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A STORY OF EXPANSION.

The difference between the United States at the moment that Census Director Merriam is about to begin the decennial work of computation and that which his earliest predecessor saw is one of the marvels of history. The population of the United States in 1790, at the time the first national count was made, was, in round figures, 3,930,000. According to the Statistical Abstract, which has just been issued by the government, the population in 1898 was 74,389,000. It will be 77,500,000 by the time that Mr. Merriam's assistants finish their work in 1900. When Franklin, about a century and a quarter ago, told England that the population of the thirteen colonies was doubling every twenty-five years, and would continue for many years to grow at that rate, the world was startled and incredulous. The old philosopher, however, was not astray in his calculations. America for many decades doubled in population at the rate he predicted. It now doubles every thirty years, for the population of 1870 was, roundly stated, 38,560,000, while that of 1900 will be about twice this figure.

For twenty years past the United States has been the wealthiest nation in the world. It is increasing faster in wealth than any other nation. Its growth in wealth exceeds that in population, for while its increase in inhabitants is far more rapid than in any other nation on the globe, the proportion of money in the country is steadily gaining on it. In 1870 the wealth per inhabitant was \$18.73. It was \$24.04 in 1880, \$34.24 in 1890, and \$35.39 in 1898. It is likely to be between \$36 and \$37 in 1900. This growth in wealth is also without a parallel in the record of any other great nation. The amount of money in circulation likewise shows a steady and rapid gain. This was \$21.10 on July 1, 1896. It was \$22.49 at the same date in 1897, and \$24.71 at the middle of 1898. This increase is rendered particularly remarkable by the circumstance that by the use of checks, drafts and the other money economizing contrivances, a dollar is now enabled to do more work than twice or thrice that sum could have done in the early part of the century.

At the time the first head of the census began his count, the area of the United States was 827,844 square miles. It is now, exclusive of Alaska, 3,025,600 square miles. Including Alaska, whose area can be guessed at only approximately, and the recent acquisitions, it is about 3,800,000 square miles. When the first decennial count was made the western border of the United States was the Mississippi river, and its southerly line was a parallel which cuts across the lower ends of the present States of Alabama, Mississippi and that projection of Louisiana which is east of the Mississippi river. All the territory west of the Mississippi at that time belonged to Spain, and all the territory below the southerly line mentioned was owned by the same country. We spread to the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico long ago, and now stretch hundreds of miles farther to the west, and have besides taken in a large strip to the northwest. The changes of the near future may be as amazing as those which have occurred in the past. Under the present rate of increase, which doubles the population every thirty years, there are children now living who will see 300,000,000 people in the United States in its present area, even if the area does not itself expand in the interval. It

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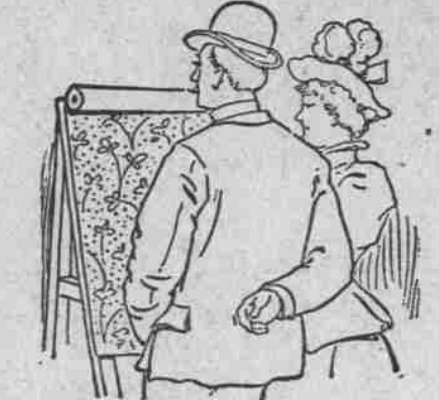
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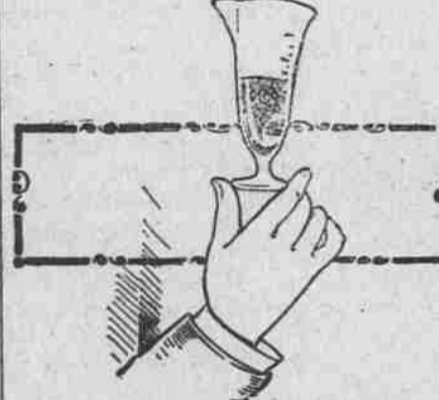
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