It has been scarcely possible to sit at a table where there was a light. These flies come to flavor the soup, to improve the tea, or to fill up the inkstand. They cover the book if one attempts to read, or they settle on people's spectacles or jump into their eyes. If people talk they have to be careful lest they draw in more than the needful breatth. The streets have scarcely been better than the houses, and we have seen some people passing lampposts with handkerchiefs over their faces, and others trying to protect themselves by the vigorous working of a fan, against which the the insects rattle like peas. To drive in an open carriage was like meeting a hail storm; and in some places of business, where pleasure is business, it has been brought to a stand. Flies burn their wings in the lamps of the billiardroom and the dead flies shunt balls that are gently rolling for a delicate carom, or turn them from the direct line to the

Even the skating-rink had to be closed. At the Corinthian the entrance hall was literally covered with them, the walls green with their numbers, and the floor carpeted with their bodies. At the entrance to the buffet they lay in heaps to the thickness of a hearth-rug under the gas lights, and in the house itself they were a great nuisance.

-An English paper shows that French lawyers are doomed to wear clean shaven lips. It says: "Although the Paris students may fairly claim to be more free and disorderly than those of London or Berlin, it is quite clear that the Paris bar is under as strict a discipline as that of any city in the world. An edict has gone forth to the effect that mustaches are at once and irrevocably to disappear from the upper lips of all advocates in the Palais de Justice. Of late years the dread authorities of the Faculte | the honest opinions of all classes and sects of de Droit had connived at the wearing of men. While it has labored for the principles these unprofessional ornaments, and grave | and hails the triumph of the Democratic party professors had even carried into the lecture room the forbidden embellishments. But the Minister of Justice has interfered to correct the scandal, and the learned counsel will no longer be permitted to dispense with their razors. The incident has given occasion not only to a great deal of grumbling on the part of these gentlemen, but to some considerable amount of discussion in the public press as to the history of mustache.

- Light, which travels with amazing velocity says Prof. Young, requires eight minutes to reach the earth. Sound would require fourteen years to travel from the sun to the carth, so that if we saw an explosion at its surface, it would be foura hammer on one end, the sound would reach the opposite end in about cleven months. But perhaps the most singular illustration of the sun's distance was drawn from the human economy. Sensation takes a certain time to travel to the nerve centers; and if we could imagine a human infant with an arm long enough to reach the sun, it would take 150 years for the sensation to reach him after burning his fingers; in other words, he would be dead several years before the sensation of burning could reach him. The sun's distance was so inconceivable that it was only by making such comparisons we could form any idea of it at all.

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