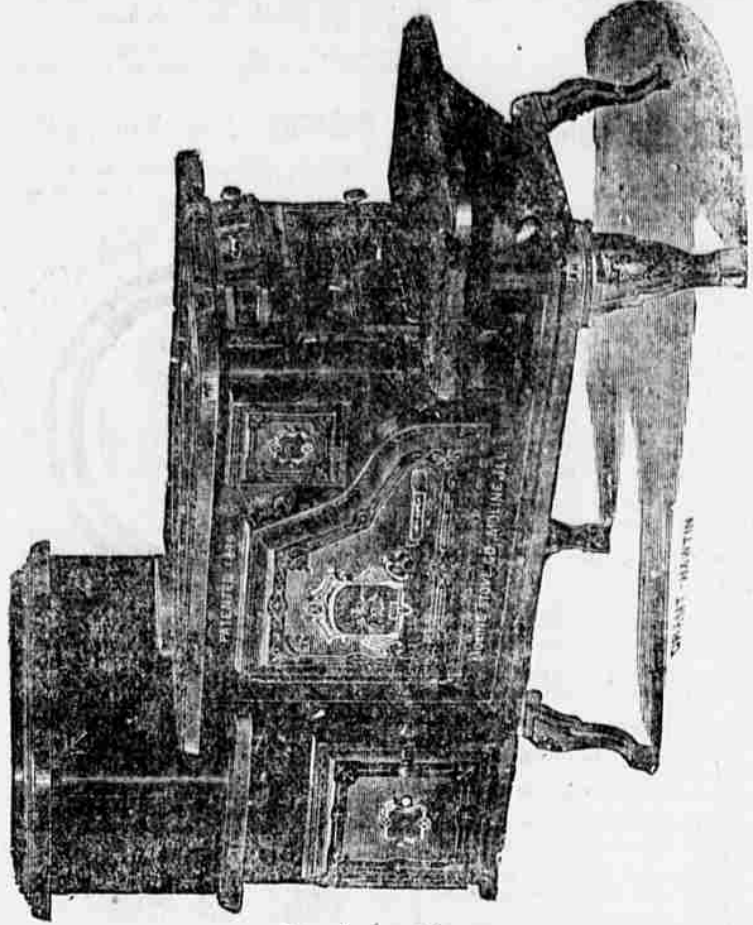


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THE GROWTH OF CITIES.

Order of Progress--Proportion of the New York Times. Sexes. The census figures show 245 cities having a population of 10,000 or more, and as the one at the foot of the list--Columbia, S. C.--has only 40 over the 10,000, later corrections may carry the number up to a round 250. New York stands 43,700 short of a million and a quarter, but if Brooklyn, Jersey City and Hoboken were added, the "Metropolitan district" would just miss a round two millions (1,924,653). New York, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn stand at the head of the list, as in 1870; St. Louis and Chicago, which stood fourth and fifth in 1870 (310,864 and 298,977), shift positions, Chicago becoming fourth, with 563,185, and St. Louis falling back two places, with 550,518, while Boston slips from seventh place up to fifth (362,839), and Baltimore drops from the place to the seventh (329,213). The eighth place is held by Cincinnati, as in 1870, although comparison as to that city is confused by the exclusion of some territory included in 1870. New Orleans and San Francisco, which were in ninth and tenth places in 1870 (191,418 and 149,473), exchange places, now having 233,959 and 216,090. After the tenth place in 1870 (held by New Orleans) the order was Buffalo, Washington, Newark, Louisville, and then the figures fell under 100,000, now the order stands the same, with Cleveland and Pittsburg interposed above these four, and Jersey City, Detroit, Milwaukee and Providence are added before the 100,000 limit is passed. The following shows the number of cities in several grades by the last two censuses:

Table showing population ranges and number of cities for 1870 and 1880.

\*These figures are probably not quite complete for 1870, as they are taken from a list of what are now the hundred principal cities. The relative growth of our cities in the decade is interesting, and the following shows this as to the twenty now having 100,000 or more inhabitants each:

Table showing population growth for 20 major cities from 1870 to 1880.

In some of the smaller cities the percentage of growth exceeds any shown above. Minneapolis, Oakland, Cal., Grand Rapids, Wilkesbarre, Des Moines and Holyoke show 100 per cent or more increase; Bay City, Mich., shows nearly 200, and Denver carries the maximum percentage of growth up to 700. Charleston shows of growth of only 1,028, having now 49,984 population; Poughkeepsie has grown only 2,379, showing now 19,743; Mobile and Memphis have retrograded, showing 29,132 and 35,592, a loss of 2,902 and 6,634.

Looking at the division of the sex, we find females predominating in all but five of the twenty largest cities forming the class of 100,000 or more population, the exception being Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cleveland and Pittsburg; in these twenty cities, males are 2,946,507, and females are 3,214,202, an excess of 267,695 in the latter. Of the eighty remaining cities of the list we are examining only seventeen show a predominance of males, namely, Columbus, Ohio; Scranton, Port Wayne, Terre Haute, Des Moines, Springfield, Ohio; Bay City and the more or less border cities of Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Denver, Oakland, Cal.; St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Omaha, Sacramento and San Antonio.

In the 100 cities there is an excess of 34,151 females, and as there is a predominance of males to the extent of 888,290 in the general population, this shows how the female inhabits cities. Whether she comes there by migration, by birth, or survival, or by all three, in a comparatively large measure, is a problem. Another is the comparatively large growth of cities themselves. They can hardly be called the ganglions of the country for they do not exactly supply motive energy to it, although they do send out impulses (as from nerve centers) from their fervid and intense being. They continually draw from the country outside, and it is probably the fact that the successful man even in city was a "country boy," and that, if there were fair god-mothers now who bestowed ante-natal gifts, the wise and kindly ones among them would deprecate country rather than city birth. The cities are distributing centers; they originate less than they exchange and parcel out, and in this view they may be regarded as among the tools of the world.

dyke, drawing slowly on the line. "Now wait, he's there," and Mr. Spoonpdyke became even more cautious in his movements. "See him! There he is! Sculp him quick!" Mrs. Spoonpdyke 'lashed the net into the water and swished around with great vigor. "What ye doing?" yelled Mr. Spoonpdyke, straining up and glaring at her, as she struck a line for Newark bay. "What'd ye think I had there, the bottom of the river! What'd ye suppose I was trying to catch, a church? Take it out! Give it here!" and he grasped the net around the waist and took the net away from her.

"Did I sculp him?" asked Mrs. Spoonpdyke, flushed with her exertions and trembling with excitement. "Sculp him to me! Let me see what he looks like!" "Looks like!" roared Mr. Spoonpdyke. "He looks like Sandy Hook by this time! Why didn't ye sculp him! What's the matter with you!" "I couldn't tell which was his head," faltered Mrs. Spoonpdyke, who hadn't seen anything at all. "Pull him up again, and you'll see if I don't sculp the last hair on his skull!"

The English language lost its last charm for Mr. Spoonpdyke, and he turned to his string with a withering look of contempt for his wife. "Now you be careful," he said at length. "Here's another varmint, and you musn't let him get away. When I say 'Sculp!' you shove the net under him and just bring him aboard."

"Can you see him yet?" asked Mrs. Spoonpdyke, waving the net over her head and peering into the water. "Wait! Yes, there he is! Careful, remember. Now, sculp!" He must have been a crab of phenomenal scholastic advantages to have gotten rid of that sculp, for Mrs. Spoonpdyke, with a view to redeeming herself, went for the end of the string blindly, but with a strength of purpose that made failure impossible. She not only got the crab, but she slammed the net, crab and all over Mr. Spoonpdyke's head.

"What--wah!" shrieked that gentleman as he felt himself impounded. "Lost him again!" exclaimed Mrs. Spoonpdyke, who hadn't the remotest idea what a crab looked like. "Why, dear, what's that awful big spider in the net? Good gracious!" "Take it off!" howled Mr. Spoonpdyke. "Take it--wow! the thing has got me by the ear. Haul him off, will ye?"

Mrs. Spoonpdyke dropped the handle of the net as if it were an old fashioned bonnet, and gazed upon her husband in consternation.

"Gast the crab!" yelled Mr. Spoonpdyke, tearing the net away. "Lot go, ye brute! Wah-h!" and the unfortunate man wrenched the fish from off his ear and dashed it in the bottom of the boat. "What's your scheme in doing that?" he demanded, looking his ear with one flat and slaking the other at his wife. "Think you've got to eat 'em right out of the water? Got a notion that he come up cooked and you must down him quick or he'll spoil!" yelled Mr. Spoonpdyke, enraged beyond all control by the sight of the carnage that trickled down his fingers. "What'd ye mean by it?" and he sprang into the air and alighted on the unhappy crab, slipping up and sprawling full length in the bottom of the boat.

"Was that a crab, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoonpdyke, assisting her husband to arise and contemplating the mangled fish with anything but favor. "Is that what you call a crab? I thought--"

"You thought!" ripped Mr. Spoonpdyke, kicking at the bewildered crab. "That's the trouble with you--you think! Did ye think I was going to stand here and let that crab chew on my ear 'ill his legs ached? I praps thought he was whispering to me! Maybe ye thought he was telling me a funny story! Well, he wasn't, and if he was his voice was so hoarse I couldn't enjoy it. Ye thought, did ye?"

"I thought," repeated Mr. Spoonpdyke, his wrath rising as the pain and fear subsided, "thought a crab talked with his toes like some women, did ye? Oh, you thought! If I had such a head as that I'd fit it up with shuck beds and a stick of gum and start a female boarding school. With your ability to think, you only need a squint and four long words to be a Concord school of philosophy!" and Mr. Spoonpdyke plunged the oars into the water and began to row vigorously.

"Where are you going, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoonpdyke timidly, after her husband and pulled hard for some time.

"Home!" grinned Mr. Spoonpdyke with a horrible expression of visage, "I'm going home to show the people how much damage a rustiating crab asylum can do with one measly crab when she pins herself down to it!"

"Of course," assented Mrs. Spoonpdyke humbly, "but say, dear, wouldn't you get on faster if you untied the boat?" Mr. Spoonpdyke turned and gave a sharp look at the bow. Then he hauled his hat down over his ears, stepped ashore and struck out at a brisk walk.

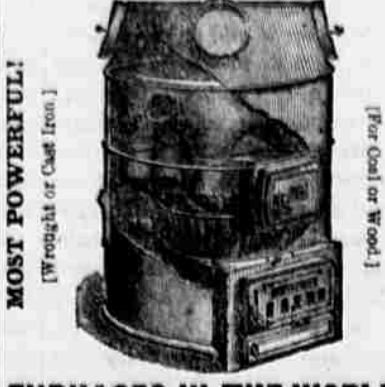
"I don't know," sighed Mrs. Spoonpdyke, as I took her boat in tow. "I don't know, but I don't think I care much for crabbing, though I'm not sure but what it's more fun than walking home on the wrong side of the river with no bridge within seven miles either way!"

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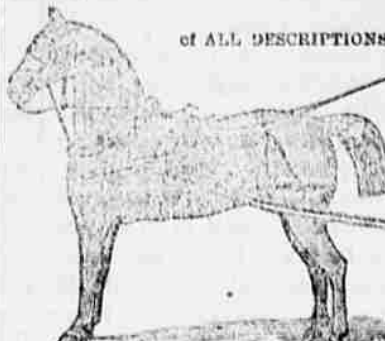
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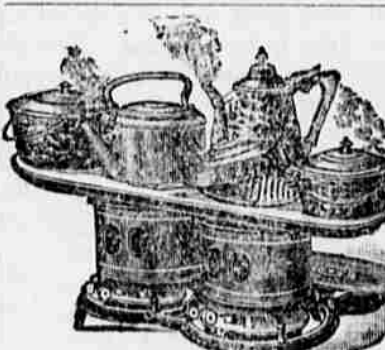
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