WHY WE SHOULD "INCREASE AND MULTIPLY."

The present generation hardly realizes that France, until the fall of Napoleon I., was the paramount power among the civilized nations of the world. The French, on the other hand, are just beginning to realize that they have fallen from their high position, although they still hold their own as one of the great nations whose power is so equally balanced that none is predominant. Jules Roche, Ex-Minister of Commercial Affairs, shows in the Figaro, Paris, that the decline of his country's power is mainly due to the difference in the proportion of the world's population which falls to the share of France in our times. He says:

In the time of Loius XIV. France undoubtedly stood at the head of the whole civilized world, which was then confined to Europe. The Franch were then a people of 20 million souls, united, under one government, and more assimilated than any other nation. England at that time did not contain more than 6 million inhabitants, Germany has no more than France, and Germany was split into about three hundred small states. Prussia had just become a kingdom, and did not have above 2 million souls. Russia, then regarded as outside of the pale of civilization, had about 12 million: Italy had about as many, but was, like Germany, split into impotent little states. Spain counted 8 or 9 million and Poland 10 11. France undoubtedly led; she was not only the most populous, but also the richest and strongest.

"During the time of the great revolution the proportion was still about the same. France had about 25 million souls; Germany about the same, but Germany was still divided, and her strongest state, Prussia, did not have above 6 million people. Great Britain and Ireland had 12 million. France, therefore, was still the strongest and best-united, and this is probably one of the main causes of Napoleon's great victories. When the war with Germany began in 1870, Russia had become the strongest in numbers; she counted 78 million. Bat in the rest of Europe we were still ahead of all others. We had 38 million. Germany had nearly as many, Great Britain and Ireland had less than 30 million. Since 1870, however, a great change has taken place. France lost, with Alsace and Lorraine, 2 million, and our natural increase has been so slow that we have barely made good that loss. We have again 38 million, but are now the fifth only among the most numerous nations. Russia stands first, with 100 million; Germany follows, with 52 million; Great Britain and Ireland have nearly 40 million; Austria-Hungary has over 43 million. Italy follows France with 31 million. The importance of these figures will be understood if we remember that, while France has increased only fifty per cent. during the last hundred years, Great Britain has nearly quadrupled her population, Russia has tripled hers, while Germany has double the number she had before, although she has lost the German Austrians. Prussia alone has nearly five times as many people as in the time of Napoleon I.

"As if all these competition were not enough, there is the United States with nearly 70 million, and Japan with 42 million. In the time of our grandfathers the civilized world belonged to from 80 to 100 million of people, and of these one quarter was of our own nationality. The second generation has not passed away since then, but the world has changed so much that we must learn to make a difference between the political situation during our school-days and its actual aspect We must not forget that the greatest strength of a nation lies in its numbers."—Translated for The Literary Digest.

Only an American city of 200,000 inhabitants could get up such a celebration as was seen in Minneapolis last week. Several thousand school children pulled through the streets the first house erected on the site of the town, while the first settler, with his wife, who lived in it, rode in a carriage at the head of the procession It is only forty-seven years since the pioneer built this cabin with his own hand, and now at the age of 76 he is still a strong and active man. The historic relic was trundled through the streets on wheels four miles to its future site in Minnehaha Park, and the 9000 children who furnished the motive power, in relays a thousand strong, will grow up to remember the occasion with civic pride and pleasant memories. The beautiful little fall made famous by Longfellow is now within the corporate limits of Minneapolis. The real estate valuation of this giant young city is over $119,000,000.

FOR WORK AND WAGES.

The coming campaign is to be a contest for American industry against foreign competition. The republican party will seek a return to power in order that it may reenact the protective system that is essential to our prosperity.

In its last analysis, therefore, it will be a business rather than a political canvass. It will be carried on for the benefit of industry and trade; it will mean work and wages, and its issues will affect the home and the fireside, as well as the nation.

The objects for which the canvass is to be conducted by the republicans renders it in a special sense a workingmen's campaign. This fact should be emphasized at every stage of the contest. Every branch of industry that has been injured and depressed by the democratic tariff ought to organize a republican club to take part in the canvass.

Such clubs of workingmen parading in torchlight processions would have a marked effect upon the popular mind, and would do much to remind the country how widespread have been the disasters caused by Clevelandism.

It is not too much to say tha every great industry of Oregon from wool and hops to fruit has suffered from the democratic tariff. In this state a workingman's campaign would be virtually a clean sweep for a republican party. That, therefore, is the campaign that should be organized. Men who wish work for wages shouln get into line for patriotism, protection and prosperity.—Eugene Register.

Don't Drift Into the Critical Habit.

"Do not drift into the critical habit," writes Ruth Ashmore in discussing "The Critical Girl," in June Ladies' Home Journal. "Have an opinion, and a sensible one, about everything, but when you come to judge people remember that you see very little of what they really are unless you winter and summer with them. Find the kindly, lovable nature of the man who knows little of books. Look for the beautiful self-sacrifice made daily by some woman who knows nothing about pictures, and teach yourself day in and day out to look for the best in everything. It is the every-day joys and sorrows, my dear girl, that go to make up life. It is not the one great sorrow, nor the one intense joy, it is the accumulation of the little ones that constitute living, so, do not be critical of the little faults, and do be quick to find the little virtues and to praise them. So much that is good in people dies for want of encouragement. As I said before, have an an opinion, and a well-thought-one, about everything that comes into your life, but do not have too many opinions about people. Their hearts are not open books, and as you must be judged yourself some day, give them the kindest judgment now."

"The New York Herald counts up seventeen republicans available for the vice-presidency, seven of whom live in New York. It should not be forgotten that no man is big enough for vice-president who is not also big enough to be president.

CLEVELAND'S CONFESSION.

The most significant part of the president's message vetoing the river and harbor bill is that wherein he confesses that democratic rule has not been conducive to the prosperity and welfare of our country. He speaks of "these times of depression business and resulting disapointment in government revenue." It is necessary, he urges, to be economical in expenditures and to forego public improvements, however necessary they may be, because there is no money in the treasury beyond immediate needs, and bonds are being sold to protect the public credit. He does not say in so many words that his party has proved to be miserably incompetent and unworthy of popular confidence or respect, but such is the plain meaning of what he does say. "These times of depressed business" to which he dolefully refers did not exist when the republican party retired from the control of national affairs. They have come in since the beginning of democratic management of the public business, and are directly attributable to that change. The "disappointment in government revenue" to which he directs attention is the result of a democratic tariff law that designed to throttle protection, and that has had the effect of depriving the government of sufficient means to pay its expenses, and inflicting severe injury upon every branch of commerce and industry.

It is in this disastrous result of democratic rule that the main reason is to be found for the determination of the people to restore republican policies and methods. They are thoroughly convinced by the lessons of costly experience that the democratic party is not capable of running the government, and that prosperity is not to be expected under its control of the country's interests. President Cleveland's confession is directly to the point. It tells exactly why public sentiment is moving so strongly in favor of protection, sound money and other sources of material advantage. The desire for good times is at present the controlling force in politics, and it will have its way in the approaching election. There is a party, as the voters are all aware, that knows how to avert the misfortunes that Mr. Cleveland sets forth in his message. When it was in power, there was an abundance of revenue, the public debt was made smaller instead of larger, business of every kind was active and profitable, and labor had steady employment at high wages. All of these blessings disappeared when the democrats took charge of the government. As their president admits, they have substituted a deficit for a surplus and adversity for prosperity; and no other argument is needed to justify the purpose of the country to turn them out by one of the biggest majorities that has ever been cast against any party.—commercial

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THE MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN.

"It is unfortunate that we have in this life of ours, which seems so full to some of us, so many women who can find nothing for their hands to do," writes Edward W. Bok in June Ladies' Home Journal, discussing "Women and Card Parties." "I do not mean by this those whom we call the wealthy and the leisure classes. The greatest dangers to our womanhood do not arise from these classes. The woman most dangerous to modern society is she who is married and yet is indifferent to domestic ties, who lives in boarding houses or hotels, and who is constantly on the lookout for something to occupy her attention. And a woman in this condition generally finds the very thing she shouldn't. Instead of filling up her life with something worthy of her womanhood she drags it out through a succession of such enjoyments as these 'progressive card parties.' As she cannot play alone she seeks company, and, unfortunately, it is never difficult for a woman of this sort to find companions of her own kind. She is one of the types of women who—have made these card parties what they are today among women. The well-bred woman; the woman of intelligence who can see the relative fitness of things; the woman who believes that God gave her something to do in this world; the woman with nice preceptions; the woman who is wholesome in every sense; the woman whom it is good for another woman to know, who says something of value when she speaks, who lifts herself mentally and spiritually above others, whom mothers like their daughters to know and their sons to talk with—believe me, my friend, when I say all this, and I say it in kindness—such women do not play cards during the daytime; they leave that sort of thing to others. They find something else to do—something worthier of them, something better, more elevating, more enlighting, and better fitted to qualify them for their positions in their homes, and their duties toward their husbands and children."

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Attitudinizing Criminal Lawyers.

If great murder trials were private as, we suppose, they never will be, the opposing counsel would not be so ambitious to display their talents as turbulent controversialists for the entertainment of the readers of the newspapers. Take the Fleming trial in New York as an example. The lawyers fight like polecats for no purpose, apparently, than to take full advantage of the rare opportunity a sensational case affords for self-advertising. And think what a chance it is for the average criminal lawyer! Every word, every gesture, every facial expression described and illustrated in half a dozen morning papers—all this makes a man known, makes him famous, a leader of the bar.—Springfield, (Mass.) Republican.

SENATE BOND BILL.

The U. S. senate last week passed a bill forbidding the sale of bonds to maintain the public credit. The measure went to the house where it was referred to the ways and means committee of which Dingley is chairman. The committee reported the bill back with the recommendation that the bill do not pass. The report is signed by 11 republicans and 2 democrats. The report sets out at length the reasons why the republicans think the bill should not pass. The committee says:

"It is not proposed by the senate bill to repeal so much of the resumption act as authorizes the secretary of the treasury to borrow coin to maintain the redemption fund; yet this is the legal effect of the language employed. The attempt to crowd the repeal in reference to further authority of congress is meaningless verbiage for everyone knows without a declaration to that effect, that congress may re-enact a law which has been repealed, and the repeal has been proposed just as congress is ready to adjourn for six months, and with the knowledge that the senate, as at present constituted, would never authorize an issue of bonds to maintain the redemption fund. To propose this when there is and has been for three years a deficiency of revenue inevitably raises the inquiry as to whether it is not the deliberate purpose of the promoters of this bill to plunge the government into repudiation and depreciate the greenbacks.

One excuse which has been given for the passage of the senate bill is that the secretary of the treasury has sold bonds to syndicates instead of offering them first as popular loans. While we sympathize with this criticism, yet this affords substantial grounds for amending the act of 1875 so as to require bonds issued under it to be first offered to the American people and not go about the absolute repeal of all authority to borrow in an exigency.

Another excuse is that the secretary of the treasury has indirectly issued the redeemed United States legal-tender notes for current expenses, thus placing them in a position for a second redemption. This affords grounds for such legislation as will make it practically to continue this practice, but not satisfactory ground for taking from the secretary all power to borrow for the purpose of maintaining the redemption fund.'

After referring to the house bill for a popular loan for revenue, the report says.

"Instead of concurring in these two bills, the senate refused to provide needed revenue or to authorize the issue of temporary certificates of indebtedness, thus practically indorsing the secretary's course, inasmuch as, in the absence of revenue and the authority to borrow to meet the deficiency, the only resource open to the secretary is the use of these United States legal-tender notes.

Our criticism of the secretary is not that he used the redeemed legal-tender to meet the deficiency, in absense of authority to borrow for the distinct object, for no other resourse had been open to him unless the government was to stop, but the administration and secretary refuse to recognize the fact that the revenue was and still is insufficient to meet the expenditures, and have discouraged all steps to provide sufficient revenue, thereby practically insisting on a continuation of the conditions which made i necessary to indirectly use, for current expenses, the proceeds of bonds sold for redemption purposes.

"Practically, therefore, the senate bill takes away from the secretary the power to borrow money, either gold or silver, to maintain the coin redemption fund in the face of the fact that the government owns only $287,000,000 of silver and a little over $100,000,000 in gold that can be used for redemption purposes, which fund would disappear in a very brief perion if it should be understood that the power to borrow in an exigency had been abrogated. The inevitable result of such a reckless course would be repudiation by the government, depreciation of the currency, and such a panic in the country as was never before witnessed".

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WHEN MAKING UP HER MIND.

"The first right of a woman in love is to be protected from her friends while she considers the man whom she thinks of loving," writes Lillian Bell in an article on "Womans Right in Love," in June Ladies Home Journal. "The well-meant blunderings of vitally interested friends has spoiled many a promising love affair which might have resulted in a marriage so much above the ordinary that it could almost be termed satisfactory. At no time in a girl's life has she a greater right to work out her own salvation in fear and trembling than during the period known as 'making up her mind.' If she is the right kind of a girl, honest and delicate minded, it is nerve racking to be talked about, and sacrilege to be talked to. The bloom is on the grape then when a rude touch mars forever. Yet these kind friends never think of the delicate, touch-me-not influences at work in a girl's soul or that the instinct to hide her real interest in the man precludes the possibility of her daring to ask to be let alone. So they, in their over-zeal and ambition, either make the path of love so easy and inevitable that all the zest is taken out of it for both, (for lovers never want somebody to go shead and baste the broblem for them; they want to blind stitch it for themselves as they go along,) or else by critical nagging, and balancing the eligibility of one suitor against the other, these friends so jar and upset the poor girl that she doesn't know what man she wants, and so turns her back on them all. In point of fact, when a man is in love, and a girl is trying to retura his love—when she is weighing out their adaptability and balancing his love of football against her passion for Browning—during the delicate, tenative period, when the most affectionate solicitude from friends is an irritation, there ought to be a law banishing the interested couple to an island peopled with strangers, who would not discover the delicacy of the situation until it was too late to sp il it."

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HOUSE NERVES.

A recent writer on medical subjects has invented the name "house nerves," which he applies to a particular kind of low spirits and morbid irritability. The disease, for such it is called, attacks those persons, especially, who remain too much indoors.

Sometimes this keeping in the house is largely a matterr of indolent habit, often, of course, it seems to be necessary on account of the pressure of family duties; and not infrequent y it is encouraged or induced by a dread more or less ill-founded, of exposure to the weather.

A distressing symptom of the malady is a chronic state of evil foreboding. The victim of house nerves studies herself, her ailments, her wants, her lonliness; or she is forever anticipating trouble for herself, her husband and children. Living so much within herself, it is easy for her to fall into a habit of brooding over trouble, be the same real or imaginary.

This condition of worry not only works injury to her health, but reacts upon her disposition, till she becomes perhaps, what specialists in nervous diseases calls a "nagging woman," and then, as a matter of course, home is made uncomfortable and matters go from bad to worse.

And much of this trouble would be avoided if the woman would only be more out of doors. The inhabitants of southern Europe suffer much less from nerves than those who live further north, the reason being, as seems most likely, because the climate shuts them much less in the house.

Nowhere are nervous patients more numerous than in the United States, and therefore, it is well for everyone to know that the best relief is not to be found in drugs; but in sunlight, pure air and innocent diversion, To avoid "house nerves" keep as much as possible out of the house. Sunshine will do much to brighten the mind itself.—Youth's Companion

A Man and a Bargain Counter.

When Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo went south on steamer Columbia last year he followed the example set by many new travelers and secured a memento of every place visited. At Panama he concluded that the best thing he could buy to remember the country and at the same time secure a useful result was to purchase a Panama hat. Hats of the genuine quality are quite expensive, but he was in a generous mood, and so when the dealer showed him a hat of such expensive quality that it could be folded and passed through a napkin ring without damage, and asked him $40 for it he paid it with out a murmur. The hat was a beauty, and he placed it carefully away in his trunk. Last Monday was a hot day and so he concluded to bring forth his genuine $40 Panama hat. He did so and received several compliments on his way from his home to the navy department. There several of his friends spoke of his handsome headgear, and he, considerably flattered over the universal approval of his selection, held forth in an eloquent manner of the excellence of his purchase and the desirability of getting things right on the ground, in order to insure their being genuine. In the midst of one of his bursts of eloquence a newspaper man picked up the hat, looked closely at the lining and discovered there the brand of a New York hat manufacturer, revealing that the $40 hat had been made in New York and sent to Panama for sale. It was ascertained that the same hat could be obtained in New York for $5. The assistant secretary's remarks are not quoted.—Troy Timer.

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