

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Impressive American Possibilities



WASHINGTON—Census facts, tremendous as they are, fall short, as an appeal to the imagination, of the possibilities which they suggest and clearly point out. What is, however, vast, is dwarfed by what may be.

The three southern states of New England—Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island—are found to have a little more than 5,000,000 inhabitants. They do not seem to be near their limit of growth. The area of these three states is only 14,555 square miles. It is equal to less than one-half of one per cent. of the area of the United States, not including Alaska or the island possessions of the republic.

If the entire country were populated as Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island are, there would be more than 1,000,000,000 people in the United States—about two-thirds as many as there are on the earth.

It is true that Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island do not produce food enough for more than a comparatively small part of their population, but it is also clear, from

conditions existing in Europe, that an equal area, more fertile and tillable, might do so.

Belgium is smaller than the three southern states of New England, and its population is at least 2,000,000 larger, and Belgium comes near enough balancing its imports of food by its exports to prove that it feeds more than 5,000,000 of its people.

France is much less heavily populated, but the French rate, in proportion to the area of the country, would make the inhabitants of the United States number not less than 550,000,000, and France almost feeds its own people. If isolated from the outside world they could all be kept in comfort, as far as food goes.

It is not necessary to make comparisons with crowded countries of Europe or with the most densely populated parts of the United States to discover in the census returns remarkable evidence of the possibilities of growth which almost daunt thoughtful Americans.

From whatever point of view the census returns are studied, in the light of old world conditions and some demonstrations of the possibilities of population and production in this country, the future is rich in overwhelming visions of American greatness. The more the facts of today are looked into and weighed, the more impressive they become as indications of the growth and progress of the future.

Woman Who Counts the Burned Money



supervise its shipment back to Washington. The officers of the Royal Bank of Canada declared their willingness to pay the salary and expenses of the government expert who should be sent down. Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was selected to go, did not wish to make the trip alone and the bank also agreed to pay the expenses of her sister.

So the two young women set sail for Cuba. When they arrived at Mayari, a small village on the coast of Cuba, opposite Santiago, where the burned bank building was located, Miss Elizabeth Smith found that the officers of the bank had not touched the scorched money because of their fear that the charred remnant would fall to pieces. The safe was still lying in the ruins. The officers of the bank had only opened it once and after seeing the condition of the money had closed it hurriedly to await Miss Smith's arrival.

At the end of three weeks the work was accomplished. Miss Smith found that she had been able to identify \$50,200 worth of notes. This was the exact amount which the bank had on hand in American notes, according to its books.

Signal Corps Man Not So Very Crazy



ideas and his inventions, and they were being subjected to an examination. It was on the strength of letters he had received from the navy department and the testimony of patent attorneys that he obtained his freedom.

Both in the army and navy Currell was regarded as a crank. He became convinced in the Spanish-American war, he says, that the time was not far distant when aeroplanes or dirigible balloons would be important factors in warfare, and acting on this belief he began a systematic study of the problem that led him through several branches of the army and later into the navy and then to the United States army signal corps, and finally to the madhouse, after his discharge from the army.

Currell was released from the government hospital for the insane on October 6, and since then has bent all his energies toward perfecting his inventions in preparation for applying for patents. His inventions consist of a dirigible aerial torpedo, a detonator, and an aerial rifle, and he is now working on a time torpedo and another rifle for use in an aeroplane.

Directory of Congressmen's Wives



WIVES of representatives and senators, who have already potted even with their legs by establishing a congressional club, immune from masculine interference, are now engaged in an even wider departure.

Not to be outdone by the statesmen, each of whom has a chance to spread himself in the congressional directory, the women are about to start a congressional directory of their own. They have begun already to buy themselves about getting the biographies of themselves which will shortly be seen in print.

The idea of the directory was first broached to the club members last spring by Mrs. Champ Clark, who stood sponsor for the venture. Her interest in the wives of her husband's

associates and her faculty for collecting data about the persons she meets, gave rise to the idea. A close student of American history and genealogy, Mrs. Clark has come upon some interesting facts about congressional families.

The data already collected shows that the blood of the old Puritan stock flows in the veins of the wives of many congressmen. Whether it be that the sturdy descendants of the New Englanders have survived under the hardships of pioneer days when other strains have perished is a question about which many interesting speculations might gather.

At first the congressional women treated the request for biographical material as a joke, but soon they saw that the information they gave, if made accessible for all the members of the Congressional club, would afford mighty interesting reading. Now that the women of the present congressional club are so shortly to scatter, some of them never to return to Washington, they have taken hold of the directory idea with new vigor.

Decoration for Fur Hats



THE home milliner has been able to find a turban covered with fur of almost any description and almost any shape. The matter of trimming it at home is a problem of easy solution. Fur turbans are not exactly trimmed—they are decorated. The soft shapes, made without wire, carry bows, rosettes or motifs, applied flat to the body of the hat; or tinsel and silk roses, a smart cockade or an egret fastened on with an ornament, all easy to procure and the trimming easy of accomplishment. Fashion permits the trimming to be placed anywhere, from back to front, at the sweet will and sense of style possessed by the wearer.

Where the turban is made by covering a buckram shape with fur, plumes and fancy feathers, wings and ribbons are all available. The soft caps are more simply trimmed.

Soft caps of fur or fur fabrics are easily made at home. The crown is in four sections, like a boy's jockey cap, and the brim a slightly curved collar, which is wide enough to turn up about the crown. This is lined with silk or satin. A fine wire may be introduced in the outside brim edge to advantage. It should be put in between the fabric and the lining, and will serve to keep the hat shapely.

Such hats of plush or fur are very comfortable—a real protection to the head, and the becomingness is a new discovery. It is all in adjusting the right shape to the head in the right way.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

CHECKED SILK WAIST.



This most attractive waist is of checked old blue and white foulard, with pretty yoke of old blue cashmere. The guimpe, undersleeves, and frills are of white tulle. The girdle is of plain blue liberty.

THE NEW SHOE BUCKLES

Cut Steel and Rhinestone Predominate for Decorating Evening Slipper This Season.

Cut steel and rhinestone predominate in the shoe buckle for decorating the evening slipper this season. In the cut steel, which has a very refined appearance, the designs are very beautiful. The buckles made of this material seem to be the leading ones.

They are made oblong and large, and though this is actually the choice among the metals, there are other sizes and other metals still available, for though it is quite new, it does not exclude any of the others that with some are still popular.

Rhinestone buckles are favored next to steel and there is a wide variety of these from which to make a choice.

Small and large ornaments, square and round ornaments, oblong and star-shaped ornaments—in fact, in the rhinestone one can get an ornament in almost any shape a person desires.

Butterfly Note Paper.

The butterfly, a dominant novelty of this season's fashions, trails its frivolous wings across the latest note paper. Flights of sulphur-colored insects upon a delicate green ground, and of bright, soft blue ones over a cream white surface, none of them too perceptible are seen. It is a fanciful idea, to have these decorated missives as frivolous and brief as their own short lives.

CONCERNING USE OF PLUMES

Newest Trimming in Millinery Shows Styles Such as Our Mothers Never Dreamed Of.

The newest trimming in millinery emphasizes the use of plumes. Such plumes! The word conjures up an infinite variety of styles of which our mothers or grandmothers knew nothing, and fair women of today can be doubly grateful for the efforts of milliners.

Garlands of plumes are used on broad, low hats. They are spotted and flecked with color, and some are made of layers of different shades, giving a wonderfully iridescent effect.

On velvet turbans the use of a single plume attached at the front, and extending toward the back in a slanting line, is quite evident. This line for the plume is used on large hats as well. And speaking of the wide, flat shapes leads us to the introduction of ostrich feathers to edge the brim. Two successful Paris milliners have done this with great effect.

Feather rosettes are made of ostrich plumes. Concentric circles of cut feathers are placed around a jeweled center. At the side of a turban or on the upturned brim of a large velvet hat this new type of ornament is extremely chic.

A feather band is being used on many large hats. Black and white plumes are favored for these ornaments. They are detachable, hooking at one side. This idea is attractive, for a change of trimming means a change of hat.

To Freshen a Lace Waist.

A tight-out lingerie waist of white lace and embroidery gains wonderfully in elaborateness by the addition of the latest French fancy. This is a broad band of net in a pastel shade, embroidered in soutache braid of the same color and applied just over the bust. With this is worn one of the new neck scarfs of chiffon, in a color that exactly matches and with the ends embroidered in the soutache. Both of these are easily made up at home by any clever needlewoman, and will go a long way toward hiding the deficiencies of a pretty but aging lingerie waist. The chiffon scarf is especially charming when embroidered its entire length with large coin dots in satin stitch.

Cretone Lampshades.

The very newest and prettiest thing in home decoration is the lampshade of shirred cretane or flowered silk. For these, heavy wire frames are purchased, the round shape being the best. The cretane or silk is then shirred tightly under this frame, and clamped or glued to it. A narrow border of furniture glimp conceals the joining place.

In tapestry, this variety of lampshade becomes really gorgeous. The idea, of course, can be applied in any of these materials to shades of shades as well.

PRAYER IS WITHOUT RESULT

Boy's Patience is Exhausted After Frequent Petitions to Throne of Grace.

A young man who is prominent in church work in Philadelphia tells this about his nephew:

Harold is the youngster's name, and next door lives another boy by the name of Dewey. They are each seven years old, and like most children of their age are disposed to get into mischief as often as possible. Several days ago they found a man's coat lying on the front pavement while the owner was fixing a gas main. From the pockets of the coat the two boys abstracted several tickets, and when Harold's mother found it out she made him return the tickets and explained the sin which he had committed, warning him to pray that he be forgiven that night. He obeyed, and while on his knees added a prayer for Dewey as well.

The next night Harold's mother was in the next room when he said his prayers, and she heard him ask God to forgive Dewey for stealing a piece of cake. On the following evening he again was moved to ask forgiveness for his friend, this time for stealing three pieces of candy. Apparently his patience was exhausted, for the next evening his mother was in the adjoining room when he offered his evening prayer, and this is what she heard:

"Gosh darn it, God, I have done the best I could for Dewey. I guess you will have to watch him yourself."—Philadelphia Record.

HIRAM CARPENTER'S WONDERFUL CURE OF PSORIASIS.

"I have been afflicted for twenty years with an obstinate skin disease, called by some M. D.'s, psoriasis, and others leprosy, commencing on my scalp; and in spite of all I could do, with the help of the most skillful doctors, it slowly but surely extended until a year ago this winter it covered my entire person in the form of dry scales. For the last three years I have been unable to do any labor, and suffering intensely all the time. Every morning there would be nearly a dustpanful of scales taken from the sheet on my bed, some of them half as large as the envelope containing this letter. In the latter part of winter my skin commenced cracking open. I tried everything, almost, that could be thought of, without any relief. The 12th of June I started West, in hopes I could reach the Hot Springs. I reached Detroit and was so low I thought I should have to go to the hospital, but finally got as far as Lansing, Mich., where I had a sister living. One Dr. — treated me about two weeks, but did me no good. All I thought I had but a short time to live. I earnestly prayed to die. Cracked through the skin all over my back, across my ribs, arms, hands, limbs; feet badly swollen; toe-nails came off; finger-nails dead and hard as a bone; hair dead, dry and lifeless as old straw. O my God, how I did suffer.

"My sister wouldn't give up; said, 'We will try Cuticura.' Some was applied to one hand and arm. Eureka! there was relief; stopped the terrible burning sensation from the word go. They immediately got Cuticura Resolvent, Ointment and Soap. I commenced by taking Cuticura Resolvent three times a day after meals; had a bath once a day, water about blood heat; used Cuticura Soap freely; applied Cuticura Ointment morning and evening. Result: returned to my home in just six weeks from the time I left, and my skin as smooth as this sheet of paper. Hiram E. Carpenter, Henderson, N. Y."

The above remarkable testimonial was written January 19, 1880, and is republished because of the permanency of the cure. Under date of April 22, 1910, Mr. Carpenter wrote from his present home, 610 Walnut St. So., Lansing, Mich.: "I have never suffered a return of the psoriasis and although many years have passed I have not forgotten the terrible suffering I endured before using the Cuticura Remedies."

MONEY DID IT.



"Since Boozen inherited a million I suppose he's a worse drunkard than ever."

"Oh! no. He's a dipsomaniac."

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