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MEN ARE IN THE MAJORITY.

Outnumber the Women in the World Except in Europe.

The Statistisches Jahrbuch, published by the German government, contains every year about 50 mages of comparative statistics of the world. This is a source to which writers on the comparative statistics of nations wery often go for information.

In the Jahrbuch for this year the statistics of population as to sex are collated. Some countries, as France and China, give only the total populastion, without distinguishing the sexes, and they have to be left out of the calculation.

In Europe the only countries in which the number of males is given as exceeding that of females are Servia, Roomania, Bulgaria and Greece, all of which are Balkan states. The Teutonic, Latin and Slav nations have a slight excess of females, which is often only a few thousands and rarely as much as 800,000.

In every other continent most of the nations have an excess of male population. Thus in the western world Jamaica, Mexico and Venezuela alone have an excess of females. The United States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and other countries have an excess of males.

So far as accurate statistics have been obtained in Africa only the French possessions and the Gold Coast colony have an excess of females, while in Egypt, the French possessions, the Transvaal, Orange River colony and Cape colony males are the more numerous.

In none of the Asiatic countries are females in excess of males, according to the statistics. In the Philippines the males are in excess of the females.

HAD FOUND NEW DELICACY.

City Bred Youngsers Must Have Had Peculiar Taste.

Ron and Reg were two dear little boys who had been born and bred in a big city and knew nothing at all of country life. So when they were taken to the real country this year, far away from towns, they were quite overcome at first by the marvels that

they saw everywhere. In the beginning they were afraid of everything from the cows to the grasshoppers, but after a short time their naturally enterprising spirits overcame all their timidity and soon their mother had her hands full trying to prevent them from bring home such uncomportable pets as green

One day she saw them busy in the garden picking something up and eating it delightedly between them. "Boys! boys!" she cried, "what are

∰anads.

you eating there?" "O. muvver, muvver!" answered Reg. "we just finded two tunning taterpillars, a smoove one and a fuzzy

Hinted. The train was crowded In one compartment a dignified middle-aged gentieman was trying to read. Among the passengers was a lady with a very asympthy httle girl who had blue eyes, a head of glistening gold, and an inquisitorial tongue." She asked the distrifted gentleman innumerable questions and played with his watch

The mother fairly beamed upon him. He was becoming nervous, and turning to this lady, said: Madam, what do you call this

sweet child? The mother smiled, and replied:

""Please call her, then."

A Case of Blind Faith. President Patton, of Princeton university, recently delivered a sermon at the Fifth Avenue Collegiate church, Boston, his subject being "Faith." He whose of the blind faith of the client who puts himself at the mercy of a lawver in preparing an action for trial, and of the confidence of the sick in intrusting themselves to the phy-

"A case of blind faith," said the clergyman. "The doctor writes out a prescription. Oftener than not you cannot read it; you don't know what it is He tells you to take it. Yours not to reason why, yours but to do and

Whether or not Dr. Patton meant it there was a distinct ripple throughout the congregation.

The Tesserarian Art.

He was as inquisitive as a minister with a new church and endeavored to make acquaintance of everybody on the train bound for Saratoga. Finally. The butted against one of the yanagans and inserted the probe. "Oh, I'm a friend of Canfield," said the victim. "Yale man: M. A. Dick is from Harward, also M. A." "Ah! You are both masters of arts. Might I inquire what is your particular art?" "If you like The tesserarian art, sir."-N.

Cards Were Out.

M - s Johnson - Ah come wifin an 🐞 e cb marryin' Abe Persimmons

Miss Jackson-Yath? Mes Johnson Yais If he'd had another acc, he'd ha' won a jackpot, an if he'd won dat jackpot, he'd had money 'nough fo' to git married on!

Foiled Again.

Jaggsby (reading) - This paper says that alcohol will remove grass stains

Mr. Jaggshy Well, you can' use that as an exense Your stomach asn's made of linen, neither has it any grass stams on it.

INDUSTRIES OF G.L.

Girls Taught Work Which Tray Can Carry On at Home.

In 1905 an experimental school of spinning and weaving was started in a remote Boer village, says the Southern Workman. The village chosen was Philippolis, in the Orange River Colony. Six girls were received when the school opened its doors, March 13, 1906, and it was soon possible to admit more from the long list of applicants. During the first eight months, about 40 have received training in one or another of the branches of the work. The primary object is to teach work which girls can carry on at home with their own resources, independently of imported material, and, so far as possible, independent also of external supervision, but with a simple democratic and cooperative organization among themselves. This work is intended to be useful in making necessary articles for their own homes, as cloth, coverlets, blankets, rugs; but it is also expected that a sale will be readily found for such things in the towns. So far there has not been the least difficulty in selfing the articles made by the school.

After two or three months of work in Philippolis, enough has been achieved to arouse interest through both the Transvaal and the Orange River *Colony although no attention was even yet claimed in public. The initial success of the scheme passes from mouth to mouth, and the Boers -who are a cautious people-begin to believe that these industries can be rooted in every district and become an element in national life.

RELIGION HAD TO "BEND."

Allowances Called For in Case of Fat 'Possum.

Representative John Sharp Willaims tells of an encounter on a Missouri road one Sunday morning between an itinerant preacher and a darky, who bore on his shoulder a freshly killed 'possum.

"Have you any religious feeling, my friend?" asked the minister.

"Shore," replied the darky, "I'se had religious bringin' up."

"Then you ought to know that it is sinful to hunt on the Sabbath." "Mistah preachah," returned the darky, his eyes rolling till the whites shone, "does you expect any black man in Mississippi is gwine to tie hisself to any religion dat allows a possum to walk right across de road ahead of him an' git away free? No, sah! A religion dat don't bend a little when a fat 'possum heads you off couldn't be stablished round yere by all the preachers in de country."

Jewels Disguised Here. Probably the most valuable agent which the jeweler- possesses for changing and improving the color of precious stones is heat. The color of

nearly all gems is affected by heat-Deep yellow topaz, for instance, changes to a delicate rose color, and is thereby enchanced in value to a very considerable extent, the color being much more sought after than the original hue. The operation, which is known as pinking, has to be con-

ducted with care, since a little too

much fire would cause the color to depart altogether. The entire loss of color, which is avoided in the case of the topaz is, however, eagerly desired in some other stones. Pale blue sapphires may be rendered entirely colorless by exposure for some hours to a regulated heat, and they thereby acquire great brilliancy so as to be passed off as diamonds.

Everything But-"Just look, dear. Don't you think I am a real automobile girl? What of

my automobile veil?" "It is beautiful." "And this automobile coat. Isn't it becoming to my figure?"

"Wonderfully." "And the automobile cap. Did you ever see anything set so fetching?"

"And even my bair is in a beautiful automobile tousle. Isn't it

grand?" "Indeed it is, dear, but-but-where

is your automobile?" "Oh, I haven't a machine yet, but after I save up 10,000 baking powder labels and 20,000 soap wrappers, and all the cigarette coupons the young men give me, I'll get one in no time. It won't take over ten years at the

4 How Gossip Grows. "Did you hear about Mr. Peasley?"

"No, what is it?" "He's lost all his money."

"Mercy! How did he lose it?" "I don't know, but George said he was running a sprinkling cart, and of course he wouldn't do that if he wasn't awfully poor."

A sprinkling cart?" "Well, I suppose that's what George meant. He said Mr. Peaseley was on the water wagon now.

way - Philadelphia Record.

As Seen in the Park. A Boston gentleman and his small grandson were in an electric car one day when a young man with a black hand on his sleeve got in. The little boy looked at it and then said, "Grandpapa, why does be have that

on his sleeve?" His grandfather replied, "Because he has lost some relative. "Oh," said the boy, "I thought it was to keep the caterpillars from

Would Be Monotonous. Most things would go without saying if we would only let them go that SPIDER BOUND ITS CAPTIVE.

Had Fly Safely, Tied Up Before Attacking It.

"One morning, when busy in my workshop," says a naturalist, "a large fly, double the size of a bluebottle, was caught in a spider's web in the window close to where I was at work. It was held by two of its legs only, and for some time the spider, which was about the size of the fly's head, proceeded to strengthen its hold by attaching numerous extra lines to the two captive limbs, carefully keeping out of reach of the others, which were letting out in all directions in frantic

efforts to escape. "During a short respite in the captive's struggles the spider cautiously approached, and with its hind legs got several turns of its tiny rope round one of the limbs that were free. These tactics were carried on till all the legs were firmly bound. It then injected poison into one of the legs. This soon showed itself, for its dead-; ening effects reduced the victim's struggles in a marked degree. The poison paralyses but does not kill.

"Shortly after a second bite resistance ceased, and the victor settled down to suck the juices of its fallen prey. The struggles lasted quite an hour. Next morning the fly was alive, and the spider was still sucking out its life blood."

DOG PROVED ITSELF HERO.

Gave Up Life in Attempt to Stop Runaway Team.

Near Pittsford a dog was killed in a determined and intelligent effort to stop a runaway team. Conrad Hoenick, a farmer, left his team standing near a railroad track. Two little boys were in the wagon. The horses were frightened by a passing train and ran away with the lads. One of the boys was thrown out and severely injured. The other remained in the wagon, and while the speed of the frightened team increased every second he made frantic efforts to reach the lines and stop them.

As the horses passed Frank Tousley's place the latter's dog, which carried the mail and did many little tasks about the farm and had almost human intelligence, ran out, and seeing the predicament of the boy, attempted to catch hold of the dangling lines. Like a human being the animal, without a sound, ranged himself into line to seize the reins, and, in his anxiety to do so, was struck by the wheel and instantly killed. The boy managed to get hold of one rein. and with it he turned the horses and stopped them.-Warren Mirror.

What Makes the Heart Weak. Two important causes of heart trouble are underwork and overwork, but chiefly underwork, says Outing. Where due to overwork it has been physical, not mental. The hearts of long-distance runners and bicyclists sometimes become hypertrophied, while hearts of children sometimes succumb to too arduous play. With children, however, it is usually due to a predisposition in that direction from their parents, whose hearts have been. weakened by prolonged under exercise rather than to overexercise on their

As the result of a recent examination of nearly 10,000 school children in the primary grades by the board of health, it was found that 50 per cent were suffering from physical defects, among which predominated defective vision, insufficient nutrition, pulmonary and heart ailments—a startling condition of our boasted civilization.

He Paid for All. The English custom of free seats and collection plates in church is puzzling the continental visitors. In Roman Catholic countries it is usual to make a small payment on entering a church. A Frenchman on a visit to Manchester not long ago, according to the Guardian, attended service in one of the parish churches. With him was a party of English friends. The foreigner was seated at the outer end of the pew: The plate came round in due course, and the visitor was the first to deposit a coin in it. The collector was about to pass the plate to his English friends when the Frenchman interposed: "Ah, no, I have paid for all the seats."

Mistaken Signals.

The near-sighted man waved his handkerchief violently in the direction of an eighth-story window.

"What did you do that for?" asked his friend, who was not near sighted. "That's where Flossie lives," chortled the near sighted man. "She's waving at me.

"What you see in that eighth-story window," explained the man who was not near sighted, "is a boy sitting outside the window pane cleaning it off with a large white rag."

Spelling Reform at Yale. William Beebe, professor of mathematics in the college, approves and

says: "As an example of spelling that needs reform this from an academic man applying for a change in an elective course is applicable:

The course is so hard that I cannot due it justice, and I ask permittion to omit it."—Yale Alumni Weekly.

Where Everybody Does It. "Did you ever see a man walk in his sleep?"

"Lots of them; and heard them talk at the same time. I stopped off in Philadelphia three or four days once." -Kansas City Drovers' Telegram.

BENATOR HAD DATES MIXED.

Why Missouri Statesman Was Late at Cabinet Dinner.

Ex-Senator Cockrell probably is the only man in Washington who ever kept President Roosevelt waiting at a dinner. It was one of the cabinet dinners that were given by the secretary of the interior and Mrs. Hitchcock three years ago. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived in due time, as did all the other guests excent Senator Cockrell.

After a delay of almost an hour Mrs. Hitchcock invited her guests to the dining-room and dispatched a messenger to the residence of Senstor Cockrell to make inquiries. Great fear was felt that the Missourian had started and had fallen by the way. ... the day was a cold and wintry one. The fact was however, that the senator was sitting quietly at home when the messenger got there, clad in his dressing gown and slippers and congratulating himself that he could be indoors. He had put the date of the dinner in his calendar in large and attractive handwriting, but had forgotten to turn a leaf and was, accordingly, a day behind time. No one appreciated the joke more than did the president, and the dinner that began in anxiety and apprehension ended in a big laugh at the dear old senator.—Denver Times.

OFFICIAL KNEW HIS DUTY.

Found Man Where He Shouldn't Se, and That Settled It.

French officials are said to be particularly strict in their discipline of tourists. A lately returned traveler tells several more or less apocryphai stories to illustrate the state of affairs.

An American lost his footing, silpped down an embankment and fell into a small, shallow pond. As he scrambled, dripping; up the embankment to the footpath, he was confronted by an arm of the law.

"Your name? Your address?" demanded this uncompromising person, notebook in hand. "But I fell," began the astonished

merican "I only-The man waved his arm.

"It is forbidden to bathe in this lake," he said, firmly. "I am not here to listen to extenuating circumstances."-Youth's Companion.

Tame Beaver in Canada. In Manitoba the beaver is protected by law from either being shot or trapped, and the protection results in increase. Colonies of the animals can now be found both on the Ochre and Turtle rivers, to the east of Dauphie One colony has started building a dam on the Ochre river at the railway bridge near the village. So tame have the animals become that it is a common thing for the residents to visit the locality in the evening and watch the industrious animals at work. In one or two cases the work of the beaver in damming the Turtle river has proved a loss to farmers in the vicinity by their land being flooded and the water overflowing it. The matter was laid before the government in Winnipeg by parties interested, and permission obtained to open the dams, but not to molest the animais. As the beaver increases rapidly, the government is likely to have another problem on its hands to solve before a great while.

Failed in Business. When Senator Bailey was in Washington recently a stranger called at his hotel and sent in a card. The senator did not recognize the name, but in accordance with his usual courtesy came out to where the stranger was waiting. It took only a few minutes' conversation to develop the fact that the individual simply desired to make a "touch." It was the regulation Been unfortunate and desire to get back to my own country." "What is your business colonel?" the senator inquired. The rusty frock coat and the

black hat seemed to warrant the title. Why, I am a gentleman, senator," the stranger replied, pompously. "Oh, I see," the senator said, pleasantly. 'Have you instituted bankruptcy proceedings, sir?" His Preference.

"The earthquake that eastern seismograph recorded was somewhere 14,000 miles away." "Hasn't it been reported yet?"

"No." "Well, that's strange. Do you sup-

pose it really occurred?" "Of course." "Took place, and nobody knew it,

"Evidently." "Well, say, that's just the sort of

earthquakes I like."—Cleveland Plain

Her Hopes Blasted. "I think," said Mr. Poppleigh, "that our little Alfred is going to be a financial genius."

"Oh, I had so hoped that he would be a great planist," resided the child's mamma; "he would have such lovely hair for it."

"Nope. You may as well have it shingled. He got the boy next door to give him three cents for the privilege of riding his own velocipede."

Had to Hear It First. "Mrs. Skandell was telling me a story to-day about that odious Mrs. Galley," began Mrs. Jigley. "See here!" interrupted her hus-

band, "I thought you hated gossip." "Why-er-so I do, but of course, I can't hate it thoroughly until I know exactly what it is."

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NOT THAT KIND OF TIES.

Youth Unaware of Nature of Job He Asked For.

About 20 years ago, when I was in Spokane, Wash., a young fellow was sent there from Boston by his father for his health, and, incidentally, to make his fortune, says a writer in the Boston Herald. He worked at his trade as a tailor for his health and sambled for his fortune. Needless to say, he lost both, for, at that age, he being about 19, he was a delicate

youth. His money and job giving out about the same time, he looked around for something to do. Chancing to pass an employment office, he saw on the blackboard, "Tie-makers wanted, 121/2 cents apiece." He walked in, and addressed himself to the man behind the desk, a big, raw-boned specimen, with a flerce mustache.

"I see you want tie-makers, sir," he

"Yes, we do, sonny; but don't you think you are rather too light for the Job?"

"Oh, no," replied the young man. "I CED SOW." "Sew," the other roared. "Why, great Scott! kid, these are railroad

COULD HAVE GOT SUBSTITUTES. Excuse of Election Judge Blown Away

by Investigator.

In recalling incidents connected with Virginia politics some years ago a prominent Virginian recently related an account of an investigation of election frauds in the lower section of the state. In the course of the proceedings it developed that the ballots in an important precinct bad not been sealed after the final count, thereby being exposed to fraudulent practices. The chairman of the investigating committee closely questioned the election judge as to why the prescribed duty of carefully securibg the ballots had been neglected.

"Could you not obtain any mucilage in the town?"

"No. sir."

"Could you not procure some sealing wax, some shoemaker's wax, if nothing else?"

'No. sir.' "Weil, then, sir, why didn't you

go out into the woods and get some resin? Do you mean to tell me that there were no pine trees around there shedding tears at your infamous rascallty?"

Geese Make Good Actors. A farmer would scarcely believe that a goose requires only about 60 hours in order to prepare it for the footlights and a critical audience, and that a common pig, which has been bought in the market, will in 30 hours be competent to blossom forth as an actor. According to Mr. Clyde Powers, a trainer of wide experience and much patience, it takes a duck about. three days to learn how to march on the stage, to follow the chorus, and to march off again at the proper time; it takes a chicken a week or more, and a turkey cannot grasp the art of acting before six months' time. Mr. Powers has tried to train a peafowl, but he finds that it is impossible. A goose is the most intelligent of all the feathered tribe, and a goose is also the only one of the domestic fowls that shows affection.—Helen Grant in Leslie's Weekly.

On Second Thoughts. "My friend, said the insurance agent to the young man, "let me insure you, against accident today." "Never had an accident in my life,"

was the young man's prompt reply. "But you may have. Aren't you about to marry?"

"A great deal. Suppose your wife was to get angry with you and throw anything at you; or your mother-inlaw might attempt to use force in. dealing with you, or-"

"Yes, but what's that got to do with

The young man stopped him. . "Ah, that reminds me," he said: "Til not get married."

Japan Growls at the New Woman. The girl who is the product of the female education of the present day does not make a suitable wife for ocdinary Japanese, by any means. She bearns much at school that is of no use to her in after life, and she is too often made conceited by the smattering of knowledge she possesses and is apt to put on airs. There is a great lack of practicability about the instruction given to young girls at most modern schools. Some of the girls from these schools may suit the tastes of officials, but the majority of them are shunned by marrying men, for the reasons given above.—Rikugo Zasshi.

Prospector at 85.

Though 85 years old, Jesse Cochran, a citizen of Seattle, has started for the gold fields of Alaska, where he hopes to make a fortune before he dies. Years ago he was a wealthy man, but lost his money on the San Francisco stock exchange. Since then he has earned a scanty living as a sign painter. He has two sons comfortably off in Seattle, each of whom is ready to provide for him, but the old man has always relied on himself, and sailed for Skagway without giving them any hint of his intention.

In Low Esteem. "Lend me a hundred, old man."

"Can't do it." "I'll pay you ar per cent inter-

"Say, if I thought you'd pay six per cent, of the principal I'd let you have the money."

CRICKET TAUGHT TO FIGHT.

Chinese Owners of Pugilistic Insects

Hold Exciting Sattles. A. E. Parker has just returned from a trip to Sanhui, a large walled city in Kwangtung province, and while there visited the guardhouse, where

he saw six or seven earthenware bowls of fighting crickets, says the South China Post. He was much amused as to the description of the methods of stabling and dieting these insects. During the day the male and female crickets are separated, but as soon as night falls they are mated. Their diet consists of water, boiled rice and a little ging-

seng, the latter to give them stamina. In matching these insects to fight. they are weighed and a light weight would not be pitted against a welter weight. The insects are spurred on to combat with a fine piece of glass, which treatment naturally arouses their anger.

The belief that crickets are distinguishable by pieces of colored wool is a fallacy. They are recognized by their owners as we recognize our canine pets. In a contest the first cricket to run away is adjudged the loser.

The officer in charge of the guard house mentioned that a dispute which had arisen over a cricket contest three years ago had yet to be settled, each party holding that the other

man's cricket had ran away first. Some of these crickets are indeed worth many times their weight in gold, several hundred dollars being

sometimes paid for a real champion. SMART RETORT OF CRITIC.

Journalist Proved Himself Quite Equal to the Occasion.

A Parisian journalist recently wrote an unfavorable criticism of the performance of a well known actress. The latter ..was keenly wounded, and watched for a chance to avenge herself. She was one evening at the Varietes, with a young aristocrat for an escort, when she espied the critic She had a package with her which she requested her friend to deliver in person. The dandy rose and, taking the

package, walked over to where the journalist was sitting with a party, and presented it to him, saying: "Medamoiselle, who admires __xour

talent, has requested me to present you with this as a souvenir from her." The critic took it and opened it before his friends, who had heard the dandy's little speech. It contained about a dozen goose quills, and smiles and suppressed laughter went around. But the critic was equal to the occa-

"Ah, my dear sir," said he to the messenger, "please give my best thanks to the young lady for these pretty feathers. I was aware of the fact that she plucked her admirers, but I really did not imagine she did

Three Jubilees. An instance of the remarkable fertility of the rural population in certain parts of Germany is furnished by a woman named Mimel, aged 69, an inmate of the workhouse at Pitschen, who has just become a grandmother for the fiftieth time. She had done well for her country, and it is not explained why none of her numerous progeny are providing for her in her old age. The hero of a good jubilee of another sort is one Adolph Grone, 64 a laborer, no home, who has been sentenced at Hanover for the fiftieth time to three months' imprisonment for willfully damaging property. Grone seemed disappointed at the leniency of the sentence, and said that he wanted to be comfortably lodged in jadl during the cold winter months. Fraulein Wokurka has celebrated her diamond jubilee as member of the chorus of the Dresden opera house. The popular old lady, who is 67, is still in robust health and was made the recipient of many marks of

ion gues. Names Rooms After Flowers.

sympathy and esteem from her col-

One woman who has built a country home on a most elaborate plan has introduced many novel ideas in its arrangement and furnishings. She is going to name every guest chamber after a flower, and is carrying out that idea to the smallest detail. Thus the walls of the violet room, which is perhaps the prettiest room of all, are covered with French tapestry in the design of which violets predominate. The drapery on the dressing table is of muslin and lace tied with bunches of violets, and mauve ribbon is chosen to tie the hangings of the bed as well as the curtains. Even a mammoth bottle of violet perfume is not forgot-

Named from Holy Writ. Col. Douglas Beverly visited the old Virginia plantation recently, and meet-

ing mammy, asked if she had not married and become the mother of chil-"Lor' bress yob, yas, Marse Colonel!" she replied. "I's got fo' ob de

likelies' chiliuns yo' ebber seed; an' we's gib 'em all good Gospel names, too, Marse Colonel. De fus one we called Saint Peter. Da naix-dat a girl-she's Juda Scarlot. De naix is Pasker Lamb. An' de las', Marse Colonel, we jes named fo' you-Chesspeake' n' Ohio."-The Sunday Maga-

Up to Him. Close-I don't like that suit you are

wearing. Mrs. Close-Neither do I, but it was the best I could get with the money, you gave me.—Detroit Free Press.

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