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the American army, as per recent order of the Quartermaster's Department, is an item that appears to call for more than a passing record. The army has always been handsome, to much brand-new ornamentation can hardly fail of increasing its beauty. What the effect of it will be on future contests with the red man remains to be seen

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At the first blush one is inclined to article of manufacture, evidently has a good deal of profit in it, and the marvel is that our home industries have not been encouraged and protected enough to manufacture the article for ourselves. Besides, gold lace is used in all nations of the world, and it is a thing we ought not to have to buy, but to sell. At least we might manufacture a cheap kind, that would do for our own army, and perhaps find a market among savages

So the pleasure ao doubt felt by army officers at the prospect of so much new tinsel is somewhat conditioned by the regret the commercial classes must feel that so much fine stuff should have to be bought from England. These considerations, howthe moral effect of the addition of so much gold lace to the glory of our army. Other nations may not increase their respect for our flag on account of this increase of splendor; the noble Indian will scalp our troops as of old, but the gold lace is a splendid military addition all the same.

"But I am asked," wrote Wendell Phillips, "Would you drag women down into the mire of politics ?" No, sir; I would have them lift us out of it. Now, the science of government is not an ignoble science, and the practice of politics is not necessarily mean and degrading. If the making and administering of law has become so corrupt as to justify calling polities filthy, and a thing with which no clean hands can meddle without danger, may we not wisely remember, as we begin our work of purification, that politics have been wholly managed by men ? How can we purify them ? Is there no radical method, no force yet untried, a power not only of skillful checks, which I do not undervalue, but of controlling character ? Mr. chairman, if we sat in this chamber with closed windows until the air became thick and fetid. should we not be fools if we brought in deodorizers-if we sprin ride of lime and burned assafeetida, while we disdained the great purifier? If we would cleanse the foul chamber, let us throw the windows wide open, and the sweet summer air would sweep all impurity away and fill our lungs with fresher life. If we would purge politics, let us turn upon them the great stream of the purest human influence we know." PHELPS, as Blaine's aggressive detender, having pierced the supposed impenetrable mail of Edmunds, others are rising up to make their thrusts at the Vermont statesman. While a majority and perhaps all the Massachusetts delegates will vote for Edmunds to escape Blaine, there are many Republicans of the Bay State who will protest against thus rewarding Edmunds for his controlling part in deposing Charles Sumner from the chairmanship of foreign relations in the reckless days of Grant. The one man who was pre-eminently fitted by character, ability and experience to head the most important committee of the senate, was deliberately and maliciously degraded by Edmunds and Cameron honored with the chair of Sumner. But for the active aid of Edmunds that disgraceful record could not have been made to shame the national authority, and it is keen ly remembered not only in Massachusetts but throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is not marvelous that there are loud and deep murmurs against Edmunds in the home of Charles Sumner, and they are likely to be heard in increased volume and earnestness at Chicago. THE question of the right of a State to abolish the Grand Jury system and substitute for it the process of presentment by information instead of indictment, notwithstanding the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, has been decided affirmatively by the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Harlan alone dissenting. It is held by the Court that "due process of law," in the meaning of the Constitution, does not necessitate action by a jury, and that a citizen is not improperly deprived of "life, liberty and property' when dealt with upon an information filed by an authorized prosecuting officer.

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