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Diagram A.

Showing the actual amount by which the Insurances in force was increased by twenty-one American Life Insurance Companies, during 1869:

1. Life Association of America,	$21,172,073
2. Equitable Life of N. Y.	$19,190,401
3. Mutual Life of N. Y.	17,115,674
4. New York Life	14,313,396
5. Continental Life of N. Y.	13,961,448
6. National Life of U. S.	9,604,574
7. Northwestern of Wis.	9,474,818
8. Phœnix Mutual Life	8,755,719
9. Globe Mutual Life	6,187,667
10. Mutual Benefit Life	6,9[illegible]5,618
11. Charter Oak Life	6,785,963
12. Washington Life	6,530,714
13. New England Mutual	5,813,737
14. Guardian Mutual	4,931,995
15. Knickerbocker Life	4,285,137
16. Penn Mutual Life	4,097,307
17. Conn. Mutual Life	4,010,239
18. Union Mutual Life	3,697,077
19. St. Louis Mutual Life	3,583,422
20. John Hancock Life	3,053,309
21. Germania Life	3,032,992
22. Ætna Life	2,839,399
23. Brooklyn Life	2,689,079
24. World Mutual Life	887,807
25. Universal Life	311,933
26. N. J. Mutual Life	67,291
27. North American Life	274,451
28. Manhattan Life	37,321

NOTICE.—The figures in the above Diagram are copied from the sworn statements of the several Companies as published in the Official Report of the New York State Insurance Department recently issued. They are undoubtedly correct.

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WAS IT MY FAULT, OR HERS?

BY D. E. DE FOREST.

Like the far lamp that lights the sailor faintly,
Like some old word brought back by memory quaintly,
Like some old name that time has rendered saintly,
Comes the low echo of my early love.

Something, at times when I am not expecting,
Linking vague thoughts that else have no connecting,
From some blank past that else has no reflecting,
Startles the image of my early love.

In some strange cadence of the year's last breezes—
In some strange key the year's last songster seizes
From some wave's song that rises and decreases,
Sounds out the music of my early love.

In some weird color of a bright sun setting,
In some weird flash of the rainbow's netting,
Clearer for that I was almost forgetting,
Blazes the glory of my early love.

Right in the midst of most familiar thinking—
Right in the midst of laughter, song, and drinking,
With steady look from which there is no shrinking,
White robed and speechless stands my early love.

Strange doubts arise that baffle all my trying,
Hard questions spring on harder questions lying,
Amusing thoughts ashaming all denying,
Come with the coming of my early love.

Where—where has gone that Summer tide of feeling?
Its roses, birds, its soft-winged zephyrs stealing,
Like seraphs to the shrine where I was kneeling,
To that pure form, my holy, early love?

Was it my fault or hers—the hill descending—
Soft moss beneath, food branches overbending;
Was it my fault or hers, that beyond mending
Shattered the chalice of my early love?

There was no discord in the world surrounding;
Long lines of glory all the hills were bounding;
And peaceful songs from the far sea were sounding.
All things were friendly to my early love.

All things were friendly—brooks and branches singing—
The bridal clematis on hedges clinging—
The bridal lillies in the valley springing—
All things were friendly to that early love.

All things were friendly—noon and twilight blended,
Her hand unto my hand was half extended.
Was it her fault or mine that there was ended
The sweet communion of my early love?

I cannot say. No cruel word was spoken,
Eye gave to eye the same familiar token,
Not even friendship at the time was broken,
But still it perished there—my early love.

I cannot tell. She loved to be beside me.
Kind words, kind smiles she never once denied me;
And for myself, I thought no storm could hide me;
Threat, drive or promise draw from that dear love.

Was it her fault or mine—caution or madness,
That from the grove where we had gone to gladness
We carried hearts so overfilled with sadness.
Leaving among the woods our early love?

Some evil mind that moment was repining;
Some evil star upon that hour was shining.
It was not hers, it was not my designing,
That sent the death chill through our early love.

Not hers, not mine. Things here are all unrighted,
Faith turns to doubt. Love fades as soon as plighted.
But still, wait on! We yet shall be united,
When the last trump awaks our early love.

"Josh Billings" and His Family.

An exchange says, Lanesboro, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, boasts of Henry Shaw, *alias* "Josh Billings," as one of her sons. His father was "Squire Shaw," well remembered by inhabitants of that town, and looked up to as one of their first men. The 'Squire was not a native of the town, but removed there when a young man, and there married. He owned four or five farms of several hundred acres, and was considered worth about $400,000 at the time of his death. He was odd to the last degree, and when he was married, drove with his intended bride, Miss Laura Wheeler, of the same town, to New Lebanon, N. Y., where they were united by a Justice of the Peace for $1. The "Squire" had ten children (four sons and six daughters), of whom "Josh," the second, fully inherited his fathers odity. The old gentleman removed from Lanesboro to New York, (where he became a Democratic Alderman), because of the too near location of an iron furnace to his grounds. "Josh" is now about fifty years of age, tall, round shouldered, and with an indescribable comic expression on his face, which he always had. He is now supposed to be worth about $200,000. Of the other children the sons are all dead. The mischievous genius of the oldest, Robert, will long be remembered by the old inhabitants of Lanesboro. He was credited with taking down the church bell, putting geese into the pulpit Saturday night, burrying kegs of powder and exploding them, to cause an earthquake, and numberless other pranks of like nature. Five daughters still survive, one of whom was married to the late Charles M. Emerson, of Pittsfield.

THE CALIFORNIA EXPERIMENT IN TEA CULTURE.—The San Francisco *Bulletin* of the 13th inst., supplies the following latest information on this subject:

Several thousand tea plants were received here last year from Japan, and after lying in store for some time were set out in a plantation on Mr. Brannon's estate at Calistoga. The plants had been so long out of their native earth, and were in such condition when received at Calistoga that it was doubted whether any of them would live. About ten or fifteen per cent., however, put forth leaves and will probably grow in time into respectable tea-shrubs, though not at present in a very thrifty condition. At the same time a quantity of Japanese tea-seed was received and planted out in the same locality. The seeds all germinated, and the young plants appear so thrifty that no doubt is now entertained of the success of the experiment, and Mr. Perkins, who has the matter in charge, having recently received from Eugene M. Van Reed, of Kanagawa, a fresh supply of several hundred pounds of seed, is now engaged in planting them, Mr. Brannon having renewed his lease and made arrangements for starting a tea plantation on an extensive scale. We are not without hope that California tea may in a few years become a staple article in the markets of the United States, and ultimately rank in importance with our grain crops, and the products of our vineyards and orchards.

SOME men find life unendurable if they cannot lay wagers. At Binghamton a favorite mode of winning "the drinks" is for a sharper to bet with a yokel that he can stand an egg on end "right out on the floor," and the yokel can't break it with a half-bushel measure. The bet is taken and the fiend in human shape puts the egg precisely in the corner, and if you wish to know how it is yourself you would do well to try the experiment. According to the Washington *Star*, a man named Henderson accepted a bet of $500 that he can eat one partridge per day for thirty days, eating, meantime, anything else he likes. The difficulty he will experience in winning comes from the fact that, although a single partridge is delicious eating, yet when one has to eat it every day for any length of time it becomes repulsive and nauseating in the extreme.

FOR ways that are obscure and tricks that are calculated to take the conceit out of the nineteenth century, the eary Egyptians were peculiar. It is now ascertained that carbolic acid, our latest discovery in medical chemistry, was used in the processes employed to embalm and preserve the mummies.

THE other day, while the legislative committe were walking through the wards of the Lunatic Hospital of Rhode Island, one of the female patients, after looking curiously at the group, said, "Well, I declare! if there ain't the animals from Noah's ark."

The New Organization of the House.

Cor. of the Journal of Commerce.

WASHINGTON, February 20, 1871.

So far there is no organized opposition to the re-election of Speaker Blaine. There is no doubt that the increased representation of the revenue tariff interest will require a more equal distribution of control of the committees between the extreme protectionists and more moderate men on that issue. The prominent candidates for chairmanship of the Committee of Ways and Means are Judge Kelley, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Hooper of Massachusetts. But there will be strenuous objection to both these gentlemen. The objection of the Western members who are elected as low tariff men, will be directed pointedly against Mr. Kelley, he being the recognized leader of the protectionists in the House. But as Mr. Blaine is himself a strong protectionist, he will not object to Mr. Kelley on that account, unless obliged to yield to the pressure from the Western members. The only objection to Mr. Hooper is on the question of locality. Mr. Dawes, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Mr. Banks, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, are men who cannot well be relieved of those positions, and if Mr. Hooper should be made Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Massachusetts would monopolize all the important Chairmanships of the House Committees.

Under these circumstances some new man may be brought in. Mr. Garfield is talked of in a positive manner. Certainly his advocates cannot be serious in the announcement; that he is to be made Chairman of the most important committee in the House. He is now Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee. That branch of the business affords ample scope for his, or any other man's abilities. He is faithful and efficient in that capacity. The great question now is, who will be Mr. Schenck's successor in the Ways and Means Committee?

Hon. Edward McPherson and Otis S. Buxton, clerk and doorkeeper of the House have no opposition. It is believed they will be nominated unanimously. There are four candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms, and five for Postmaster. It is difficult to predict the result of the contests for those two offices. The whole reorganization will commence on the fourth of March, which will be one week from next Saturday. C.

Harrison County.

From the Telegraph.

—Capt. B. B. Stout has sold his Shinnston farm to J. B. Harrison for $5,000, and purchased 342 acres of Judge Lee, within 1½ miles of Clarksburg, for $10,000. This is $29 per acre. The land is west of town, beautifully located and underlaid with immense beds ot bituminous coal. This is regarded as the best purchase made in this county for some time past.

—The question of a gas works in Clarksburg is being discussed. Col. Despard has subscribed $1,000, and Gen. Goff $500 towards it, and others have made liberal subscriptions.

—The McManaway Hotel in Clarksburg has been leased by Mr. D. J. Wamsley, of Worthington. Price $1,000 a year. Peter Camp, of the Camp House, Fairmont, has leased the Dent House in Clarksburg.

—Col. Burton Despard, proposes, during the coming summer, to erect a large block of brick buildings on the corner of Main and Despard streets. The structure will be of modern architecture, and the finest structure in the State outside of Wheeling.

—Two gentlemen in Bridgeport, this county, expect to raise $772,51 worth of Onions next season, from 2½ acres of ground.

A Timely Hint Concerning a Humorist.

The Boston *Journal* says: Within our own times there have been several instances of great promise in the field of letters which were not borne out in mature fruit. The vein worked by Mr. Bret Harte is certainly peculiar and valuable—whether it is deep and broad is yet to be seen. In coming to our older and more decorous society, he will run the risk of cutting himself off from the sources of his genuine power. The writer, of all men, cannot make bricks without straw; though all have not the fine conscientousness of Charlotte Bronte, who, when she was asked why she had not written another book said she had not lived enough to gather the requisite material. And then, besides the danger of Mr. Harte's writing too much, the public will tire of the range within which he has hitherto moved. The miner and other California lay figues, including the "cuss" and other vernacular curiosities, will lose their freshness, and Mr. Harte will have to "move on." The best assurance that he will meet the new ordeal lies in the fact, as we learn, that he is a very careful, pains-taking writer, ever anxious to learn, and therefore likely to keep on growing.

Ahead of Time.

A curious mistake took place one morning last week in the ringing of the bells of the Catholic churches of Zanesville, Ohio. As is well known, says a local paper, the bells of these churches are rung every morning at six o'clock, and so punctially is it performed that they answer the purpose of a clock to families and persons residing within hearing. On the morning in question the sexton of St. Thomas' Church, who is an old man, either deceived by his clock, or mistaking the hands of the dial, rang his bell at the hour of three o'clock in the morning, three hours before the usual time. The loud-voiced peals of the bell rang out and trembled away, caught the ear of many a sleeper and waked them from their slumbers. Among these were the sexton of St. Nicholas church, who hurriedly rushed to the bell-ropes, and soon the chimes from the belfry of that church rang out into the stilly night. Breakfast was hurriedly prepared in different parts of the city, and workmen, in several instances, started to the streets on their way to the scene of their daily toil. Clocks in the greater number of instance where mistakes occurred, corrected the error.

MANY of our readers have heard of the depredations of a huge wolf that has been hunted in Itawamba county. A large reward was offered by the citizens for his body, and last week it was killed near Bull Mountain by Mr. G. W. Moore, after he had slain thirty sheep for one man. He measured five feet eight inches in length, and weighed ninety-five pounds. He was nearly three feet in height, and measured sixteen inches through the shoulders, and nine inches across the head. —*Aberdeen (Miss.) Examiner*

PROFESSOR FOWLER recently visited the Massachusetts State prison "in the interest of phrenology," and asked to see some of the prisoners. The warden sent for a clear-eyed, smiling fellow, with well-shaped head, and soon Fowler had his hands on him. "Well, Mr. Haynes," said Fowler, "you've got this fellow here once, but you won't catch him again." "Perhaps he will learn wisdom by long experience," the warden answered; "he is in here for the seventh time."

A LEASE was recorded at the register of deeds' office in Lowell, recently, which contained an amusing provision. Certain premises were leased to a certain party—A. B., "during the term of her natural life," and then the lessee goes on to promise that "she will pay the said rents in yearly payments, and to quit and deliver up the premises to the lessor or her attorney peaceably and quietly at the end of the term!"

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