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Area of enumeration.....	76,333,587
Philippine Islands.....	6,961,529
Porto Rico.....	552,243
Guam.....	9,000
Samoa.....	6,100
Total.....	81,233,069

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Lafadio Hearn, the American writer resident in Japan, said in a recent letter apropos of the Japanese war: "My friends here have no fear of Russia. The thought of war excites them to pleasant laughter. Over our saki the other night, your old acquaintance Mutsu told a Japanese war story that you may think interesting."

"The third son of a samurai (he said) boasted of his prowess."

"What deeds did you do in the last battle?" asked his friends.

"I went up boldly to one of the enemy," the young man replied, "and cut off his feet."

"His feet?" said the friends of the samurai's son. "Why his feet? Why did you not cut off his head?"

"Oh," said the youth, "that was off already."

Especially for Women.

Champion, Mich., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A case of especial interest to women is that of Mrs. A. Wellatt, wife of a well-known photographer here. It is best given in her own words.

"I could not sleep, my feet were cold and my limbs cramped," Mrs. Wellatt states. "I had an awful hard pain across my kidneys. I had to get up three or four times in the night. I was very nervous and fearfully dependent. I had been troubled in this way for five years when I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and what they caused to come from my kidneys will hardly stand description."

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There are no old women to-day in the wide world of fashion.

Not many years ago dressmakers designed special dresses for women who had passed the sunny side of life. There were caps for old women and wraps and bonnets and shoes for them. Everybody called them "grandma," and their greatest pleasure was in sitting by the fireside and telling of the good old days.

Now all this has changed. If to-day you should seek to draw a distinction between the dresses of your grandmother and your mother you would find it an exceedingly difficult matter, for in the fashionable dress-making establishments of the city no rules of age prevail.

In the swiftest of the dressmakers' shops the other day three women were selecting and ordering their dresses for the fall and winter. The eldest of the trio was probably 65, the second 42, and the youngest 20. The choice of goods they made was practically the same, with the possible exception that the eldest woman selected colors a trifle more subdued than the other two. But this difference was so slight as scarcely to be marked. The women were grandmother, mother and daughter, but one fashion plate answered for all.

TWO YEARS OF AGONY.

One Cake of Cuticura Soap and One Box of Cuticura Cured Baby's Awful Humor.

"When my sister was eighteen months old a humor broke out on her shoulder, extending clear across the back. For two years it caused her intense suffering. It would scab over and then crack open and a watery matter ooze from it. Then the scabs would fall off and it would be raw for a time. We had several different doctors and tried everything we could think of, but without effecting a cure. Then we got one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, which cured her completely and without scar or blemish. (Signed) L. H. Chase Walker, 5 Tremont St., Woodford, Me."

The Secret Out.

"Why is it," asked the youth, "that of all the people who come to you for advice none ever appear to go away dissatisfied?"

"That's easily explained," answered the sage. "When a man comes to me for advice I find out what kind he wants, and give it to him."

I can recommend Pisco's Cure for Consumption for Asthma. It has given me great relief.—W. L. Wood, Farmersburg, Ind., Sept. 8, 1901.

Remarkable Dogs.

First Lion—I have a dog that runs to a doctor every time he gets hurt.

Second Lion—Smart dogs are plenty enough, but I have one with a sense of humor.

"I guess not. How does he show it?"

"Every time he sees a tailor he pants."

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Dinglebatz—Yes, did you ever meet his wife?

Jobberwack—No, I believe not.

Dinglebatz—Well, when you do you will understand why he has them.

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

Is life worth living? How can you look up into your skies of blue In heaven's sunshine smile and bask, And such a question dare to ask?

At blossom time, how can you hear Blithe messengers with notes, high, clear, From branch and bough proclaim His might, Without a thrill of glad delight?

How can you know the gentle press On cheek and brow of wind's caress, And not within your bosom feel An earnestness, a new born zeal?

Is life worth living? How can you gaze lovingly in eyes so true, And not within their depths behold The light that blends each hour with gold?

How can you, the ones who wear The crown of motherhood, bright, fair, Be-quey thus, when 'gainst your breast Two little warm, red lips are pressed? —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE SQUIRE'S LEGACY.

SQUIRE GEOFFREY MARDINGHAM lay in the big four-post bed, stricken down by a relentless disease. Around him gathered a number of relatives, for in his hard life he had accumulated a large fortune, and each wanted it.

Mrs. Foxley, his eldest sister, a plump and gorgeously dressed matron, sat near the head of the bed, her eyes full of a tender concern.

"Dear Geoffrey," she murmured, "I hope you are better now. Please allow George to bathe your forehead with that bay water."

"I won't," growled the interesting invalid, quite tartly.

"My dear and venerable cousin," smiled a tall, cadaverous-looking, young man, in a white neckcloth, "if a chapter out of Nossy's sermons—" "Nossy he hanged!" sharply uttered old Squire Mardingham, with an emphasis which proved that there was yet some vitality about him. "Clear out, the whole tribe and generation of you! If I'm to go into the other world I won't be badgered out of this!"

"If there should be any aid I could give you in your legal affairs, my dear cousin," began a fat man with sleek, black hair and keen, ferret-like eyes. "I am sure any little knowledge I possess will be at your service."

"Get out of my room, every one of you!" sharply ejaculated Geoffrey Mardingham. "Let me have a minute's peace and try to sleep. I tell you your chatter makes me mad!"

"And leave you alone, brother?" remonstrated Mrs. Foxley, sweetly.

"Naomi Bruce shall stay with me," said the Squire, a little impatiently. "She understands my ways—she doesn't fill my ears with senseless chatter! Come here, Naomi, and sit by my bedside; you, at least, can keep still."

The assembled relatives glanced with unfriendly eyes at Naomi Bruce, a slender, soft-eyed girl, in a much-worn suit of some coarse material, as she advanced to fulfill the old man's bidding.

"A pert upstart—and only his third cousin at that," said Mrs. Foxley, venomously.

"Presuming minx!" muttered the starched maiden lady, "with no more experience than a gosling!"

"Ah," sighed Lawyer Lennox, rolling up his eyes, "it's much to be feared that some undue influence—"

Then the door shut off further comment.

All that night the relatives sat in the adjoining room waiting to hear of their rich relative's death; but old Squire Mardingham had more endurance than they had any idea of. He railed, and for this time they went home outwardly rejoicing, but in reality sorely discomfited. Naomi Bruce alone remained by the old man's side. But even this arrangement was not for long. Geoffrey Mardingham had always led a lonely life—he preferred it.

"Go back to your work, my dear," he said dryly. "You've been a good, attentive girl, and you will not lose anything by it; but I shall do very well by myself now."

So Geoffrey Mardingham was left alone. And one day they shut the oil-sun-warmed shutters, and hung some streamers of black crepe on the door, and when the relatives arrived the funeral was over, and a little old lawyer, with a rusty red wig, blue spectacles and a grizzled beard, was sitting at the further end of the parlor, with a japanned box labeled, "G. Mardingham," on his knee.

"I suppose you are all ready to hear the will read, ladies and gentlemen," he said in a cracked voice. "Please excuse the bandage on my face—it's neuralgia; and I find of late that with rheumatism and age I don't grow any younger—hee, he!"

Mrs. Foxley put her handkerchief to her eyes.

"Poor, dear Geoffrey!" she sighed. "Oh, go on, Mr. —"

"Mr. Peckham, of the firm of Peckham & Marble."

"I thought Mr. Peckham was a young man," said the disciple of Rev. Nehemiah Nossy.

"So he was ten years ago," said the cracked voice lawyer. "Ahem! Shall I proceed?"

"By all means," said Mrs. Foxley's husband, "unless," with a severe glance at the corner where poor Naomi Bruce sat, "that young woman would prefer to defer the proceedings a little while longer, while she cries it out. I do despise such affectation."

Naomi shrank back. Poor child, she had but few friends, and stern old Squire Mardingham had been good to her in his bluff way.

Mr. Peckham read out the preamble of the will in his sharp, high pitched voice. Mr. Lennox nodded approval while the while, and the room was filled with an atmosphere of breathless silence as he read the important words, for which all listened so intently.

"I Geoffrey Mardingham, do give and bequeath the whole of my fortune and estate, real and personal, for the founding, erection and endowment of an asylum for fools, idiots and insane, that my name may be remembered and honored after my bones have turned to dust," the lawyer read out, slowly and impressively.

Mrs. Foxley fell back in her chair, uttering a hysterical, gasping sound; there was a sudden babel of voices, bursting into discord.

"Oh! oh! oh!" shrieked Mrs. Foxley. "Not to remember me, that always did so much for him!"

"Fools and idiots, indeed! He was one himself," cried Mr. Foxley, growing purple in the face.

"I always knew he was an old blockhead," cried Mr. Lennox, jumping around the room as if he had the St. Vitus dance.

"An unregenerate sinner!" groaned the pious young man; "think how the sweet utterances of Nehemiah Nossy would have been completely thrown away on him!"

"Old fool!" cried Mrs. Foxley, suddenly emerging from the tide of her hysterics. "Oh, Foxley, Foxley, you always told me he hadn't any brains, but I never gave credence to you."

The maiden lady tossed her head in the air.

"I wish now I hadn't worked those slippers for him," said she; "an ungrateful, unprincipled, hoary reprobate who—"

But Naomi Bruce rose up among them, slender and pale, yet instinct with womanly dignity.

"Hush!" she ejaculated, uplifting her slender finger. "How dare you speak so of the dead? Uncle Geoffrey was good and generous to all of you, as he was to me. What right have you to expect aught else? His money was his own to do as he pleased with, and I for one, shall not sit mutely by and hear his name defamed."

There was an instant of astonished silence, and then Mr. Peckham, of the firm of Peckham & Marble, jumped briskly up, tore the bandage away from his mouth and chin, pulled off the red wig, false beard and goggles, and rising to his full height, confronted the astonished audience—old Geoffrey Mardingham's self, alive and well!

"Well met, ye hypocrites," he said slowly and distinctly. "I can sincerely express my gratitude for this opportunity, which has given me such a clear insight into the characters of every one of you. I am not dead and buried; no, nor likely to be at present, but I have learned a lesson for the future. Come here to me, Naomi," he said, his face softening as he held out his hand. "You, who were the only one to defend the dead old man, shall be his adopted child for the present, his heir for the future. As for the rest of you, I only want to have my house cleared of your odious presence!"

There was no gainsaying his stern words and sneering lips. One by one the expectant relatives, now, alas! so woefully disappointed, sneaked out of the room and house—Mr. and Mrs. Foxley, the lawyer, the old maid, and the "regenerate" youth, together with the lesser satellites.

For they had no more hopes from Geoffrey Mardingham's will, and the little Naomi Bruce was now an heiress!—Indianapolis Sun.

WESTERN FARM COLONIES.

A Plan that Promises to Work Social and Economic Benefits.

While I stopped at Billings, Mont., George H. Maxwell, the executive chairman of the National Irrigation Association, addressed a meeting of the people at which he unfolded a plan for putting people on land, which, if it can be worked out, will become one of the most important sociological movements of the times. He said that if the people of Billings would take it up and co-operate, he would undertake to secure subscriptions sufficient to establish at the outskirts of the town an acre farm colony, where 100 acres could be secured, with a good irrigation supply, and divided up into one-acre tracts and provided with competent farm instructors, so that men in the Eastern centers who had saved a little money and wanted to get a little country home could come out and stay on one of those acres for a year or two and be taught how to farm and to irrigate. Then they would feel confidence in looking about the buying a five or ten acre farm and making their home upon it.

The working out of such a plan, Mr. Maxwell said, would furnish a supply of ideal colonists for any new country, and it would at the same time tend to relieve the congested centers in the East. That it was not a chimera of his brain, he stated that one of the Southern transcontinental railroads had already started the system in Arizona, in the irrigated Salt River Valley, and was now dividing up a 160-acre tract into acre farm gardens and had engaged one of the best farmers in Arizona as an instructor.—Northwestern Agriculturist.

Jokemaker's Complaint.

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Sybil—She suspects that every person on the bench has a camera concealed on them to take a snapshot of her in bathing costume and have it published in papers.—Baltimore Herald.

Qualified.

"Such weather!" exclaimed Mr. Henry Peck. "I'm free to say this—"

"What's that, Henry?" interrupted his wife.

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