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country all sorts of indirect methods are made use of to keep arms out of the hands of the people of the towns, and to leave them helpless—not a street row can be quelled without sending for the military—the military being officered by the favoured class, the territorial aristocracy—to whom belongs, by medieval institutions, the right of bearing arms. The tradesmen are universally sneered at as unwarlike, and are forced in consequence to be content with such portion of freedom and rights as their masters may find it convenient to indulge them with.

I visited, while here, a large merchant ship, lately launched, by name the Great Republic, of nearly 4000 tons. She had four masts, and the two at the stern, the two mizen-masts, if I may so call them, appeared very awkward, being huddled close together—otherwise her appearance was symmetrical, at least to a non-professional eye.

One of the finest parts of Boston is what they call the "common," being, in truth, a small well-wooded park, of about 40 acres, on three sides of which are rows of the best private houses in the place.