable fondness of American militiamen for white linen trousers.

The procession to-day in the presentation of Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty fared little better. It has rained incessantly since 10 o'clock, and the umbrellas of the crowds lining the streets are the only things visible. The statue herself is shrouded in mist and the only indication of a festival is the irregular booming of the guns on the men o' war. Poor Liberty! She is not enlightening anything to-day; and even when she can be seen, she looks unpleasantly like a lager beer sign, for the torch resembles a wide-mouthed champagne glass a quarter of a mile off, which she seems to be waving in an encouraging fashion for "the boys" to "line up." But for this misfortune, the statue is admirable; full of grand movement and dignity; the simple action and line of the drapery being even more impressive than the gigantic size.

Your old townsman, Mr. Edmund Collins, is to be editor of a new weekly paper of the same class as the Nation. No name is determined on so far.

The Canadian Club is to have a series of lectures by eminent Canadians this winter, the arrangements for which are complete and satisfactory. W. A. S.

WAS GOING TO "COMPLET."

An American Who Wanted to See All the Sights in Paris.

It doesn't make any difference what his other name was, but he was a Congressman in Paris, and he had never been there before. It is the custom in that city, when a stage is full, to put up the sign "complet," and no more passengers can get in. Our Congressman wanted to see everything, and as these labelled stages would pass him he would try to stop them, but the driver would shake his head and drive on.

"You can't get in any of those," said an English-speaking citizen who had watched his vain attempts.

"But I want one of them," he persisted.

"Take one of the others with fewer people in it. There's plenty of them," urged the citizen.

"You go to thunder," he said, angrily, "I guess I know what I want. I'm in this town to see the sights. Everybody seems to be going to Complet, and I'm d—d if I ain't agoing there, too, if I have to wait a week to catch a 'bus with room in it for me. That's the kind of an American citizen I am, and don't you forget it."

Have They Found It at Last?

The St. James' Gazette has this information of primitive man: Two Liege savants, Marcel de Huydt and Maximilian Lohest have announced a recent discovery which may be of significant importance. In a cave at Spy, a few miles from Namur, known as the Biche aux Roches, they found in the sandstone two human skulls of extraordinary thickness, resembling the celebrated skull found in the Neanderthal, near Elberfeld. They have the same very projecting eyebrows and the same low sloping forehead of a decidedly similar character. The finders suggest that these are types of the skulls of the primitive race who dwelt on the Sambre. Other things were discovered in the cave by Messrs. de Huydt and Lohest, among them some thousands of flints very carefully dressed on one side; also some specimens of jasper and agate, minerals not found anywhere in the neighborhood, ivory breast pins, several red ear pendants and some necklaces of pearls of curious designs. It was noticed that there were no representations of animals. All were found in the sandstone, three layers of which were plainly discernable. It was visible that the remains of flints, etc., deposited in each layer indicated different stages of skill in workmanship. The lowest stratum was by far the poorest in the number of the objects found and in the quality of their workmanship. But it was here that the skulls were found, so that from a scientific point of view it is most important. A drawing has been carefully made of the geological section of the cave, so as to mark precisely the point where the skulls were found.

A Little Too Much.

From the New York Sun.

"The cellar is full of water," said a lady who was looking at an east-side Harlem flat.

"Yes," assented the proprietor, "but you must bear in mind that at this time of day it is flood tide. We can't rent you seven rooms, madam," he added, in an injured tone of voice, "and at the same time guarantee to control the Atlantic Ocean for thirty dollars a month."

The Stronger Sex.

Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

Why am I a woman suffragist? Because I am. Because a woman has more good, hard, common sense than a man. Because she makes less bluster about her rights, and quietly maintains them better than a man. Because she won't give $1.50 for an article that she knows very well she can get for 75 cents. Because she does not stalk loftily away from the counter without her change if the robber behind it is a little reluctant about counting it out. Because she is too independent to pay the landlord $2 for her dinner and then pay the head waiter $1 to send her a waiter who will bring it to her for 50 cents. Because she will hold her money tightly in her own good little right hand for two hours until she first gets a receipt for it from the fellow who made her husband pay the same bill five times last year. Not any "just give you credit for it" for her. Because one day a Pullman porter complained to me, "No money on this trip; too many women aboard. Don't never get nothin' out of a women'ceptin' just her regular fare." I had just paid him 25 cents for blacking one of my boots and losing the other. And when he said that, when I saw for myself the heroic firmness of those women, traveling alone, paying their fare and refusing to pay the salaries of the employes of a wealthy corporation I said: "These women have a right to vote. To vote! By all that is brave and self-reliant and sensible, they have a right to run the government."

KITTY'S RESOLUTION.

Her Self-Sacrifice Wins Her a Husband.

For two years Kitty Ward had been earnestly striving to be good. She desired, beyond all things to be pure in heart, true in motive, single in purpose. But the results did not satisfy her. To her very great mortification, she was forced to see that the real obstacle was self-love. The issue of all this was the following insertion in her diary:

"Resolved, with the help of my Heavenly Father, I will seek to do good where and in what degree I can, without any thought or hope of reward or return in any way."

At this juncture a pleasant voice from an adjoining room called:

"Kitty, love!"

"Yes, dear mother."

"Here are two invitations for you."

Kitty opened one, which read as follows:

"Dear Puss: Pack up your prettiest dresses and bring them, with your sweet face, over to Woodlawn. I want to borrow you for a month or two. Bring all your supply of merry smiles, bright looks and winning ways; for the Marceaus, Livingstons and Lees are here. Also, my dear bas bleu, bring all your wisdom, for Ursa Major is coming the last of the month. He cares for nothing earthly but learning, and never opens his mouth to a lady save to growl. Perhaps I should explain. By Ursa Major I mean Dr. Muller, the great savant, who, by the way, is a great parti. I will send the carriage to the depot for you. Good-by dearie. COUSIN ALICE."

The second note, from a good old Quaker aunt of her father was in a different strain:

"MY DEAR KATHERINE: Will thee come and stay with thy old aunt a few weeks? I am sorely afflicted with rheumatism, and quite helpless. I long for thy bright face and cheerful voice. If thee will come, thee will be doing a great kindness to thy affectionate AUNT RUTH."

Kitty was thoughtful for some time.

"Mother, what shall I do?"

"What do you wish, my child?"

"Do you think Cousin Sarah would go to Aunt Ruth?" she said, after a pause.

"Very likely."

Eagerly, "Oh, mother, I should like so much to go to Woodlawn. It is so delightful there. The company is always refined, intelligent and entertaining. It improves my French so much to talk with the Marceaus. And Dr. Muller is to be there. He has been abroad for years, engaged in scientific researches connected with his profession. He knows everything."

Mrs. Ward saw very well the struggle her daughter was undergoing, but she only said: "Decide for yourself, my dear," and left her.

Kitty ran upstairs, fully determined to go to Woodlawn, but the first object that met her gaze was her diary and the resolution.

Then commenced a sharp conflict. The many and varied delights of Woodlawn passed before her, the rides, the excursions, the boating parties, the fetes of all kinds, and the elegance and refinement of the surroundings; and, in strong contrast, was patient, suffering Aunt Ruth, in her quiet little home, widowed and childless for years, with no company, nothing cheerful.

"Well, now, if ever there is a chance to act upon my new resolution"—and, to avoid further temptation, she wrote a regret to Cousin Alice and an acceptance to Aunt Ruth.

Aunt Ruth took off her spectacles and wiped her eyes when she read Kitty's note and said: "The blessed child!" and then handed it to the physician by her bedside to read. The physician, a grave, quiet-looking gentleman, with a broad, white forehead and deep eyes, was a child of a dear, early friend of Aunt Ruth.

Kitty came at the appointed time, and within a week the house was a changed place. The doors and windows were opened, the sweet air and bright sunshine let in. Bouquets were scattered here and there, freshly arranged each day. The rigid arrangement of the furniture was broken. Aunt Ruth's old piano was tuned, and drawn up near the door of her room, that Kitty might sing old hymns to her. Aunt Ruth's good old heart was greatly rejoiced by all this change, and the doctor wondered greatly. He saw the effect, and knew Kitty to be the cause, but the means was to him a mystery. From day to day he spent much time, wondering what change such a bright spirit would make in his grand, but sombre old place, a mile or two distant.

Nothing could exceed Kitty's amazement when she found that Aunt Ruth's friend, to whom she had written so often, of whom she talked so much, was the great Dr. Muller. She did not talk much in his presence, for she stood in real awe of him; but her joy was unspeakable in listening to his conversations with Aunt Ruth. His vast knowledge, his varied experiences, his great and good ideas, were wonderful to her, and she congratulated herself many times that she knew him so much better here than she could have done at Woodlawn.

To the doctor, Kitty was a revelation. He had never had much time or opportunity for knowing ladies. He was not at all versed in their ways or manners. He thought Kitty's beaming face was like sunshine; her merry laugh like rippling waters; her voice was melody. He noted her womanly ways, her gentleness, her kindness. He found her "never weary of well-doing, never seeking for her own."

Well, it fell out as Kitty had predicted. Aunt Ruth grew rapidly better. So after all Kitty went to Woodlawn about the time Dr. Muller did. But for some reason she did not enjoy it as she had done in former days. Everything lacked tone and interest, and she looked back with a sigh to the quiet conversations in Aunt Ruth's sick room. She saw but little of Dr. Muller. He seemed engrossed by the gentlemen.

Toward the close of the visit Dr. Muller proposed that the party should transfer themselves to his place for a week or so. This invitation was hailed with delight, for the old Muller place, with its majestic trees, beautiful views, long avenues, grassy lawns and, above all, the grand mysterious rooms, closed since his mother's death, were objects of interest to all. Not the smallest of Kitty's pleasures was that she found dear Aunt Ruth there, but she carried a dreary heart the while; for it seemed to her that all the interest in life was concentrated in this one spot, and how soon she was to leave it.

One day Dr. Muller sat in his library alone, his head buried in his hands. Aunt Ruth came softly in. She saw his look of wretchedness.

"Thee ought to be a happy man, Hermann, with these broad lands, and thy great opportunities to do good. But thee does not look so."

"Aunt Ruth, I would give all of this, and more, for the one little ewe-lamb that is not mine."

"What does thee mean, Hermann?"

"I mean that my selfish heart, full of cares, pines for your lovely little Kitty."

Aunt Ruth walked out of the library with more celerity than her gentle movements usually permitted, went to Kitty's room in a manner that might be called excited, and said:

"Katherine go to the library; the doctor has need of thee."

Kitty hastened, a little alarmed.

"Aunt Ruth says you want me, Dr. Muller."

"I do want you, I do. What else did she tell you? That my whole being is crying out for you, that my heart is hungry and insatiable? But I do not mean to disturb your happy life. I did not mean this knowledge to come to you."

Kitty turned her sweet, true face full upon him. "Dr. Muller, in all the world there is nothing I would rather have than your love."

She has been his wife now six months.

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The Wrong Diagnosis.

From the N. Y. Sun.

"Papa," she said softly and blushingly, "young Mr. Sampson is in the parlor and wishes to speak with you." Then she sank into an easy chair, and her heart beat so fiercely that it made the gas fixtures rattle.

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"Oh, papa," she said, "did he—was he—what did he want?"

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