RATIO OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1894.

RAT	TIES, DEC. 3	
EQU	TABLE	25,40 pc
Mutu	al	12.55 pe
New	York	15.30 pc
North	western	23,83 pc
Mutu	al Benefit	7.46 pc
Coun	ecticut Mutual	14.25 pc
Ætos		19,55 pe
Fenn	Mutual	10.34 pc
	Life and Trust	
New	England Mutual	9.23 pc

ASSURANCE IN FORCE, 1894.	PEC. 31,
EQUITABLE	913,556,733
Mutual	854,710,761
New York	813,294,160
Northwestern	340,697,56
Mutual Benefit	209,369,528
Connecticut Mutual	156,686,87
Ætna	135,907,796
Penn Mutual	126,537,07
Prov. Life and Trust	103,671,92
New England Mutual	93,868,38

INCOME SAVED FOR INV IN 1894.	ESTMENT
EQUITABLE	816,243.943
Mutual	14,877,688
New York	12,343,884
Northwestern	8,785,132
Mutual Benefit	2,192,565
Connecticut Mutual	620,199
Ætna	1,689,380
Penn Mutual	2,098.393
Prov. Life and Trust	2,191.993
New England Mutual	769.743

EQUITABLE	197,178,100
Mutual	100,194,853
New York	108,551,798
Northwestern	82,750,484
Mutual Benefit	17,049,069
Connecticut Mutual	8,801,483
Ætos	12,219,441
Penn Mutual	15,251,868
Prov. Life and Trust	17.891 778
New England Mutual	7,172,342

INCREASE IN SURPLUS IN 10 YEARS, 1895-'94.

New England Mutual..... -453,78

INCREASE IN ASSURANCE IN FORCE IN 10 YEARS, 1895-'94.

82,557,210

SURPLUS EARNED IN 1	894.
EQUITABLE	8,181,068
Mutual	8,010,801
New York	5,209,639
Northwestern	4,003,745
Mutual Bonefit	1,983,648
Contecticut Mutual	1,816,234
Ætna	1,165,678
Penn Mutual	1,008,160
Prov. Life and Trust	1,142,404
New England Mutual	863,662

CASH DIVIDENDS PAID IN	1894.
EQUITABLE8	2,139,735
Mutual	1,308,343
New York	1,681,750
Northwestern	1,261,325
Mutual Benefit	1.674,26
Connecticut Mutual	1,265,413
Ætna	806,850
Penn Mutual	750,281
Prov. Life and Trust	644,683
New England Mutual	530,583

INCREASE	IN	PRE	MIUM	INCOME
			1885-	
			1.00	

EQUITABLE	24,007,601
Mutual	22,272,905
New York	18,452,023
North western	9,381,890
Mutual Benefit	3,278,187
Connecticut Mutual	-29,465
Ætna	2,145,014
Penn Mutual	3,564,967
Prov. Life and Trust	2,509,757
New England Mutual	1,075,849

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INCREASE IN INTEREST INCOME IN 10 VELRS 1885.394

EQUITABLE	4,658,645
Mutual	3,882,786
New York	4,176,860
Northwestern	2,215,320
Mutual Benefit	991,896
Connecticut Mutual	431,179
Ætna	534,458
Penn Mutual	682,831
Prov. Life and Trust	851,761
New England Mutual	281.684

10 YEARS, 1885-'9	1.
EQUITABLE	28,666,246
Mutual	26,661,211
New York	22,650,562
Northwestern	11,610,159
Mutual Benefit	4,266,385
Connecticut Mutual	401,565
Ætna	2,578.971
Penn Mutual	4,239,814
Prov. Life and Trust	3,390,758
New England Mutual	1,336,994

NCREASE IN PAYMENTS ICY HOLDERS IN 10 YE	
1885-794.	
EQUITABLES	12,278,566
Mutual	7,166,195
New York	8,930,045
Northwestern	2,665,193
Mutual Benefit	2,619,123
Connecticut	687,506
Ætna	1,142,009
Penn Mutual	2,678,353
Prov. Life and Trust	1,726,518
New England Mutual	657,042

INCOME SAVED FOR INV IN 10 YEARS, 1885-	
EQUITABLE	26,000,761
Mutual	91,621,748
New York	97,643,828
Northwestern	48,421,138
Mutual Benefit	16,775,122
Connecticut Mutual	8,633,528
Ætna	11,838,533
Penn Mutual	15,001,784
Prov. Life and Trust	17,515,426
New England Mutual,	7,644,951

SURPLUS EARNED IN 10 YEARS Prov. Life and Trust...... New England Mutual. 4,904,633

Prov. Life and Trust New England Mutual.....

Making Love—First Symptoms of Tenderness and How They Were Developed.

A Southern barbecue nowadays is almost always well attended by the young folks, for it is at these gatherings that they learn much of the peculiar and interesting customs of their forefathers. A notable event of this kind occurred in the Fledmont region of South Carolina not long ago when the clan of McBee, in response to invitations issued by Squire Alexander McBee, met at "McBee's Spring." Everybody as interested in his family reunion. The family used to own all of one of the most thriving little cities in the Pedmont section, and still owns a large part of it, and certainly has done more than its share toward necessary. ested in his family reunion. The family used to own all of one of the most thriving little cities in the Fiedmont section, and still owns a large part of it, and cartainly has done more than its share to-

ward peopling it.
Squire Mcliee and his cousin, Squire
William Camp, the only surviving grandsons of Col. Elias Alexander, who was
in his day prominent in the army of the
Revolution and king of the North Caroin his day prominent in the army of the Revolution and king of the North Carolina mountains, were the conspicuous figures of the day. Both have had the title of Squire for fifty years, and both remember well how affairs were going seventy years ago. All the morning the young men and women and their fathers and mothers, too, sat at the feet of the Squires and listened to their tales about the way they used to hunt when they were boys, about the old schools they had attended, and heard stories of camp meetings, ground railies, and other things that have nearly passed away.

After a while a sly youth cast a glance at a young girl, and soon she strolled into the woods near by. He waited until one more story was finished, rose to his feet and stalked after her with a telltale blush. The two Squires looked at each other knowingly, and Squire Camp and to Squire McBee:

raid to Squire McBee: "You know what that means, Squire?

The young ones are co'tin'."
"I've been noticin' for some time," "I've been noticin" for some time, replied Squire McBee, 'that he has been totin' 'possums to her house, but say, Squire, the young folks nowadays don't know what real genuine old co'tin' is, do they? The way is made too easy for

You're right there," answered Squire Camp, "they wouldn't know what on carth to do or say if they had to get in their co'tin' with every member of the family sittin' around the room."

"Heavens, how horrible!" exclaimed a

engagement finger;
"What did you mean, grandpa, by saying that John was totin' 'possums to Mary's house? She 'wouldn't touch a lece of 'possum."
At this the two Squires became garru

At this the two Squires became garru-lous, and Squire Camp explained:
"That was an expression that originated with my father nearly a hundred years ago in regard to co'tin' and now it is proverbial in both States. One night he met a shy young fellow, who was never known to go near a girl, carrying a big.

fat 'possum to a certain young woman's house, and he came home and told us hoys that this man was totin' 'possums to this girl's house, and the saying has gone the rounds ever since."
"Well, if courting in the old days was
so different and so much more difficult

so different and se fluch more difficult than now, tell us about it, please," per-sisted the engaged girl, and every one showed interest in the answer. "You tell her. Squire McBee," said Squire Camp. "You are more experienced

you tell her, Squire Camp, for you always were a great hand for the ladies," and then they slapped each other over the shoulders several times and laughed a great deal, and exchanged many nods and winks before Squire Camplagean.

CO'TIN' IN THE OLD SOUTH

SQUIRE M'BEE'S BARBECUE AND THE STORIES RE TOLD.

DIMENSITIES THE TOLD.

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This was a sure symptom of love. Of course, when he did this she knew that he would mount his own horse and ride home with her, provided another one of her admirers didn't mount quicker and take his place at her side. In this case he had to give up. It was a code of honor among young men of that day to let the man who appeared first have the right of way. If the fellow was lucky enough to get the girl of his choice mounted, and quick enough to mount his own horse and ride up by her side before any one class got the place, he went home with her took dinner and supper, and often remained over night. That was pretty rough on the girl if she didn't happen to facey the man, wasn't it?

"During all of this time the man wouldn't get a moment alone with the girl unless her mother happened to favor him; if she did she would first call out her husband and then the younger children one by one, leaving the couple to themselves in the big room, or she would tell them that she thought, they would find it warmer in the kitchen, and if their love was mutual you may be sure they would skip out to the little log kitchen in the back yard as fast as ever they could go. The loom and the spinnin wheels always stood in the kitchen, and there the family took their meals. Oh, happy was the young man who could get his girl alone in the kitchen."

"Fancy taking your sweetheart into the

happy was the young man who could get his girl alone in the kitchen?"
"Fancy taking your sweetheart into the kitchen," exclaimed a young girl in whose home there are nooks that seem to have been built just for lovers. "That would take all the sentiment out of it for me,"
"When the family was in the kitchen," continued the Squire, absorbed in his own story, "the lovers would manage to get in the back room," where they were sure to be free from interruption, and.

buggy or carriage? The idea of both of them riding to church on the same horse! Why it made them appear per-fectly ridiculous, didn't it?" asked a schoolgirl.

schoolgirl "No, indeed, it did not," promptly responded Squire McBee; "it made her the envy of every girl in the meetin' house who didn't have a beau, and it made him the envy of every man who had looked on his prize tenderly. As for buggies and carriages, there wasn't a one in this part of the State at that time. Frequently one horse carried three persons to church, and the young people were always on a Sunday."

ways on a Sunday."

Squire Camp felt that Squire. McBee
was getting the field, so he hastened to
say: "Cotton pickin's were great times
for co'tin' then."

for co'tin' then."
"You don't mean to say that the young people who composed the society of that time went into the fields and picked cotton?" said a Confederate veteran in

the young folks are slier about it now than they were then."
"Maybe that's it." resumed Squire Camp, "and then another thing, we didn't have any of these here microbes then. I don't really believe that there was a

"Well, to go on with the cotton pickin's refreshments were served sometimes, not always by any means, and, when they were, consisted of chestnuts, gooders, apples, and cider. These gatherings broke up about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening, unless the whole crowd remained over night, which was frequently the case. If so, the girls slept on pallets in the big

sweetheart."
"Well, I don't think that's much hard-

to tell how he won his bride, who has been lead many a year.
But the Squire suddenly remembered that the barbecue was nearly ready, and soon those present began to discuss the viands before them served under the trees near the spring. The young people did no end of talking about the barbarism of old-time courtships.—New York Sun.

Statesmen Fond of Cats.

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Several leading statesmen and politicians have lately shown a great fondness for cats. Possibly the popular belief that cats have nine lives, and cannot be downed, has made them the mascot of the politicians, whose fortunes are always at hazard. Anyhow, it's a fact that cats now reign in the affections of some prominent people.

President Cleveland has six of them, and no nook or corner of the White House is sacred from them. Senator Hill, who has been accused over and over again of having no human affections, has lately succumbed, and now rejoices in the possession of two cats, known as Tom and Jerry, who have the run of his beautiful home at Wolfort's Roost. Whenever he is at home the Senator has these pets about him, and he appears to be very fend of them. Some of his Transact. many nods and winks before Squire Camp began.

"Well, it's just as I told you, co'tin' said a Confederate veterian in amazement.

"Well, it's hould say not." the Squire analysis to be against the young thing seemed to be against the young thing seemed. "Bon't you know the difference of that in'? Cotton pickin' meant the removing of that ing the bell at the conclusion of cau course to summon the builer. Althous Julius saw one dainty after another service the summon the builer. Althous saw one dainty after another service to summon the builer. Althous saw one dainty after another service to summon the builer. Well, I should say not." the Squire and the privilege of tour ton?" said a Confederate veterian in amazement.

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What a world of scatiment there is in the world home, and what a world of meaning it has for some, and yet how many thousands here are of God's creatures who have no place to lay their heads, and therefore it is that the men-

and rever sung or played without bring.

Ing back memories of the beautiful past.

The soldier on the battlefield gives his love thoughts to home, and the dear ones who await his coming there. The mariner in the temptuous sea dreams or home, the wayfarer who trudges along on life's journey thinks of home, and rejoices that in the end there is a place where there is peace and rest at last. Home is where the heart is, and its hallowed memories live as long as life lasts.—

Norfolk Virginian.

Cleveland.

The first heat went to Corker in 2:41 1-2, with Buster second, and Grover Cleveland.

After this Buster won with ease in 2:2, 2:2 1-2, 2:23 1-2. The half-mile track was very slow, being deep with dust. The 2:50 class, trotting, purse 3:50, went to the bay mare Meliss, by Macey's Hambelonian in straight heats. Time, 2:37, 2:38, 1-4. Second money went to Henry B., third to Kanawha Boy, while Jack Cook caught the flag in the first heat.

The somewhat facetious coinage of the verb "to dunraven," meaning, we are told, "to refuse to play without showing adequate strends for withdrawing," re-calls the fact that the now common verb "to boycott" originated in the name of a fellow countryman of the chief member of the Valkyrie syndicate.—Provider to

With-P'John, why don't you go to

Only love makes life worth living.— Troy Press, Oh, no. There are ple and bicycles, not to mention other beautiful things.—New York Sun. Not pretty, the blcycle face,
For a countenance not without grace
Isn't in it at all.
At the very first fall
It is likely to feel out of place,
—Detroit Tribune.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

MEETING DRAWS A GOOD CROWD.

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1 3-4, 56 3-4. In the race for county horses, trot or

Jack Cook caught the flag in the first heat.

For Thursday two races were down on the score-card. The first called was the 2-3 trot for a purse of \$250 with five starters. The old bay gelding Henry B, took the first heat in 2.50, after which C. A. Pusey went to the front and won handity with the bay gelding Louis VHI. in 2.25, 225, 225. The other money winners were Henry B., Georgetown, and Wilkie E. The winner is a rangy bay gelding by Louis Napoleon, dam Sister Lumps, by George Wilkes, and owned by Mr. Joseph Lassiter. Richmond. The time of the second heat of this race is his present record, though a mile in 2-25 over a good track is within his capacity.

There were but three starters in the 2-25 class for protters and pacers, viz. General Dashwood, by Simmons, Buster, by Sam Purdy, and Nellie R., 2-25 2-4, by Don Felix. General Dashwood followed up his victory at Richmond the week previous, and won in straight heats. Time, 2-29 2-4, 2-31, 2-39. He was driven by C. A. Pusey and lowered his record a quarter of a second in each heat, and Nellie third. Between the heats of this race the black gelding Bert Shelden, Jr., and the first heat in the first heat. The strain of the first heat in his class at the Culpper fair and race meeting last month.

Ether, bay colt, foaled 1821, by imported Charaxus out of Ethie, by Tolus, recently won a stake at San Jose, Guatamaia, worth 57,000. Ether is full brother to the good race-horse Hammie, and was bred by Capt. R. J. Hancock at Ellerslie Stud Farm, Overton, Va., where he sire and dam are owned.

Mr. I. J. Carroll, Vivid Stud Farm, Ashand Va., has sold to G. A. Blanton, of Amelia county, a thoroughbred filly two years old, by Kasson, dam Blanche, by Alarm.

started her in the 2:27 class at the Staunton fair.

L. K. Fryan captured the blue ribbon in the class for standard-bred stallions, three years old, with Nutsid at the fair. Nutsid is a colt of very high finish, rangy and handrome. He is by Sidney, 2:19-2-4, dam Marian, by Nutwood, and is owned by Mr. D. S. Jones, Newport News, Va. Daingerfield Stock Farm, Culpeper, Va., has sold to E. H. Gibson, some place, the bay mare Joste Cowan, 19, by Sam Purdy, 2:29-1-2, dam the Eastham mare, by Alroy, son of imp. Australian, bred and in fost to Omar Pasha; also a couple of yearling geldings, a bay and a black, by Omar Pasha, out of mares by Sam Purdy.

Mr. L. P. Nelson, Jr., Culpeper, Va., has a bay gelding two years old by Hellespont, dam Magsie Mitchell, by Leland, that is rood gaited and promising at the trot. The youngster took first premium in his class at the Culpeper fair and race meeting last month.

Ether, bay colt, foaled 189, by imported

heats in a winning race over it in t early part of May, 1894, in 2:18, 2:19, 2: BROAD ROCK

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