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Surprising Figures



Automobiles

AT the close of 1905, eighty-five thousand automobiles were in use in the United States, or one to every one thousand inhabitants. New York State leads with twenty-three thousand six hundred and fifty machines in use, while Arizona has only three.

Divorce Increasing

DIVORCE seems to be growing more prevalent every succeeding year. In 1895 there were two hundred and two divorces in New York city. In 1904 there were eight hundred and forty-three.

The same increase is true of Chicago, where in 1895 there were eleven hundred and forty-five divorces, and in 1904 there were twenty-three hundred and fifty. In Philadelphia in 1904 six hundred and fourteen divorce cases are on record, against three hundred and sixty-four in 1895. In Boston there were two hundred and sixty-nine cases of divorce in 1895, and five hundred and twelve in 1904.

Nearly all the larger cities show a corresponding increase of divorces.

Life-Saving Service

IN perhaps no other country is the life-saving service as proficient as in the United States.

The system was first established in 1871, and there are at present two hundred and seventy-seven life-saving stations supported by the Government, one hundred and ninety-two of which are on the Atlantic coast, sixty-eight on the Great Lakes, sixteen on the Pacific coast, and one at the falls of the Ohio River near Louisville.

There were only three hundred and sixty-five disasters along the coasts during the year ending June 30, 1905, and out of four thousand and eighty-nine persons involved only twenty-seven were lost.

Occupations for Women

BASED upon the returns of the last census, there are in the United States to-day more than a million females over ten years of age, engaged in agricultural pursuits; but nearly two-thirds of these are the colored women and children at work in the cotton, tobacco, and sugar plantations. There are, however, 800,000 engaged in trade and transportation, and 1,500,000 in trade and mechanical pursuits, chiefly, of course, dressmaking, millinery, and sewing.

Still, there were in 1900 about 3,500 female ironworkers in foundries, furnaces, and rolling-mills, and 2,000 oyster "men," or rather oyster women, and 1,500 tanners.

Among what might be called the curiosities of the census is the recording of 6,663 female messenger, errand, and office "boys," 4,392 female bundle and cash "boys," 906 female "draymen," 970 female office "boys," 100 female "lumbermen" and "raftsmen," eighteen female "longshore men," ten female "baggagemen," and three female "brakemen."

As Railroad Hands

Few people have ever seen women railroad conductors, yet there are seven; or locomotive engineers and firemen, yet there are forty-five; or street-car conductors, of which there are forty-six, and two "motormen."

If any wish the privilege of being interred by women, there are 326 such undertakers, one-third of whom are in the State of New York, most of the others living in Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Illinois, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. There are also ninety-one women sextons.

Although women are supposed to like auctions, it must be chiefly as buyers, for there are only three auctioneers of that sex.

On the other hand, there are 185 female blacksmiths, mostly in New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri, and 624 female coal miners.

While there are 155 brick- and stone-masons, forty-four plasterers, 123 plumbers and gas-fitters, and 143 stone-cutters, there are only two women roofers.

Two Thousand Saloonkeepers

The 2,100 female saloonkeepers evidently either tend their own bars or prefer the other sex, for there are only 440 women bartenders. There are 879 female "watchmen," "policemen," and detectives to keep order.

There are 113 female woodchoppers; most of them in the Southern States, although New York and Wisconsin are not destitute of them.

There are almost as many actresses as actors; authoresses as authors; half as many more musicians and music teachers; and three times as many school-teachers.

Among the other trades with which women are not usually associated are eleven well-borers, eight boiler-makers, ten wheelwrights, twenty lumber-yard employees, six ship carpenters, eighty-five bootblacks, 1,320 hunters, trappers, and guides, five pilots, seventy-nine hostlers, eighteen coal-yard laborers, twenty-one stevedores, eight veterinary surgeons, and sixty-seven sailors.

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