

**WORLD CONTRIBUTES**

How the Population of the United States Is Made Up.

Some Interesting Facts Ascertained Through the Last Official Census—Rate of Increase of Native Born.

In June, 1900, there were in the United States proportionately a few more females than in 1890, a greater proportion of the population was native born, and there were also proportionately more whites; or, stated conversely, there were proportionately fewer males, fewer foreigners and fewer blacks than ten years ago.

During the past ten years the number of women has been growing slightly more rapidly than the number of men; the native born population has increased at nearly double the rate of increase of the foreign born, the foreign element having increased at less than one-third of the rate of increase of the foreign born during the preceding decade, and the number of whites has increased to quite an extent more rapidly than has the number of blacks.

These are the main conclusions derived from a study of the figures presented in a recent census bulletin, states the Chicago American.

The total population of the United States on June 1, 1900, was 76,203,387, including persons enumerated at military and naval stations and naval ships abroad and in Alaska, Hawaii, Indian Territory and Indian reservations.

This great total consisted of 39,059,242 males and 37,244,145 females—a majority for the males of 1,815,097. Expressed differently, of each 10,000 inhabitants 5,118 were boys and men and 4,882 were girls and women. Ten years before there were 32,315,063 males and 30,754,693 females, or of every 10,000 inhabitants 5,124 were males and 4,876 were females. The females have thus increased only a very little more rapidly than the males. In 1890, in 10,000 inhabitants there were 236 more men than women, whereas in 1900, in the same number of inhabitants, there were 248 more men than women. Expressed in percentages, there has been an increase in males of 20.9 per cent. and in females of 21.1 per cent.

Of native born persons there were 65,843,302 and of foreign born 10,460,085 in 1900—that is, of every 1,000 persons in 1900 863 were born in the United States and only 137 outside the borders of the country. In 1890, on the other hand, there were 53,761,665 native born and 9,308,691 foreign born, or of every 1,000 persons 852 were native and 148 foreign born.

During the ten years the native born increased at nearly double the rate of increase of the foreign born, the former increasing 22.5 per cent. and the latter only 12.4 per cent. If we exclude the foreign born counted in Hawaii, Alaska and at military and naval stations abroad, in the United States itself the foreign element increased by only 1,091,729, or 11.8 per cent., whereas during the preceding decade it increased by 2,569,604, or 28.5 per cent.—that is, during the last ten years the foreign element increased at less than one-third of its rate of increase during the preceding decade. In absolute numbers there was an addition to our native born population of 12,081,637 and to our foreign born of 1,151,994.

There are 1 Japanese, 2 Chinese, 3 Indians, 116 negroes and 878 whites in every 1,000 of the population. The totals of the different classes are 66,079,092 white persons, 8,849,782 persons of negro descent, 119,050 Chinese, 85,286 Japanese, and 296,769 Indians, or a total colored element of 9,312,585 persons.

**TALK OF THE TOOLS.**

The Carpenter's Assistants Hold a Meeting After the Master Is Gone.

The carpenter had put down his tools and gone for his luncheon, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Life for me is a perfect bore," said the Auger.

"I'm a little hoard myself," said the Small Plank.

"There is no art in this country," observed the Screwdriver. "Everything's screwed in my eyes."

"You don't stick at anything long enough to know what you're driving at," interjected the Glue.

"That's just it," said the Screw. "He never goes beneath the surface the way Jack Plane and I do."

"Tut!" cried the Saw. "I go through things just as much as you do. Life's stuffed with sawdust."

"Regular grind," said the Grindstone.

"I agree with you," observed the Bench. "It doesn't make any difference how well I do my work, I'm always sat on."

"Let's strike," said the Hammer.

"That's it!" cried the Auger. "You hit the nail on the head that time."

"I'll hit it again," retorted the Hammer, and he kept his word, but he hit the wrong nail. That is why the carpenter now wears his thumb in a bandage. It was his thumb nail the hammer struck.

Wants His Pills Sugar-Coated.

An Evanston man has gone from the Methodist to the Presbyterian church because he couldn't have his preaching done to order, says the Chicago Record-Herald. There's nothing like knowing what you want and going after it if it isn't handed to you.

Ban on Lord's Prayer.

In Minnesota they have just barred the Lord's Prayer out of the public schools. The constitution, comfortingly declares the Chicago Record-Herald, continues, however, to permit its use in the home.

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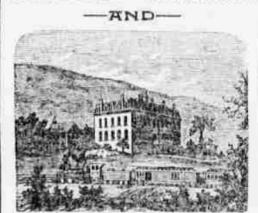
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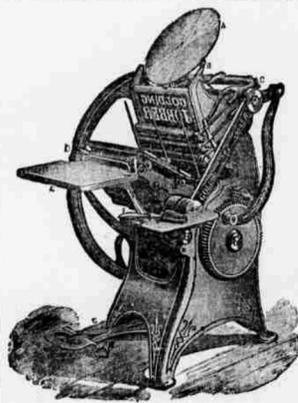
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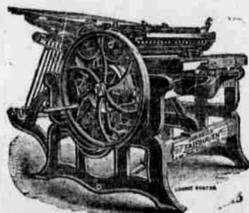
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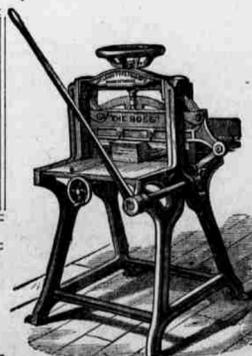
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