Japan has set herself to cancel her entire present indebtedness by the year 1939, and she bids fair to do so

It is calculated that by the end of the year 2000 there will be 1 700,000. 000 English-speaking persons on the globe.

Texas has forty-five educational col leges and academies, of which the Methodists have fourteen, the Baptists ten, the Cumberland Presbyterians six. while the Presbyterians have four. people's education, of different de-

France is about to issue bonds to pay Madagascar's debt. As Algeria and Cochin China are liabilities instead of assets, the prospects of having to meet a big outlay for the new island possession cannot please the French economists. The glory of conquest is all very well, but the cash results are

given notice, and German-Americans are especially advised, that Germans who have emigrated and have been fined or nunished otherwise for contravention of the military service laws shall not be allowed to reside in Germany, except under very peculiar cir-cumstances, a record of which must be kept in the war office.

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The startling warning that recently came from the Smithsonian Institution to the effect that civilized man, is sweeping the wild birds off the face of the earth at such a rate that before long hardly any species of brd life will survive except such as are domesticated, should be heeded and acted upon by every State that does not already protect its feathered population, says the Boston Transcript.

Those who have been associated with the new President for years are interested, as well as puzzled, in the change his signature has undergone. When he was Governor of Ohio he signed himself "Wm. McKinley, Jr." His father was then living. The father died after the son had been Governor of the State for a little over a year. He was then anxious to drop "Jr." from his name, but as he had taken the oath of office as "Wm. McKinley, Jr.," he decided to continue putting that as the official signature to all documents. When Governor of Ohio the second term he dropped the word "Jr.," signing the name "Wm. McKinley," Juring the latter part of his term as Governor, McKinley signed the word "Wm." so often that the letter "m" became almost a straight line. This caused confusion, many people mistaking the name for a letter """ became almost a straight line. This caused confusion, many people mistaking the name for a letter """ became almost a straight line. This caused confusion, many people mistaking the name for a letter """ became almost a straight line. This caused confusion, many people mistaking the name for a letter """ became almost a straight line. This caused confusion, many people mistaking the oath of office as President Major McKinley decided that thereafter he would sign his name "William McKinley," and that thereafter he would sign his name "William McKinley," and that it the way he has efficial signature to a did the manual proposal propo that thereafter he would sign his name "William McKinley," and that is the way he has affixed his signature to all documents turned out from the White House since the 4th of March. "William McKinley" will be found on all documents with which he has to

The place in the Union which a population of 3,100,000 gives Greater New York is one of such pre-eminence that it has not been fully realized. The population of the greater city is only equalled or surpassed by that of six States of the Union. Texas has a territory as large as the whole of France, yet in the limited area of Greater New York we have a popula-tion as large as that of the biggest commonwealth of the Southwest. We and Tennessee by over a million, while we have nine times as many people as Vermont. The States which equal or exceed us in population are New York. Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio. We exceed the rest by ratios illustrated in these examples:

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The perfume of the gardens blest, The holy stillness and the caim, To weary hearts is healthy balm.

Sweet Isle of Dreams! no discord jara The music floating on the air The song of seraphs, pure and fair.

But all is peace and joy and love, Like that of heaven far above, Where angels, clad in garments white. Chant hymns of praise in realms of light.

O'er us the angels vigils keep; Perchance our spirits with them roam, And that they tell us of their home.

Or it may be they come in dreams,
To wander with us by glad streams
In gardens fair; and what we see,
Waking, we hold in memory.
—Henry Coyle, in Donahoe's.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Cora—"Love is a strange thing,"
Clara—"Oh, I don't think so. I've
been engaged seven times."
"Faith," said the little boy after a
week's study, "faith is believing something that you know cau't be true."—
Indianapolis Journal.
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"Say, boy, what did you kick that dog for?" "He's mad," "No, he isn't mad, either." "Well, if any one should kick me I'd be mad."—Truth.

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"I notice that some people claim that a doctor's whiskers may carry disease germs." "Why don't the doctors boil their whiskers?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Jimmy—"Would you like to go with them fellers that goes lookin' fer the North Pole?" Tommy—"Wouldn't I, though? You bet I'd bring my skates!"—Puck.

Dr. Powder—"Ah! how are you today, Mr. Glimp?" Glimp—"Do you ask as an inquiring friend or as my family physician?"—Philadelphia North American.

Bacon—"None of the women will

lamily physician?"—Philadelphia North American.

Bacon—"None of the women will speak to Penman since he wrote his last book." Egbert—"Why is that?" "Why, didn't you hear the name of it? "Women of All Ages."

"The marriage of the star and the leading lady has been declared off, I hear. "Yes; they couldn't agree as to whose name should be first on twedding invitations."—Puck.

His Escape.—He—"Did you know that our minister once had a narrow escape from the Fiji Islanders?" She—"How?" He—"He was on the point of going out among them as a missionary, when he received a call from a congregation in Boston."—Puck.

"Truly." mused the Sultan. "943

"Truly," mused the Sultan, "943 "Truly," mused the Suttan, "943 queens would make a full house." "I wonder what his rame is now?" muttered the Grand Vizier. But at that moment the postman came with a number of ultimata from the great Christian Powers, and the conversation naturally sought other channels.—Detroit Journal.

"The writer's name must accompany every communication," said the editor to the man who had handed in a little piece signed "Constant Reader." "I see," replied the man. "You don't

piece signed "Constant Reader." "I see," replied the man. "You don't want to get the world involved in controversy about the authorship of a second series of Junius letters."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"You women," said he, in the peculiarly exasperating way a man has of saying those two words, "you women buy bargain things because they are cheap." "We do not," said she. "We buy cheap things because they are bargains." The distinction was almost too subtle for the blundering masquine intellect, but it was ing masculine intellect, but it was there.—Indianapolis Journal.

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Making Fancy Buttons.

The handsome buttons one sees on ladies' costumes are, as a rule, imported from Germany and France. The making of these inacy buttons is really an art these days, such quaint and beautiful designs are shown and such exquisite workmanship is displayed. Metal buttons showing a special device or initial on the face require a die, and have to be made very carefully by machinery. Some of the finest workmanship is shown on bone buttons, where the carving is done by hand and is very delicate and artistic.—New York Tribune.