

# STONE

At thirteen already he turned his back on Russia. With these early years, and 35 dollars in his pocket, he landed in New York. How long does 35 dollars last? For a long while his lodging was the street; his language — professor the occasional preacher of some religious sect; or the political speaker, thrusting new ideals on his audience at the street corner. With irresistible force he was attracted to technology. By chance he met an intelligent aeroplane engineer, to whom he apprenticed himself for 1½ years as a draughtsman. He carried out everything to which he set his mind, and his efforts ended in his working under the great Edison.

But even this meant failure. Disappointed in technology, the urge to draw forced him to the Paris

