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#### The 1900 census blanks will have large Dewey and Hobson columns.

All that Germany, France and Russia need know touching the intentions of the United States is that they are honorable.

Since the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 it has been the custom of the nations that win in war to make the nations that lose pay the expense to the last cent.

In 1884 Spain exacted a revenue of \$34,000,000 from Cuba under her extortionate system of taxation; the estimated revenue for 1898 is \$24,775,000, but of course nothing like that amount can be collected.

A society has been formed in England for the removal of "superfluous women from the United Kingdom to those parts of colonies where their presence is doubly welcome," and the Princess of Wales has become a patroness. Happy indeed will be the land that has no "superfluous women."

On account of the requirements growing out of the arrests of women and young children, many cities have found the office of police matron absolutely indispensable. Moreover, they have constantly increased its scope on the idea that while the common proprieties of life warranted the creation of the office, it was furthermore of untold value on account of the reformatory influence which it exercised. Under proper regulations there is no reason why this office should not become one of the most efficient in the city Government.

The London Mail says: It is not altogether satisfa ctory to find that th all-conquering American is not only producing as good armor as England, but producing it cheaper. Yet, according to a German naval periodical, the British firms of Vickers and Brown were underbidden by the American firms of Carnegie and Bethlehem and by the German firm of Krupp in a tender for the armor of two new Russian battleships. Both American firms. were \$10 per ton below the lowest British tender. There is an unpleasant monotony about these failures of Englishmen to hold their own in for eign contracts. One thing that war always does is to bring merit speedily to the front. The junior lieutenant is likely any day to do a stroke of work that will cause his photograph to crowd his commanding general's out of the illustra. ted papers. Every day develops some new instance of daring and gallantry in a subordinate officer. And these are the men now destined to quick promotion. As every French private soldier in the old days was said to carry the baton of a Marshal of France in his knapsack, every man in army or navy, no matter how humble, has the chance to rise to any preferment the service affords by distinguishing himself sufficiently.

THE WAR KING. If you're waking call me carly—call me early, Molly, dear; To-morrow'll be the liveliest day of all the war-like year; Of all the war-like year, Molly, for me the happiest day, For I'm to enlist for the war, Molly, and pocket the first month's pay!

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Last year 'key wore a crown of thorns, when cotton fell so low; Boneath the hawthorn, near the hedge, I saw my livin' go; An' it gave me a case o' the blues, Molly; but now they have passed away. For I'm to callst for the war, Molly, and pocket the first month's pay!

Say to the landlord a kind word, and let him be conte There's many a dollar coming yet to pay the bill for rent; And shorten my clothes for William—the ones I have cast away— For I'm to enlist for the war, Molly, and pocket the first month's payl

All night I'm half-awake, Molly; I think of the coming dawn,— How I'll hear the ring of the dollars as I draw my uniform on! "The wild March marigoid shines like fire in swamps and hollows gray," But not as bright as I'll shine, Molly, when I pocket the first month's pay!

So, if you're waking call my early—call me early. Molly, dear; To-morrow'll be the livellest day of all the war-like year; Of all the war-like year, Molly; the maddest, merriest day, For I'm to enlist for the war, Molly, and pocket the first month's pay! —Frank L. Stanton.



## Concentration one offention of the state of HE row of children | done nothing very bad to find out.

clung with toes and I'm not a baby boy. Guess I can stan' fingers to the back it. When Miss Dixon looked up Billy back of Miss Dix-120 on's desk; around was figuring as if it were necessary to enjoyed this morning sociable, with bright faces peering between the mugs of lilacs, and the light, swaying pres-sure about her shoulders; but thrifty of time, she was accounting for the sure about the shoulders in the sure about the shoulders in the sure about the sure abou

of time, she was accounting for gaps in yesterday's attendance. "Yes'm." Patsy McGaw had been obliged to "What was it?"

"mind his baby;" Jimmy Fox pleaded a "sore t'roat;" Jimmy Nelson, shy of his audience, gave evasive answers Jimmy was a dear little boy, but his one-sided dimple wheeled him off the boss of me." straight path so often that Miss Dixon

cross-questioned him searchingly. "Oh!" he cried at last, his face

"I'm sure you didn't, Jimmy. Billy Riley, I suppose you have some excellent reason for your absence?" "Er-r-r-" stammered Billy, trying to wind himself up to the point of

speech. Here Dinny Phalen upset one mug of lilacs, and in the scramble to save the register, Billy's attempt at speech was lost. "Did have an excellent reason. I'd

man drove by me.

be reasonably expected?" "I sh-shouldn't think it would," said Billy; "and just going to school wasn't anything extra to do, either. I

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think I acted mean. What shall I do to make it up?" "What can you do?" "Er-I might make up the time

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after school. I'm ahead cipherin', and jography is review, and reading and language and those things don't count." "Oh! Don't they?"

"I might learn a piece of poetry, I suppose, or," brightening, "the flow-er-beds n-need weeding dreadfully." Miss Dixon was convinced of Billy's sincerity. "You cannot make up a thing like that, Billy. You can only learn to do better next time. That is all I am going to ask you to do. What "You cannot make up a have you learned?"

"To go and tell you when it seems as if things ought to be done that h-hadn't ought to." "And if I am unreasonable?"

"Not to do 'en," said Billy, Me-Up. promptly. "Very well. If you like to work in the garden just to help the school J shall be glad."

"I will," said Billy.

"And your aunt!" "I'll tell her. She says when I get a p-punishin' at school I'll get one at home; and if I don't get one she'll give me two,' "You may tell her that I think you

can be trusted next time, and ask her to excuse you." "N-no'm, she won't. She's not that

kind of a lady.' But Miss Dixon resolved to add

Billy's aunt to her list of friends immediately, and did so, very much to his interest.

Billy worked away at the flower garden till it blossomed as the petunia. And one morning, when the circus posters had been replaced by others as flaming as they had been,

Miss Dixon found a manila paper parcel in her desk.

Inside the parcel was a seed catalogue envelope, inside this a plain en-velope, inside this an embossed valentine envelope, and inside the em-bossed valentine envelope was a ticket to the greatest show on earth, from her "friend and puple, Wm.

# J. Riley."-Youth's Companion.

#### How Blddy Catches Rats.

John Hamilton has a Plymouth Rock hen which has developed into quite a rat killer. The trait first manifested itself some weeks ago when one of the men about the stable found a rat's nest told her if she'd waited," muttered Billy, going to his seat. Billy was cross that morning. He

messenger-boy if he had given up the key? Would it have been just as well if they had done no more than could STORIES TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. Unreasoning Reason-Occupied-Unpleasant Reflection-The Other Kind-Hub animal kingdom by's Salary-Forcing an Issue-In the Negative-Ilis Mistake, Etc., Etc. She said to him, her lover: "I would not hold you—no, If once the dream seemed over, If once you wished to go. thirty miles long. "You're free at any season, park, the Thiergarten.

\$1.00 PER ANNUM.

At any moment-free." "But that is just the reason You hold me fast," said he." Unpleasant Reflection.

Miss Passay-"I dread to think of ny fortieth birthday." Miss Pert-"Why? Did something

unpleasant happen then?"-Brooklyn

In the Negative,

Customer-"Do you suppose you can take a good picture of me?" Photographer-"I shall have to an-

swer you in the negative, sir."-Pick-

#### Occupied.

Snodgrass-"The world has a place for everybody." Micawber-"Yes; the only trouble is there's generally somebody else in

it."-Chicago News,

#### The Other Kind.

"Pauline, are you one of Fashion's above the level of the ocean, and only slaves?" 175 of which are inhabited. "Not much; I'm the slave of a man Krypton will have as its density who won't let me follow the fashions

forty, with a minimum density of 22.51. at all."-Detroit Free Press. "Krypton" is the name assigned to the new gas. The word means "hid-den" or "concealed," and its scientific symbol will be "Kr." Forcing an Issue.

orange.

tile came next.

roos as they would sheep.

He-"We must devise some plan for getting your father's consent to

our marriage." She-"Well, we-er-might put our heads together."-Brooklyn Life.

#### His Mistake.

"That politician is a 'has been, isn't he?" remarked the observer. "No," replied the captious friend,

out upon the prairie near the town, "he isn't even that. He's merely a 'used-to-think-he-was.' "- Washingwhich have been pronounced to be the handiwork of Tamerlane or Genghis ton Star. Khan.

#### The Parson's Rich Wife.

Mrs. Greene-"They must think a good deal of your husband's comfort to give him a three months' vacation.' The Parson's Wife-"Or a good deal of their own comfort."-Boston Transcript.

#### Hubby's Salary.

Jones-Brown-"How much does your husband earn a week, Mrs. Brown-Smith?"

#### there were anywhere from 15,000 to Mrs. Brown-Smith-"Oh, anywhere from \$10 to \$25 less than we spend.'

### -Brooklyn Life.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. THE URCHIN'S TALE. Above the sound of the traffic that roared In the neighborhood of the bulletin board Straight hairs are nearly cylindri-cal; curly hairs are elliptical or flat. The seacoast line of the globe is Came the lisping tones of a seven-year-old, And the man gave heed to the tale he told; computed to be about 136,000 miles. For the man was a man of a martial air, Though white was the drift of his snowy It is said that the castor oil plant is abhorred by nearly all members of the hair: The waters of the Grand Falls of And his eyes grew bright and he smiled for Labrador have excavated a chasm joy At the warlike words of the little boy, Who spoke to his comrade, small, freekle-Alcohol is being used with mantle faced, With a Cuban flag on his tattered waist, lamps to illuminate parts of Berlin's "What stock." said the vet, "when grim An army physician says that he has discovered that pure olive oil taken war's alarms Break out in the speech of the babes in internally will cure enteric fever. The relative size of the earth, as "When the discourse of children is talk of compared with the sun, is, approxiguns And heroes are praised by the little ones. mately, that of a grain of sand to an "Ay, what a stock! What a sturdy stock! What fighting chips of the fighting block!" In a recent test of floor material the The seven-year-old by the bulletin board Heard none of all this-or, hearing, ig-noredmost durable turned out to be a tile made of rubber. An English earthen But went right on with his tale of strife-"De battery licked 'em, you betcher life! The shoe factories use 1,000,000 kangaroo skins yearly. Australians "De battery done it; al don't forget Dat battery was onto its job, you bet. have begun to raise and breed kanga-"Deudder Captain was sand clear t'roo, But he was 'fraid o' dem cannon balls, Liquid (oil) fuel, in combination with coal, is used on thirty-seven enrines of the Great Eastern Railway, in England, including fifteen expresses. "He cheered up his gang, you know-but The Maledive Archipelago, west of Ceylon, embraces 14,000 coral islands, Dey tried deir best, but dey couldn't hit. "An' den"-and the old man's eyes grow few of which are more than six feet And deep in his loyal heart he rejoiced; And he bent his head and he proudly smiled At the epic sung by a little child, And his pulses throbbed and his being thrilled--Then he gravely thought of the maimed and killed; How Russia is Preparing For War.

For he had fought, and he knew no fun's Provoked by a charge on the enemy's guns.

At Nikolsfloye, about seventy miles from the Pacific, I stopped for the night. It is a great military centre, He fancied the carnage-the death and smoke Of the battery charge-then the wee boy

and always has been recognized as a spoke

strong strategic point. There are fortifications, ruined and dilapidated, "Debattery it did all o' de work-Me brudder pitched an' wuz caught by Burke."

# -Chicago Record.

#### HUMOR OF THE DAY.

She-"When you married me you said you were well off." He-"I was, but I didn't know it."-Tit-Bits.

"Were you a guest at the hotel while you were away, Blodgett?" "Guest? Not much. I paid cash."-Chicago Record.

"Say, what would you do if you had a skeleton in your closet?" "The best thing to do is to make no bones of it." -Indianapolis Journal.

20,000 soldiers lying here perdu, A workman was repairing a steeple where their presence was as little directly above the big clock and strange suspected, where they were as to say he charged his employers up with working over time Chemist (to battered female, who is covered with scratches)-"The cat, I suppose?" Battered Female-"No. Another lydy."-Punch. "What's the matter, Little Dick?" "Say, Mr. Higby, why don't you bring my sister more candy an' not so many roses?"-Chicago Record. McDougal-"Hoot, mon! ve'll soon be better." McMinus-"It's not the seeckness I'm minding; it's the swful waste. I paid atteenpance for that deenner."-Pick-Me-Up. Boyjoe-"Why are you consulting the dictionary? I thought you knew how to spell." Chinu-'I do, I am not looking for information, but for corroboration."-Tit-Bits. Carrie-"Did John come up very close to you when he proposed?" May-"Well, I hope you don't think he went across the street and shouted his love over to me."-Standard. Mistress-"The servants seem to know all about the mortgage on the house." Master-"Yes; they'd naturally look up the title before they took possession."-Detroit Journal. Keedick-"Young Browne added the 'e' to his name after he inherited his uncle's big fortune." Fosdick-"That's quite right. Rich people are entitled to more ease than poor people."

"W-went to the circus." "With your parents' leave?" "Haven't any parents. Aunt's the

"Oh!" he cried at last, his face flushing. "No'm, didn't run away from school, if that's what you're drivin' at." There was no mistaking his face. Jimmy was innocent for once, and Miss Dixon flushed as quickly as he had done. His done.

au' what I earn she k-keeps to buy my

clothes. 'Bout a week ago, comin' home from pasture, the circus-poster "I see his horse's girth was hangin'

'n' I hollered, 'Your girth's broke,' and he jumped out and I give him a string to mend it 'n' some winter-

greens, 'n' he wrote on a card, 'Admit

little boys will let us be."

"Did she give you leave?" "N-no'm. Rau away." "This is very serious. At least, you

re sorry, Billy?"

anut wouldn't ever give me the money,

The United States is the wealthiest nation in the world. This is a fact that is often repeated, but because of the natural disposition of the American people to belittle themselves, which has arisen by a kind of reac. tion from the old disposition to brag and bluster, it seems to be universally forgotten. The great English statistician, Mulhall, has completed tables showing the wealth of the nations of the world in 1895 as follows (pounds being converted into dollars at the rate of \$5 per pound):

United States	
Great Britain	59,808,000,000
France	47,950,000,000
Germany	40,260,000,000
Russia	
Austria	22,560,000,000
Italy	
Spain	11,900,000,000
These figures includ	le everything,
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such as farms, railways, houses and merchandise.

There is one thing which specially Mack frets and teases soldiers in the field. It is the ping of the sharpshooter's bullet. It constitutes one of the uncanny elements of a war. That ounce of lead comes from a source that cannot be discovered. It may come at the most unexpected moment and it causes a nervous tension which no one can appreciate unless he has had the experience. We stay-at-homes imagine that the thick of the fight is what causes solicitude, but it is not so. In the thick of the fight a soldier will be as cool as a piece of ice and go about his duty as indifferent to danger as a machine. But when he is in camp and the sharpshooter lies in ambush and may try his skill at any moment the soldier is naturally restless and excited. We should not torget these things when we begin to pile up the gratitude which is due to the brave fellows at the front.

Billy was cross that morning. He rubbed out his drawing so furiously as went, and I ain't sorry." Now Miss Dixon was a firm dis-

to make a hole in the paper. In marbles he broke the rules of the game who looked her in the eye. She was and quarrelled with the other boys until they put him out of the ring. They resented the more this fit of lawlessused to little boys who prostrated their heads and shed copious tears, ness and ill-temper from good-natured Billy. with perhaps the tail of an inverted eye watching her countenance from Billy. "Didn't tell no lie. She never ast under cover.

She looked Billy over. He was neatly if cheaply dressed. Probably me. She just supposed," he was say-ing while Miss 'Dixon explained the esson.

"She never thought I'd run away She wouldn't think where I went was any excuse. She'd think it was worst of all. Where did she say the next esson was? It's just as she said, I had an excellent reason, but if I told her she wouldn't think so. I'm goin' worst. to get a week ahead in my cipherin'.' So Billy turned himself into a multiplying machine with a phonographic frankly and told me all this I think I attachment, which ground out, at inwithout running away.' tervals, "It was an excellent reason." Wednesday was "poetical extract" Billy looked day, and in the afternoon the children Dixon's word. hunted out note-books to copy the lines written upon the black-board. "To-day I have given you a grown

selection," said Miss Dixon, and the teacher read four lines from Emerson, ending:

"When Duty whispers low, Thou must, The youth replies, I can!"

"Now tell me what you make of it Eddie, what does it mean?" she said. Eddie scowled near-sightedly and after all. twisted one supple leg about the other. "It means," he said, slowly, "like stand, Billy. I once ran away to the circus myself." when your mother wants you to wash your hands when they aren't dirty, but you do it."

idea.

every one recognized.

Billy sat down on the top of a desk. "I did. No, I rode away, hidden by the 'buffalo' which draped the old The children took Eddie's interpre buggy-seat. I crawled out halftation sympathetically, and the teacher. too much in earnest to smile, replied, smothered, hoping my brothers would "I'm sorry you mind washing so much, Eddie, but you have part of the take me into the tent. It wasn't considered proper for girls to go then, and although they were sorry, they

The lines reminded the other chilsent me home on a market-wagon. dren of "the soldier who went to the Somehow, I have never been, and I'm war," of "the boy stood on the burnmuch more than eleven." ing deck-what was his other name?" Billy was full of sympathy. of "the Dutch boy at the dike," and I'd been your brother-now what a

pity! My card said, 'And lady. other heroes. 'Twouldn't have cost you a cent." "But I should not have liked to run "It's like that red book of yourn, all full of golden deeds," said Johnny

way now and leave my school in the So in childish fashion they caught lurch. Did you have as good a time the thought of the lines, and when as you expected?" "Yes'm, it was spleudid. they were learned by heart the teacher ponies was great, and the elephant

told a "live" story of a brave messen-ger-boy, who had refused to give up and the b-baby elephant. And you ought to seen them ride. But I was an important key to burglars who threatened to kill him.

"Thank you, thank you for the story!" and the children marched out a good boy. And I didn't like bringing down the av'rige attendance. Now in a charming frame of mine. To be number eight is the highest." sure, there floated up from the yard: "When Duty whispers low, Thou must, The youth replies, I ca-a-n't,"

"It troubles me more to have our average standard of trustworthiness lowered. I did trust you, Billy." "And I saw some of the boys there with an expostulating whine which

"They are such monkeys, I wonde with their folks, but I didn't want to if it is all lost on them," thought Miss talk about it afterward, as I thought Dixon, planning to-morrow's work. I should. I knew they wouldn't tell." "I am glad you told me; but of course Billy Riley had not gone out. He now pulled his books all out on his you would."

desk and piled them up again. "I felt mean not to, 'specially after "There wasn't anything about runthem stories. And you were real " 'Reasonable,' Billy? But could ning away to circuses and not tellin',' he was saying to himself, "but somedifferent side of them. What will she

eating t with a great deal of relish.

Since then she has been seen on sevciplinarian, unaccustomed to culprits eral occasions under a manger, where there was a great rathole. She would stay there for hours at a time. Some of the men about the place thought the hen was "broody," but one of the drivers insisted upon it that she was watching for rats. This statement was

laughed at, but the other day it was proved beyond a doubt.

the aunt who was "boss of him" did Mr. Hamilton was standing at the her best, yet his thin, square face back door of his office, and heard a gave an impression of having often great squeaking in the stable. He went been set grimly to bear disappointto the door and just then the Plymouth ment alone. Billy could not read her Rock hen came from under the manger face as he waited, glad that the thing where the rathole is, and in her bill was done and bracing himself for the was a rat easily one-third grown.

The fowl held the rodent in her beak At last she spoke. "Billy, I see suspended by a hind foot. .The rat how you felt, and if you had come was squirming and twisting at a great rate. Some of the other fowls tried to could have arranged to let you go get at the captive, but the rat catcher was too quick for them. She ran as Billy looked blank. He knew Miss fast as she could, all the time shaking her head from side to side. The rat "Why, I n-never thought you'd-1 was trying to bite and would probably d-didn't know-1 didn't s'pose you'd be so r-r-reasonable about it." have done so if the hen had not shaken it so violently. Finally, some of the "Billy, we teachers are glad to be

men drove the other chickens away, as 'reasonable' as you unreasonable and the Plymouth Rock was allowed to do as she pleased. She released her "Didn't mean to sass you. Perhaps hold on the rat, and when it tried to m-meant some other word. I get away pounced upon it and picked d-didn't think you'd take it that way, out its eyes. After that a few hard and maybe I ain't very glad I went, blows with the beak and the rat was as dead as could be .- Wilmington "I'll tell you how I came to under-

(Del.) Morning News.

#### O'Brien of the Navy.

One of the torpedo boats to be constructed under the provisions of the last naval appropriation bill will be called the O'Brien. The boat is to be named after Jeremiah O'Brien who won the first American naval victory. Cooper's "History of the United States Navy" tells all about the daring young Irishman. The fight of O'Brien

is described by Cooper as the "Lexington of the seas," and the historian 111 says: "It was one purely of private adventure."

When the news of the battle of Lexington reached Machias, Me., on May 9, 1775, the Margaretta, an armed schooner in the service of the Crown, was lying there with two sloops under her convoy, loading with lumber for the British Government. The Mar-The garetta's captain became suspicious and sailed down the bay. Thirty-five men took charge of one of the sloops sorry I had to run away-I thought I and started after the Margaretta. had to-when you thought I was such They elected O'Brien captain. The sloop captured the Margaretta and took her guns on board. The British authorities at Halifax sent two cruisers to capture O'Brien, 'but he turned the tables, took both of them, and carried his prizes to Watertown, Me. For his daring and enterprise O'Brien was made a Captain of Marine of the col-ony of Massachusetts.- New York

#### Our Output of Precious Stones.

Sun.

In 1897, while this country's gold production exceeded \$40,000,000, the ontput of precious stones reached only any one have reasonably expected the modest figure of \$130,675. The how those stories make things look that little Dutch boy to stay alone in principal items of this total were: the cold and dark all night, with his Turquoise, \$55,000; sapphire, \$25,000; do? She never done much of any finger in the dike? And could any quartz crystal, \$12,000; tourmaline, thing to anybody, but nobody never one have reasonably blamed the little \$9025; gold quartz, \$5000.

#### The Artists' Error.

"Father, are generals brave men?" asked Johnny of his father.

"Yes, my son, as a rule," was the answer.

"Then why do you artists make pictures of 'em standing on a hill three miles away, looking at a battle through an opera glass?"

#### Rather Pointed.

Smith-"Every time I call I find you with a pen in your hand. You must be very fond of writing." Jones - "Oh, yes; regular penholder, as it were. Smith-"Isn't it wonderful how

many sticks are converted into penholders?"-Chicago News.

#### Inconvenience of Being Poor.

Yabsley-"There is no show for the poor man in this country."

Mudge - "Since when did you hange your views?"

Yabsley - "Since that footpad pounded me over the head for not baving more than half a dollar."-Indianapolis Journal.

#### Complimenting Him.

"I must give you credit for having remarkably light bread," said the housewife.

"We try to keep it so," replied the baker.

"And you succeed. It is so light that it goes up in price a great deal easier than it ever goes down."-Washington Star.

#### One on Her.

"At last I have discovered it,"

grinned the young man at the theatre, before his best girl had yet time to re-"You see before you move her hat. an air ship."

"Pardon me, but I see nothing of the kind."

"Then look at the stage. It has wings and flies."-Detroit Free Press.

#### A Dear Girl's Conscience.

"Of course," said Maud, thought-fully, "if somebody steals something from you and then gives it right back again, that doesn't make you a receiver of stolen goods, does it?"

"I shouldn't think so," replied Mamie. "What makes you ask?" "Cholly Chuggins stole a kiss from me the other evening."-Washington

Professional Guide (to palace-car porter)-"I have an English Lord in charge, and I want him to get a good impression of the comforts of travel in this country. Here's five dollars." Porter-"Yes, sah. Do you want me to gib him extra attention, sir?" Guide-"Great Scott, no! I want you to keep away from him."--New

#### An Illustration.

Teacher-"Thomas, will you tell me what a conjunction is, and compose a sentence containing a conjunction?" Thomas (after long and solemn reflection)-"A conjunction is a word connecting anything, such as, 'The horse is hitched to the fence by his halter.' Halter is a conjunction because it connects the horse and the fence!"-Harper's Bazar.

cluded, as if somewhere in the heart of Africa. I afterwards learned that this was but one of the three intrenched camps around Nikolskove, and not the largest. The men were leading the life of soldiers on active service, and were ready for mobilization, to the last button .- Stephen

Suddenly, with a bump and a jolt,

we came abruptly to a standstill, and

followed the izvozchik's whip to

where he was pointing to the plain

below. It was white with tents.

How many there were standing there

I shall never know, as the evening closed in, and when I had counted a

thousand I lost my count in the dusk; but there were still many, very many,

more. It was a summer camp, and

Bonsal, in Harper's Magazine. The Saviors of Kansas and Nebraska

The hens are said to have saved Nebraska. From the stations in the interior of the State were shipped thousands of dozens of eggs every week. The money received for them was about the only clear cash that came into the household, and kept the children fit for school and the wife in presentable clothes. In Kansas the humble cow was more in evidence. Scattered over the plains are the creameries, to which every morning wends a procession of farm wagons, each containing a dozen or more high tin cans filled with milk from the farms. One county has for six years received from the creameries \$250,000 annually in monthly payments. It

has been the salvation of the settlers. Others have done nearly as well, and the annual value of the milk products has been from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,-000. This, added to the help of the hen and the returns of the swine yard, has been the resource upon which many a family has depended to tide over the lean years .- Harper's Magazine.

The Many Uses of the Bauana. Immense fortunes have been made out of the banana business. Revenues do not scorpe alone from the sale of the fruit, for the leaves are used for packing; the juice, being strong in

tannin, makes an indelible ink and shoe blacking, the wax found on the underside of the leaves is a valuable article of commerce; manila hemp is made from the stems, and of this hemp are made mats, plaited work and lace handkerchiefs of the finest texture; moreover, the banana is ground into banana flour. The fruit to be sold for dessert is ripened by the dr. warmth of flaring gas jets in the stor ... re places in which it is kept, and immense care

has to be taken to prevent softening or overripened. The island of Ja-maica yields great crops of this useful and money-making fruit.-Invention.

#### Government Mines in Prussia.

The Prussian Government owns and works seventeen collieries, eight lignite mines, fourteen iron mines, five metalliferous mines other than irdu and three rock salt mines, together with five iron works and eight works for smelting the other metals, six salt works and five quarries, which have an output of a total value of more than \$30,000,000 yearly. Besides the above, the Prussian State owns one colliery, that of Ibbenbuhren, in the Osnabruck district of Westphalia; the collieries of Deister and

Osterwald, in the Clausthal district, and half the Obenkirchen colliery in the same district .- New York World.

#### Duration of Life.

The average duration of human life in European countries is greatest in Sweden and Norway, and lowest in Italy and Austria.

"My dog is almost as intelligent as I am," remarked Squildig. "Are you going to have him shot, or will try to give him away?" asked Mc-Swilligen .- Pittsburg Chronicle Telgraph.

"I understand from a careful perusal of history," said a young fellow with an arid upper lip, "that in 1861 the young fellows went to war, and I think it's the old men's turn to go this time."-Denver Times.

On the brink of a creek in Ireland there is-or used to be-a little stone containing a carving of this inscription, intended to help travelers: "When this stone is out of sight, it is not safe to ford the river."-Tit-Bits.

"Every morning on the way to "Every morning on "the school," said the little miss, "the boys catch me and kiss me." don't you run from them?" asked her father. "Because," replied the small edition of Eve, "maybe they wouldn't chase me."-Chicago Post.

"So you are going to marry Dumper, Grace?" laughed her best chum. "Pardon my levity, but he's so short and you so tall and stately." "You're wrong, as you often are. A man can't be called short when he's worth over a million."-Detroit Free Press.

"So you think it absolutely necescarv to have bicycle shoes on when you ride your wheel, do you?" asked the Cheerful Idiot. "Of course," said the youngest boarder. "Then, would your wear horseshoes when you rode a horse?"-Indianapolis Journal.

Her Father-"I am afraid, sir, that my daughter can never be happy with a man who can be engaged to her a moath without giving her a ring.' The Aspirant-"Sir, I am afraid I can never be happy with a girl whose engagement to me will not induce jewelers to trust me."-Jewelers' Weekly.

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