

complete one another. If, for example, the electric telegraph had not been invented at the same time as the application of steam to locomotives, railroads would not have been practicable. Now it seems that the gradual disappearance of the custom-house frontiers of the various European States will soon come of itself, not because of the general ruin of nations gradually brought about by the military expenses at the present day, but for the reason that by diminishing them by one-half you increase the public treasure in the same measure and by

The fusion of nations will be brought about through the civil life. Only recently we were still the enemies of England, but now we can foresee the day when regular convoys of aeroplanes will have a daily service between Paris and London, passing over La Manche and its rocking ships and sparing travellers the discomforts of sea-sickness.

Will the architecture of future dwellings be affected by it? It would seem at first as though aeronauts would collect their tourists from windows and balconies. This is not probable. We can more readily imagine dwellings with terraces instead of roofs. But it is difficult to figure to oneself a coach-house for these conveyances and new kind of automobiles; they are so huge. They will start and descend, no doubt, from aeroparks and public places. This will be infinitely more simple. There will be aerobuses with stations. Private aeroplanes will be the privilege of the favoured ones of fortune.

Wireless telegraphy seemed to come in time to meet and complete the free navigation of the air just as the electric telegraph completed the railroads. Will this freedom of the air be available for criminals? Will it enable the robbers of high degree, the haute noblesse, to escape more easily the pursuit of the police? In this respect also there will be a complete transformation, and it is easy to imagine a thousand amusing scenes to which it can give rise. On the other hand, there is no doubt that from a psychologic and therapeutic point of view, life in the open air will gain much. Though the dirigibles as well as the balloons of the present day are considered only as a means of transportation and not as fresh-air cures, they will accustom us, nevertheless, to breathe more healthfully, and medicine will feel their influence. They will give rise to new methods, new ways, new processes. Aerial voyages of from one to two thousand metres in height and treatments free from the dust and microbes below will be prescribed. The generations just born will assist at a social transformation incomparably greater than that which followed the invention of railroads, not from the point of view of commercial traffic, but from the point of view of social relations of every kind. It would be difficult to foresee exactly what will come to pass. At present we can only hail the dawn of a new era.



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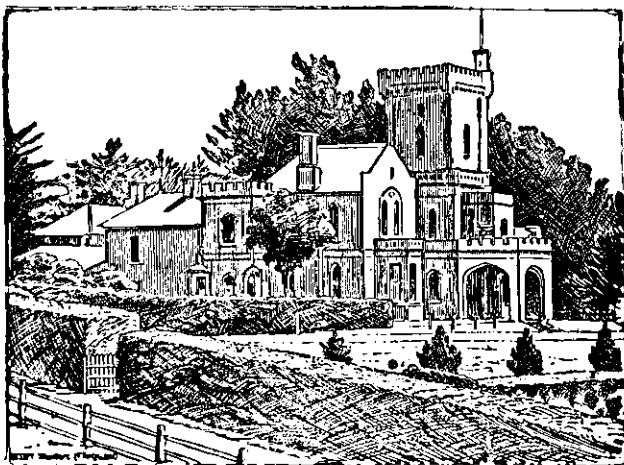
establishing the United States of Europe, we put ourselves in a position one day to resist the menacing invasion of Japan and the yellow race. The navigation of balloons has come most opportunely.

Lady (on street): "Do you know where Johnny Tucker lives, my little boy?"  
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