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Before commencing the subject given me by the Committee, I want to say - I feel very much as I did, when a child - after I had stung bees - and held them up to my friends - for inspection.

The process of preparing the paper - has been much like stinging bees. I have simply had to gather together, from different sources, - what has been written, and read, again and again - - Of course - I can claim nothing in it - but I have reviewed periodicals - and if we have anything in common - it is because we have obtained our beads from the same source.

This - not being an after-dinner speech, I cannot even remark on, the wonderful fore-thought of the American Government, in establishing - a Department of the Navy - in - 1798 - just six hundred years ago - that we might in the tenth year of the "Constitutional Club" - celebrate - this "Centennial" - with four nights - given to the "Irish and History

