	1896.	1897.
United Kingdom	,306,408	\$2,128,491
Germany	303,096	1,378,558
Other Europe	619,933	1,394.509
British North America.	557,577	744,889
West Indies	80,901	143,588
South America	108,940	189,720
Africa	64,266	174,730
Japan	41,886	80,874
China	11,278	26,300

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Ob, Fd like to join the army,
Or Fd like to go to sea;
In the camp or on the battle
Ship's the place for me!

I would like to be a captain Or an ensign bold, With epaulets embroidered . All in threads of gold.

Oh, I wouldn't care for fighting,
On the land or on the sea,
But a uniform, I'm certain,
Would look well on me!
—Cleveland Leader.

Sister—"And your flances has pretty hands?"
Brother—"They speak for themselves."—Puck.

Inevitable.

She—"Oh, John! Baby has swallowed that piece of worsted."

He—"That's nothing. She'll have to swallow more yarns than that if she grows up.—New York Ledger.

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And Now They're Engaged.

He—"See the ring around the moon?"

She—"Yes. (After a moment of silence.) George, can you tell me what is the difference between the moon and my finger?"—Brooklyn Life.

Might Not Be Noticed.

"It seems to me." said the Sultan.

Might Not Be Noticed.

"It seems to me," said the Sultan,
"that these Chinese complications afford a great opportunity for Turkey."
"How?" asked the Grand Vizier.
"Why, I think this would be a good
time for an Armenian massacre."—
Puck.

Given Away.
Senior Partner—"We must discharge that traveler of ours. He told
one of our customers that I was a
fool?"
Junior Ditto—"I'll see him at once Junior Ditto—"I'll see him at once

and insist on his keeping the firm's secrets."

secrets,"

The Cause of the Trouble.

"What happened to Simpkins?"

"He had a dispute with a policeman. You know Simpkins is very quick at repartee?"

"Yes."

"Well, the policeman wasn't. Simpkins will be out in a week or so,"—Puck.

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Favorable Indications.

Mr. Lingerly having risen to go as the clock strikes twelve, suddenly seats himself again and remarks—"Of course, dear, you know that I will be here to-morrow night."

Miss Languid (yawning)—"There seems to be every indication of it."—
Richmond Dispatch.

*That young man of yours," said the observing parent, "should apply for a job in a dime museum."

"Why, father," exclaimed the young lady in tones of indignation, "what do you mean?"

"I noticed when I passed through the hall late last night," answered the old gentleman, "that he had two heads on his shoulders."

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Pat's Wit.

One day an Irishman was taking a walk in a small town near Glasgow when he met an old friend. After walking along the road together, Pat's triend said to him:

"Have you heard the latest news?" Pat—"No; what is it?"

"There's a penny off the loaf."
Pat—"Bedad, and I hope it is off the penny ones,"—Tit-Bits.

An Unexpected Shock.
Brown—"Heavens! We are in for it now, Here comes trotter, just back from a six months' trip abroad;—he'll bore us to death with his talk about it." (Groans from the rest.)

Trotter—"Well, boys, how are you all? I have just returned from a six months' trip in Europe. (More groans.) I am just going to sit down here for two or three hours (more groans) and I want (groans) you to tell me all that has happened here while I was away."

(But they didn't; the shock was too great.)—Puck.

Straight Tip.

"Have you ever studied political economy?" asked the long-haired passenger, as he laid down his newspaper and turned toward the portly individual across the aisle.

"That's what I have," replied the portly man, with an audible sigh. "I studied it from the beginning to the end of one campaign."

"And what is the result of your investigation?" asked the other.

"I was defeated for alderman in my ward," was the reply, "and I am firmly convinced that the best political economy is to stay out of politics."—Chicago Journal.

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The African Lion and the Buffalo Bull.
The large horns of these buffalo are significant of their immense strength; their legs are very short and powerful.
Though the lions make prey of them, it takes two or three to pull down a bull. The African lion of this section is the largest species of its kind, but unless in packs will not attack an African buffalo bull. When fighting, the bulls are very quick on their feet, and they use not only their horns, but their front feet also, which often prove the more dangerous weapon. My guide, who has lived in this country for the past ten years, relates many stories of men who have been mauled by lions, and who have escaped death, but he knows of no instance where the African buffalo has left a human being until the life was trampled out of him.—Harper's Magazine.