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1840	17,069,453	1890	62,622,250
1850	23,191,876		

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things that have made that great commonwealth. It is a good thing to know something about our own state before digging up the bones of Rameses or Alexander the Great.

The following information taken from the National Association Notes is of much interest:

"Four million women in the United States earn their own bread. Female teachers and professors number one-quarter of a million. There are 34,519 music teachers, and 10,000 artists and teachers of art. There are 1,143 women clergymen. Journalists number 888. There are 2,775 authors. There are thirty-nine chemists, assayers and metallurgists, two hundred and eight women lawyers and two hundred and seventy-nine lecturers. The state of Georgia has a woman mail carrier who travels a forty mile route three times a week. At the Y. W. C. A. building in Philadelphia, two young women are in charge of the elevator. In New York City a blacksmith shop is managed by three young women. An entire block of houses in New York was papered by a young woman, who takes the contract for such work from bidders. About three hundred girls are employed in the harness trade in New York. In the city of New Orleans one of the finest theatres is composed of women."

The secretary of agriculture of Kansas reports about three thousand five hundred women in that state as farmers, all owning the land on which they work.

Again the club women of Georgia have set an example which it would be kind for each city and town in every state to follow, namely, the organization of a Bird Lovers' club. Mrs. Julius Brown, president of the Atlanta federation, says: "The Bird Lovers is a club which has but one officer, a president—no dues, no meetings. We repudiate as ornaments the hideous bird mummies in use on hats. She who wears them wears suggestions of death, pain, destruction to crops by insects, loss of joy and song in the woods, and, moreover, stamps herself as being not highly civilized in taste. I hope some woman may read this who has that in her nature that responds to this call. Let her send me her name to add to Atlanta's one hundred and forty bird lovers. Do not forget the law of imitation and remember somebody might follow your example and your published name prove a missionary."

Mrs. Marion C. Lawton, widow of the late General Lawton, and her children, have gone to her mother's home in Kentucky. It was General Lawton's wish that she and the children should make their home with her mother in case of his death. She will return to Washington in about a month, when the fund contributed for her and the children, which now amounts to nearly \$100,000, will be turned over to her by the committee having it in charge. The young son of General Lawton has been promised an appointment to West Point, if he desires to follow his father's profession.

Much interest and enthusiasm from western club women should center about this spring's convention of the mothers' congress, which will be held in Des Moines. The rapid growth of this organization may well be compared to the bean stalk which grew way up to the skies in one night. It is a great tribute to the efficiency of its president, Mrs. Alice McLeilan Birney, that during the three years of the existence of this organization the number of mothers' clubs has increased from less than a dozen to about three hundred and seventy-five. Mrs. Birney organized the congress. To this noble work she is

practically devoting her best energies and most of her time. Mrs. Birney is a most popular executive and makes an ideal presiding officer. In season and out she plans and labors for the greatest possible good of mothers and the honor and glory of motherhood. I trust that many Nebraska women may be able to attend the congress at Des Moines.

The latest suggestion for a solution of the problem of domestic service comes from Australia. The club women of that country advise calling domestic servants by a more dignified name—household employes. They further propose two shifts of employes—one to work from 6 A. M. to 2 P. M., the other from 2 P. M. to 9 P. M., thus arranging that each may have the afternoons and evenings of alternate weeks. In answer to the objection that such an arrangement would greatly increase household expenses, these women claim that this new plan would make domestic service so attractive that servants could readily be obtained at half the present wages. But the wages of house servants in Nebraska have never been exorbitant and there are few fair minded women who would willingly see them cut in half. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and there is very little chance to provide against a rainy day from the munificent income of three dollars a week. Mrs. Emmons Blaine of Chicago is trying the Australian plan in her own home.

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A shrewd business man was being driven in a crowded thoroughfare when his horses took fright and ran away. He called to his coachman:
"Can you stop them?"
"No," replied the man.
"Then," replied the other, "run them into something cheap."—Youth's Companion.

"What's the difference between the states of Massachusetts and Kentucky?"
"Give it up, colonel."
"Massachusetts produces boots and shoes, and Kentucky produces shoots and booze."—Washington Star.

"Father—If my daughter marries you I wish her to live in the style to which she is accustomed.
The Suitor—That's all right, sir; your home shall be ours.—Town Topics.

Hewett—Grunt said he was just dying for a smoke, so I gave him a cigar.
Jewett—Then what did he say?
Hewett—He said he wished he had died.—Town Topics.

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THE BUTTERFLIES' HOBBY.

I happened one night in my travels
To stray into Butterfly Vale,
Where my wandering eyes beheld butterflies
With wings that were wide as sails.
They lived in such houses of grandeur—
Their days were successions of joys,
And the very last had these butterflies had
Was making collections of boys.

There were boys of all sizes and ages
Pinned up on their walls. When I said
"Twas a terrible sight
to see boys in that plight,
I was answered: "Oh, well, they are dead.
We catch them alive, and kill them
With ether, a very nice way:
Just look at this fellow, his hair is so yellow,
And his eyes such a beautiful gray.

"Then there that droll little ducky,
As black as the clay at our feet,
He sets off that blonde
that is pinned just beyond,
In a way most artistic and neat.
And now let me show you the latest,
A specimen really select,
A boy with a head that is carrot red,
And a face that is funnily specked.

"We cannot decide where to place him;
Those spots bar him out of each class;
We think him a treasure to study at leisure,
And analyze under a glass."
I seemed to grow cold as I listened
To the words that these butterflies spoke:
With fear overcome,
I was speechless and dumb,
And then, with a start—I awoke.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE FAMOUS MILLINEY OPENING.

Paris Hats and Bonnets.
The chic bonnets and hats at The Famous are being bought by the real leaders of Lincoln society very rapidly. The price of a bonnet or hat is in its style or distinction. Mr. Ackerman is selling millinery of the sort that makes a pretty woman look prettier and a stylish woman more stylish, for very small prices. At The Famous they study effects and they offer customers styles which are becoming. There are styles for the thin, long face, others for broad faces, and intermediate styles for mediums. The young ladies in charge do not waste the time of customers showing them hats they cannot wear, but more discriminating, they pick out and display the various styles suitable to each individual. In this way no time is lost and the customer does not get discouraged or impatient. Everyone is welcome, those who buy as well as those who only want to look about.

He—How stupid the magazine is. I wonder why it never prints anything new.
She—But it does. There are two cosmetics and a new corset this month.—Town Topics.

Mrs. Bundy—Do you know that when Mrs. Lundy comes to my house I never can find anything to talk about.
Mrs. Grundy—Great heavens! Don't you know any one that she knows?—Town Topics.

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