

with more profit as facts are used for data. The editor of a Boston paper, unread in theory, sent blanks through Massachusetts to men and women of eighty years and more, inquiring as to the like, getting over 3,500 replies, and if in these there is nothing to refute the assertions of the theorists

all they pleased, and though none of them, if we take their word for it, have drank freely of spirits, all, or nearly all, have taken them on occasion. These old people are from cities, towns, agricultural and maritime districts, in nearly all cases leading active lives, eating three meals a day, the dinner being, as is the custom in New England, in the middle of the day, of meat, vegetables and pie, and very hearty. Curiously enough, though the women are of medium height, the men are mostly tall, above average. And so greatly do blue and gray eyes prevail that other shades are notable exceptions. brown and thick, but the teeth are

These old people, men and women alike, are early risers almost without exception, and fully nineteen out of every twenty have observed this custom through life, except, perhaps in has consisted (when regular occupaoccupation to-day as most men and most significant facts gathered in this canvass is that regarding occupation Out of 1,000 men, throughout life, 461 have been farmers; 92 have been carpenters; 70, merchants; 61, mariners; 49; laborers; 42, shoemakers; 41 manutacturers; 23, clergymen; 23, masons; 16, blacksmiths; 16, bankers; 12 each, iron workers, mill hands, physicians, and lawyers, and the rest are divided among nearly all the other trades and professions. Eight hundred out of twelve hundred of the women have been farmers wives, and all but about fifty of the remainder

Tea and coffee was indulged in by fully two-thirds of the 3,500, with some of them to excess; and of the men, nearly all have both smoked and chewed tobacco, the amount daily consumed by some having been enormons.