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provements than she has yet seen. The gifts of Mr. Carnegie are to be in the nature of institutions which will aid Pittsburgh in entertaining her visitors. There are new hotels and theaters in sight, and in new ways this city will soon be metropolitan in its appointments. The inflow of conventions shows that Pittsburgh's claims are appreciated properly by the world without.

NOT THE RIGHT METHOD. The advice is given by the Philadelphia Press with regard to those cases in which that people should answer the questions with regard to debts and diseases, because: "Progress is impossible without a knowledge of society, and this knowledge can only be obtained by asking the questions put in the census." This is a rather singular example of logic gone crazy. Some of these questions were never asked before; and according to the esteemed Press, the first reasonably accurate compilation of the statistics which it insists on as most necessary, was made in 1880. Consequently progress was impossible prior to 1880. What was impossible could not take place, and the demonstration is complete that there was no progress prior to 1880.

Without following any such absurd assumptions as that, it can be conceded that statistical information at the points at issue would be valuable. If there was any hope that such an inquiry would result in reliable information it might be worth while to advise the people to answer the queries. But to put such an inquiry into the hands of the average census taker, to return to the stage. Miss Cavendish belongs to the old school. She is more prehistoric than Lotta or Maggie Mitchell.

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GAME AND INTER-STATE COMMERCE. The basic idea of the original package decision crops out in another place, and that is with regard to the game laws of the State. These laws not only forbid the killing of game in certain seasons, but interdict the sale of it in that season regardless of when or where it is killed.

WHAT BANKERS THINK OF IT. The report of the meeting of the State Revenue Commission in Philadelphia on Saturday, published in THE DISPATCH the following day, caused no little commotion, yesterday, particularly among the bankers of this city. The latter were somewhat agitated over the fourth section of the report of General McCann.

A TESTIMONIAL TO THE BISHOP. Members of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral Prep. A testimonial to Bishop Phelan is being prepared. The bishop has on several occasions refused to accept any gifts at the hands of the members of his diocese, but on this occasion, as is ascertained by the inquiry, several members of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral.

LEE'S THOUGHTS. Some Beautiful Gleanings by the Hero in Africa. General Lee, while living in Lexington, had the habit of writing on small slips of paper, on his desk such reflections as occurred to him. The following were among the number.

DEATHS OF A DAY. W. W. Knox, Jr. died yesterday morning at Orchard Hill, Knoxville, in his 80th year. Mr. Knox was the nephew of Jeremiah Knox, and the second cousin of the Hon. John M. McKim.

THE TOPICAL TALKER. A FOSTER CONCERT. STRAUSS, THE WALTZ KING. TALKS AND FAIRIES. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

An Enjoyable Evening of Song, Instrumental Music and Whistling—Fondling a Deaconess Home—Fair for the Home for Aged Protestants. Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, was filled last evening, gaily and by people interested in the merry crew, Johann Strauss (the younger), has long reigned as the "Waltz King" on the banks of the beautiful blue Danube, where Terpsichora, "Muse of the many twinkling eyes," most loves to dwell.

THE FIRST STEP TAKEN. Towards the Establishment of a Deaconess Home in Pittsburgh. The first step toward the establishment of a Deaconess Home in this city was taken yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Conference for the Home for Aged Protestants.

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A mulatto girl has charge of the Nashua, N. H., telegraph office. A mailing clerk in the Orlando, Fla., postoffice found a live "possum in the waste basket."

Mr. M. L. Dargin, of Milo, Me., is hale and hearty at four score, and for 83 years he has not lost a hair of his head. A man, his wife and ten children are living in Athens, Ga., on \$25 a month. Out of this they have to pay house rent.

A lady in Apoka, Fla., has used the same dress for seven years. She says she would sooner lose a dress than the needle. The stock inspector of Crook county, Ore., reports that out of 100,000 sheep on hand at the beginning of winter 31,000 were lost.

An Astorian man is 73 years of age and a Chinese boy is 10 years old. They are both with any man of his age for a price of \$10,000. Four weeks ago Samuel Johnson, of South Lyon, Mich., died aged 75 years. Last week his widow followed, dying of a broken heart.

Quill toothpicks, as a rule, are imported from France. The largest factory in the world is near Paris, where 20,000,000 are annually produced. A Jackson county, W. Va., school teacher of 30 the other day was married to one of his pupils of the mature age of 18 years.

The British Museum received one day last week a Chinese beetle, which was the imperial mite 30 years before the first use of paper money in England. The influenza is raging in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania. Two British war vessels were sent to the coast in April had over 200 cases on board.

A fine ledge of lithographic stone has been discovered near City Creek, Salt Lake, and it is estimated that the stone is equal to that of Bavaria. A Maine young woman who was asked the place of her nativity replied that she was "New England" and that she was the daughter of a Methodist minister.

A Western Massachusetts dentist is said to have a small boy sit in his office and read the papers for him. It yields an air of business to the establishment. Locusts are so numerous in some parts of South Australia that they cause a continual war while flying, and the country is being stripped of its vegetation. A still-born calf at Pennsylvania had a head and face, including the nose and mouth, similar to those of a bulldog, and the legs were shorter and in shape to those of that species of dog.

A Dayton, Me., man says his town doesn't owe a cent and has \$2,000 in the treasury. He is a physician, doctor or minister resides within its limits, neither is there any church in the town. A farmer at Ipswich, Mass., while plowing in a field, discovered a snake of the shape of a serpent. It is to be deposited in the Essex Institute collection at Salem, Mass.

While intoxicated, John A. Mearns, a man who had been a member of the House of Representatives, drove into and through a clump of pines. He and his wife were stung nearly to death by the bees, but were rescued by their neighbors. It is estimated that the man received 2,000 stings. An Ironwood minister married a couple and baptized a baby, all under the same roof. The minister, however, just as he left the house he was called to court by a person, thus running the gamut of his professional duties.

Among great fads of collectors are those of collecting circus posters and portraits of tigers, coins, bindings, artists' proofs and all the things that come under the name of "collecting." A collector of circus posters has begun to gather vowels on phonographic cylinders. The coldest region in the United States is the stretch on the northern border of the Minnesota lake to the western line of Dakota. At Pembina the lowest temperature was recorded in the winter of 1879, and this was reached in the winter of 1879.

At a children's party in New York the table was entirely strewn with cabbage leaves. In the street on the northern border of the Minnesota lake to the western line of Dakota. At Pembina the lowest temperature was recorded in the winter of 1879, and this was reached in the winter of 1879.

Experiments have been made near Copenhagen with tree-felling with dynamite. Trees of three feet in diameter were brought down in less than five minutes. The effect was so rapid that the trees were felled before the time occupied by ordinary falling. The experiments have been ten times as much. The experiments were made for military purposes.

The Prince of Wales wears bell-shaped shirt tails. It costs \$25 a shirt for them. He has a rump 10 inches wide. Prince Albert Victor only takes a 6. The brims of his hats are made of silver. His brother, Prince George Duke of York, has a rump 10 inches wide. He wears a 6. The Emperor of Germany, who has a rump 10 inches wide, takes 6. So does the Duke of York.

The people of Duckport gave a company reception to "Old Joe" Proarty and his gang. The company consisted of 100 men, and the people of Duckport were very much pleased. The company consisted of 100 men, and the people of Duckport were very much pleased. The company consisted of 100 men, and the people of Duckport were very much pleased.