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The total annual loss from insects in the United States is placed by the best entomological authorities at about \$380,000,000. As the entomologists of the various state agricultural experiment stations and of the national department of agriculture pursue their investigations further this enormous loss will be greatly re-

When their labors become better known and appreciated their opportunities for work, as well as the means at their disposal, will be increased. Many more hands and brains will be needed to do the work, and young men and women trained in entomology will be called for as assistants.

Most of the states have now established agricultural experiment stations, and at the majority of these an entomologist is busily at work on his specialty. Some of the agricultural colleges give courses in economic entomology, and as the farmers learn to better appreciate its money value to them they will devote more and more time to its study.

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A NATURAL MISTAKE.

The Man Asked for Room No. 13, and the Landlord Was Suspicious. He registered in fine style, but when he asked to be shown to his room the

landlord requested him to wait. "You see it takes some little time to change the furniture and get things ready," he said in a mysterious way. "He must know me," said the guest as he walked off with a strut.

Pretty soon the bell boy told him his room was ready. He followed him to it and found that every article of furniture had been swathed in quilts and the carpet covered with an old matting.

"What does this mean?" he asked of the boy.

"Dunno," said the imp with a grin. Then he sent for the landlord and lemanded an explanation.

"Oh, it's all right. You see we must rotect ourselves." "I don't understand."

"There'd be the coroner's inquest and all the muss." "Good heavens, man, what do you

mean?" "Don't you intend to commit suicide?"

"Jerusalem, no!"

"Then why did you ask for No. 13?"
"Because it's my luck number. Oh, ha! ha! I see, Well, just take this rubbish away and give me a chance to be comfortable. 1 haven't the least idea of shuffling off yet."

The landlord apologized, and had the room restored to its normal condition.

A CASE OF SKEPTICISM.

A Child Who Would Not Believe in Wholesale Executions. A well-known New York artist tells

this story of himself: "While we were spending the summer at our country home a little girl called to see my wife. As she was engaged I attempted to, entertain the child by showing her pictures of famous French women. The first was Charlotte Corday. I gave a brief account of her life, and finished by saying they cut her head off! The child caught her breath, but said nothing. The next picture was that of Mme. Roland. I told about her, and finally

said, 'And they cut her head off.' "The child's face grew rather in-credulous; but still she said nothing. The next face was Marie Antoinette's. 'Oh!' she exclaimed. 'What a beau-tiful lady! How lovely she is.' 'Yes,' I answered, 'she was perfectly lovely,

but they cut her head off." "This was too much. The child arose, and looking at me in the most indignant way, said: 'Humph! What do you take me for? I ain't so green

The Snub Nose.

Owners of the snub and the celestial nose will find little comfort in the dicta of "nasology." They indicate "natural weakness, mean, disagreeable dispositions, with petty insolence and divers other characteristics of conscious weakness which strongly assimilate them." Nevertheless, the 'celestial" is, by virtue of its great length, decidedly preferable to the snub, and is not without some share of small shrewdness and foxlike common sense, on which, however, it is apt to presume, and is therefore a more impudent nose than the snub.

A Borneo Custom.

Charles Hose, an explorer, recently made a trip up the Baram river, in Borneo, and noted several strange customs practiced by the natives. One night he slept in a native house, and, upon awakening, was surprised to find at the head of his bed a large box, which proved to be a coffin. On intained the mortal tained tained the mortal tained quiry he learned that the coffin conOUR MANY LANGUAGES.

Statistics of the Different Tongue

Spoken by the Human Race Some interesting statistics have been compiled by a Frenchman respecting the different languages spoken in various parts of the world. He states that the language in which Shakspere and Milton wrote was then that of less than 6,000,000 human beings. French was the mother tongue of at least 30,000,000 people at a time when English was spoken by less than 16,000,000, and 50,000,000 of French speaking people were living when the evolution broke out in 1789.

Between forty and fifty years the English language equaled the German in the number of those who spoke it, and now the latter is left far behind. German is now spoken by 10,000,000 persons in the Austro-Hungarian empire, by 46,000,000 in the German empire, by 40,000 in Belgium, and by about 2,000,000 persons in Switzerland. German is also spoken by about 2,000,-000 persons in the United States and Canada, giving a total of about 00,-000,000 who use the German language.

French is spoken by 38,000,000 in-habitants of France, by the 2,500,000 people in Belgium, by 200,000 in Al-sace-Lorraine, by 600,000 in Switzer-land, by 1,500,000 in the United States and Canada, by 600,000 in Hayti and by 1,500,000 in Algiers, India, the West Indies and Africa—in all about 45,000,000. English is spoken by 87,-000,000 persons in the British Isles, by probably 57,000,000 of the 60,000,000 inhabitants of the United States, by 4,000,000 persons in Canada, by 3,000,-000 in Australia, by 3,700,000 West In-dians and by 1,000,000 in India and other British colonies, bringing the total of the English-speaking race to ever 100,000,000.



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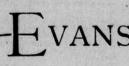
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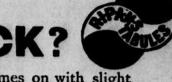
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