

## QUERIES FRAMED

What the Census Enumerator Will Ask You Next Summer Decided On.

### 32 POINTS ON POPULATION

Arrangements Made for Convenience in Collecting and Compiling the Data.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The United States census population schedule which will be carried by the enumerators during the thirteenth decennial United States census, April 15 next, contains 32 questions concerning every man, woman and child in this country, the total of whom is expected to reach the number of 90,000,000.

The preparation of the population schedule engaged for the past few months in joint consideration of Assistant Director Willoughby, William C. Hunt, the United States census chief statistician for population, and Prof. William B. Bailey, the Yale instructor in political economy, a prominent member of the census bureau advisory board of statisticians, etc., who later was commissioned supervisor of census for the state of Connecticut.

The schedule has been approved by Census Director Durand, and in its final form will be 16x23 inches in size, printed front and back, with 50 lines on each side, one for each person enumerated. The government printing office will print 1,800,000 copies, so as to give each of the 330 supervisors of census an ample supply to meet all the needs of about 67,000 enumerators who will enumerate the population in April next.

The paper on which the schedule will be run off will be first-quality white writing, 23x32 inches, 64 pounds to the ream, the total weight being 230,400 pounds. The entire edition will be printed on a web press, which will print two of the schedules face and back, each revolution, at the rate of 9,000 an hour. It will take about six and a half days for the press to print the 1,800,000, running 16 hours a day.

**More Convenient Form.**  
The schedule paper is very heavy and will stand a great deal of handling. The form of the schedule is more convenient than that used ten years ago, and the two pages are so spaced that when the schedule is placed in the card-punching machine, each time a card has been punched, the ratchet wheel automatically moves the schedule up one line, and all the operator has to do is to operate the keys on the punching machine.

For this stage of the compilation of the population statistics 122,000,000 manila cards have been ordered for the card-punching machines.

The 32 questions are classified under 13 groups.

The first is location, and under this

head the enumerator must write down the street, avenue, road, etc.; the house number in cities or towns; and the number of the dwelling house and the number of the family, in the numerical order of the enumerator's visitation.

Under the subject "name," for each person whose place of abode on April 15 was in the family being enumerated, the census taker is instructed to enter the surname first, then the given name and the middle initial, if any. He must include every person living on April 15, 1910, and must omit children born since that date.

The third group, relationship, calls for a statement of the relationship which the person enumerated bears to the head of the family in which he resides.

The personal description group asks for the sex; color or race—that is, whether white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; the number of years of present marriage; and, under the subject of "mother of how many children," the number of children each woman has had and the number now living.

#### The Country of Birth.

The group relative to nativity requires answers stating the place of birth of the person enumerated and also of his or her father and mother. The instructions are that if either is born in the United States, the enumerator must give the state or territory, but if of foreign birth he must give the country.

The two questions regarding citizenship apply to foreign-born persons only, and call for a statement of the year of immigration to the United States, and, in the case of adult males, whether naturalized or alien.

The next question requires the enumerator to ascertain whether the person is able to speak English, or, if not, to give the language spoken.

There are five questions touching upon occupation. The first calls for the trade or profession of, or particular kind of work done by the person being enumerated, such as, to quote the schedule, "spinner, salesman, laborer, etc." The next inquiry calls for a statement of the general nature of the industry, business, or establishment in which the person works, as, again to quote verbatim from the schedule, "cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc." The third wants to know whether the person is an employer, employee, or working on his or her own account, and under the fourth and fifth questions, whether out of work on April 15, 1910, and the number of weeks out of work during the year 1909.

The questions in the education group are "whether able to read," "whether able to write," and "attended school any time since September 1, 1909."

Information regarding "ownership of home" will be obtained by these questions: Whether the home is owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged, and whether it is a farm or simply a house, as in a village or city; if a farm, the schedule carries for pur-



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poses of identification the number of the farm schedule.

The schedule further contains inquiries as to whether the person enumerated is a survivor of the union or confederate army or navy; whether blind in both eyes, and whether deaf and dumb.

**Revised For Christmas.**  
"You say Jack writes he can't be here With you on Christmas day? Well, 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder.' So the poets say."

"Tis not Jack's absence. What care I Because he can't be near? It's absence of the presents That I, of all, most fear."

For sake of up to dateness now We'll change this little rhyme. 'Tis presents make the heart grow fonder. Just at Christmas time. —Walter Wellman.

**Daddy's Christmas Dream.**  
That Christmas comes but once a year Is rather sad for Willy. And likewise limits much the cheer Of Mabel, Maud and Milly. For they would welcome ten or twelve To shout around the shanty And in their stockings deep to delve For goodies left by Santa.

But once a year is quite enough (Since buying's such a bother When times are pinched and tough) For these dear youngsters' father—In fact, poor daddy hopes the fates Will cause (to get a cheap year) The calendar to change its dates And Christmas swap with leap year. —ROBERTUS LOVE.

**Stung for 15 Years**  
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Don't neglect to place postage stamps on upper right hand corner, and your name and address on upper left hand corner of letters and packages. Millions of pieces of mail fail to reach either addressee or sender on account of such neglect.

Don't address your mail matter with a lead pencil, as the handling of mail will wear off the pencil marks. Always use ink.

Don't fail to ascertain the correct amount of postage necessary, as second, third and fourth class matter cannot be dispatched until fully prepaid.

Don't wrap second, third and fourth class matter so that the contents cannot be easily examined by the post-office authorities. If you do, your friend at the office of destination will have to pay for your error.

Don't use "stickers" of any kind, so as to seal the package against inspection. This is a frequent error, and has been the cause of much trouble to the postoffice and its patrons.

Don't enclose writing in packages, unless you prepay first class postage. You will be subject to a fine of \$10 for illegal enclosures.

Don't telephone instructions relative to change of address or the delivery of your mail. Send your instructions to the postmaster in writing, and they will have proper attention.

Don't neglect to register all valuable matter and take receipt for same. The small sum of 10 cents will insure delivery, and a return receipt from the person addressed.

Don't send money in the ordinary mail. If lost, you have no recourse. A money order costing only a few cents insures you against loss.

Don't wait until the last moment to deposit your mail matter, expecting that it will reach its destination regard-

less of storms, train service and other conditions.

Don't forget that a special delivery stamp, or ten cents in ordinary stamps with the words "special delivery" plainly written on the envelope in addition to the regular postage, will cause the immediate delivery of letter or package by the office of destination.

Don't write message over or to the right of the line on face of postal or postal cards. Only the left one third of the address side of card may be used for correspondence. Always en-

close tinseled cards in sealed envelopes and place first class postage on the envelope.

### THREE CHILDREN BURNED

Little Ones Left Alone by Parents in Home at South Chicago Perish.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Corrodio, aged 7, Charles Corrodio, aged 2, and Mary Corrodio, aged 4, were burned to death in their home in South Chicago when the house caught fire from an unknown cause during the absence of their parents. The children were alone in the home while the parents went to a barn. Shortly afterwards the father saw fire bursting through a window in their home, and, hurrying to the res-

cue of the children, was driven back by the flames. He was powerless to do anything for the children, who were burned, beyond recognition. The building which was poorly constructed burned to the ground within a short time.

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