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RECORD OF PROGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
Population Quadrupled — Social Conditions Improved.

An epitomized record of the nation’s growth in area, population, and resources is contained in a pamphlet just issued by the Department of Commerce through its Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, entitled “Statistical Record of the Progress of the United States, 1860-1914.” In all cases where the statistical data permit, the tables cover more than a century, the later inquisition of certain lines of statistics necessarily restricts, in these cases, the period covered.

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Evidence of improved social conditions is found in the “Statistical Record.” For example, 19 million children are now confined to public schools and about 200,000 students in colleges and other higher institutions of learning, and the total expenditures on behalf of education now approximate $500,000,000 a year, the result being a rapid increase in general intelligence and a lowering of illiteracy. In the same period, however, foreign commerce has grown from 318 million dollars to 4529 million dollars and the per capita value of exports from $16.06 to $32.37.

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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
To Hold A Dance At Hotel Tuileries Friday Evening.

Rev. J. W. Van Kirk gave a very interesting talk to the Cosmopolitan Club last Monday afternoon. He traced the Cosmopolitan Movement from its very start up to the present day and ended by reviewing the present situation in that connection. He also presented a flag that he has des- signed for a unified humanity; this flag is based on statistics necessarily restricts, in these cases, the period covered.

CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. W. Foster, Union.

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