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NEW YORK LETTER

LARGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The first $100,000,000 Christmas in the history of the country, so far as any single city is concerned, will be New York's record next Friday. When Father Knickerbocker sits down the day after to figure up the cost of his celebration he is likely to find it in excess of this figure. Reports from stores of all kinds show that at least $75,000,000 will have been spent on presents, and incidentals, such as dinners, entertainments and charities will easily raise the total above the hundred million mark. Outside of actual presents themselves, the biggest item in this record-breaking Christmas bill will be for food. Not less than 2,000,000 oysters will be consumed and the estimated Christmas dinners is as follows: 600,000 pounds of butter, 700,000 pounds of turkey, 3000 roast pigs, 300,000 pounds of beef, 75,000 eggs, 15,000 lobsters, 5000 game birds, 10,000 pounds of chestnuts, 250,000 pounds of potatoes, 500,000 quarts of milk, and 2,500,000 quarts of wines and liquors. These are only the major items of the record-breaking Christmas dinner. At present it is estimated that New Yorkers will spend $50,000,000 and out-of-town people who do their Christmas shopping here $25,000,000 more. The most extensive single purchase yet recorded was for jewelry, amounting to $308,000. More than 200 automobiles, it is reported, will be given as Christmas presents, and stockings in all parts of the city will bulge with gifts of a costly nature. After the lean Christmas last year, as a result of the panic, Father Knickerbocker is apparently anxious to make up for lost time, with the result that this year's Christmas will be the most expensive ever known.

Two years ago a written test disclosed the fact that not a single child in the public schools of this city knew the words of the "Star Spangled Banner." As very few adults know them either, the discovery did not cause as much of a sensation as those who made it evidently anticipated. The whole theory of public school education now promises, however, to come in for severe investigation. Margaret Doolittle, a teacher here, has compiled a series of answers to examination questions of which some of the most astonishing appear in Appleton's Magazine. While the answers are ludicrous the problem which they present is serious. The idea of a vertebra which the New York child gains in school is suggested by answers to the question asking a description of it which include such statements as the following: "Vertebra is a chain of little bones running all around the body. It is considered very dangerous." Another answer to the same question states that "a vertebra is the spinal column and its function is so we won't squeak when we bend over." Other answers showing the general ignorance of the human frame which now prevails in the public school include the following: "The kidney hasn't any definite position; it is said to float." "The large intestine is a tube five feet in diameter leading out of the thorax." The strangest answer to the question as to why a tadpole cannot croak took the form of the following statement: "because it has no legs." One pupil in answer to a question as to the best way of caring for the eyes said "Never look at optical illusions." Tuberculosis seemed to be an unknown quantity, one pupil writing in answer to the demand for simple rules to prevent it, "Tuberculosis is consumption germs which spread very easily. If the handkerchief is dry they float. If it is wet they remain where they are. They should not expectorate in company, neither from nose or mouth." Altogether the juvenile idea of the human body, its functions and diseases, as shown by these school examinations, is remarkable in many ways.

The first job for this city's new sub treasurer just appointed will be the unique and laborious task of counting $282,000,000; that is, the cash on hand in the sub-treasury at the present time. Were the whole of this tremendous amount in bills and coins of the denomination of one dollar each, it would take one man, counting at the rate of 60 pieces a minute, more than 80,000 hours to finish counting them, a matter of 10,000 working days of eight hours each, or something more than 30 years altogether. Indeed if the man who is responsible for the count had to do it all himself he could come nowhere near finishing before another president was elected and his successor appointed, who in turn would have to repeat the whole process. The retiring assistant treasurer cannot be released from his duties until the count is finished. Fortunately, however, the money on hand is not all in one dollar coins and bills, nor must it be counted by one man. The work will be done by 25 experts assisted by a force of laborers, and heavy scales. All the silver, nickel, copper and bills will be gone over, piece by piece, but the gold will only be weighed in sacks, with an occasional count to verify the accuracy of this process. Even so, however, the counting will be a laborious process for there is on hand at present in the sub-treasury $170,000,000 in gold coin, 78,000,000 silver dollars, $2,800,000 in fractional silver, that is dimes, quarters and halves; $300,000 in pennies and nickels, and $30,000,000 in bills. All this amount the new sub-treasurer will have to count and his efforts in this line will be watched with special interest as it is rumored that he will attempt to make a new record.

Matrimony is in a fair way to become an obsolete institution among New York's so-called best society. During the past year the number of marriages in the circle constituting the city's most fashionable set has decreased more than one-tenth, a falling off which in the same class is reflected all over the country though not in such an alarming degree. In what is regarded as the cream of society here only 662 marriages have taken place this year as against 763 last year, a falling off of more than 13 per cent. In other large cities the decrease was much less, while the fashionable world in Washington actually shows an increase in this respect. The decrease in this city is held by experts to be due to the panic last fall, in which man yof the ultra-fashionable were so badly pinched as to make marriage a too expensive luxuary. Another curious fact which has just been brought to light would seem to indicate that New York's "400" will ultimately be composed entirely of men, since fashionable women here are dying at a faster rate than men. While 248 men notable in select society have passed away during the year, the the number of women who died was 298, or an excess of 20 per cent. Heretofore men have always furnished the greater number of fashionable funerals. New York's "400" is not, however, in any great danger of immediate extinction, since the number of persons now admittedly belonging to it is in excess of 29,000.

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The Japanese Cook.

The Japanese are a most imitative and observant people and copy everything they see with minute fidelity. A Newport man engaged a Japanese valet, who was very attentive and satisfactory. His duties rarely took him into the kitchen, but when he had a chance of watching the cook he did so with extraordinary interest.

The cook caught a severe chill and left somewhat suddenly. The lady of the house was in despair, as she could not replace her. At last the valet announced diffidently that he thought he could cook a little, and the mistress gladly agreed to give him a trial. The first thing he started on was the potatoes. He took off his shoes and socks and put his feet in a bath of hot mustard and water. The lady wanted to know what on earth he was doing. He replied that he saw the cook do that when she was peeling the potatoes, and nothing would persuade him that this was not a necessary part of the process.—New York Times.

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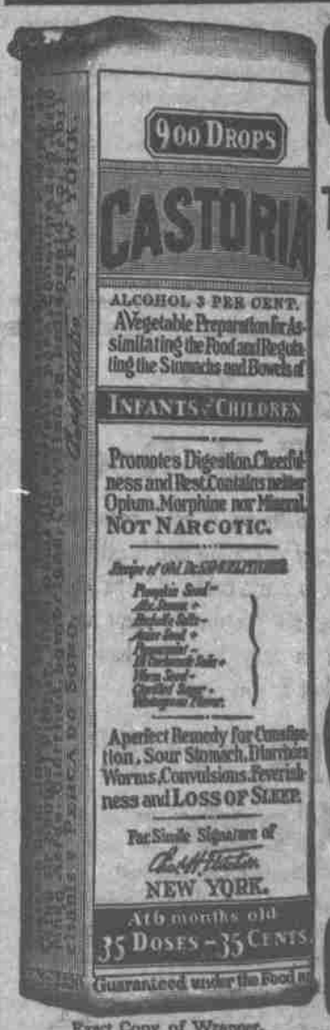

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