

MEN ARE IN THE MAJORITY.

Outnumber the Women in the World Except in Europe.

The Statistisches Jahrbuch, published by the German government, contains every year about 50 pages of comparative statistics of the world.

In the Jahrbuch for this year the statistics of population as to sex are collated. Some countries, as France and China, give only the total population, without distinguishing the sexes, and they have to be left out of the calculation.

In Europe the only countries in which the number of males is given as exceeding that of females are Serbia, Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece, all of which are Balkan states.

In every other continent most of the nations have an excess of male population. Thus in the western world Jamaica, Mexico and Venezuela alone have an excess of females.

So far as accurate statistics have been obtained in Africa only the French possessions and the Gold Coast colony have an excess of females, while in Egypt, the French possessions, the Transvaal, Orange River colony and Cape colony males are the more numerous.

In none of the Asiatic countries are females in excess of males, according to the statistics. In the Philippines the males are in excess of the females.

HAD FOUND NEW DELICACY.

City Bred Youngsters Must Have Had Peculiar Taste.

Ron and Reg were two dear little boys who had been born and bred in a big city and knew nothing at all of country life.

In the beginning they were afraid of everything from the cows to the grasshoppers, but after a short time their naturally enterprising spirits overcame all their timidity and soon their mother had her hands full trying to prevent them from bringing home such uncomfortable pets as green lizards.

One day she saw them busy in the garden picking something up and eating it delightedly between them.

"Boys, boys!" she cried, "what are you eating there?"

"O, mavourneen, mavourneen!" answered Reg. "We just found two tumbling caterpillars, a smooth one and a fuzzy one, and the smooth one was 'licious'!"

Hinted. The train was crowded in one compartment a dignified middle-aged gentleman was trying to read.

The mother fairly beamed upon him. He was becoming nervous, and turning to this lady said:

"Please call her, then."

A Case of Blind Faith. President Patton of Princeton university, recently delivered a sermon at the Fifth Avenue Collegiate church, Boston, his subject being "Faith."

"A case of blind faith," said the clergyman. "The doctor writes out a prescription. Oftener than not you cannot read it; you don't know what it is. He tells you to take it. You run to reason why, yours but to do and die."

Whether or not Dr. Patton meant it there was a distinct ripple throughout the congregation.

The Tesserarian Art. He was as inquisitive as a minister with a new church and endeavored to make acquaintance of everybody on the train bound for Saratoga.

Cards Were Out. Mrs. Johnson. Ah, come with me to my marriage! Ah, Persephoneus!

How Gossip Grows. "Did you hear about Mr. Peaseley?" "No, what is it?" "He's lost all his money."

As Seen in the Park. A Boston gentleman and his small grandson were in an electric car one day when a young man with a black band on his sleeve got in.

Would Be Monotonous. Most things would go without saying if we would only let them go that way. Philadelphia Record.

INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE.

Girls Taught Work Which They Can Carry On at Home.

In 1905 an experimental school of spinning and weaving was started in a remote Boet village, says the Southern Workman.

During a short respite in the captive's struggles the spider cautiously approached, and with its hind legs got several turns of its tiny rope round one of the limbs that were free.

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Mrs. Close—Neither do I, but it was the best I could get with the money you gave me.—Detroit Free Press.

SPIDER BOUND ITS CAPTIVE.

Mad Fly Safely Tied Up Before Attacking It.

"One morning, when busy in my workshop," says a naturalist, "a large fly, double the size of a bluebottle, was caught in a spider's web in the window close to where I was at work.

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SENATOR HAD DATES MIXED.

Why Missouri Statesman Was Late at Cabinet Dinner.

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NOT THAT KIND OF TIES.

Youth Unaware of Nature of Job He Asked For.

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CRICKET TAUGHT TO FIGHT.

Chinese Owners of Pugilistic Insects Hold Exciting Battles.

A. E. Parker has just returned from a trip to Szechuan, a large walled city in Kwangtung province, and while there visited the guardhouse, where he saw six or seven earthenware bowls of fighting crickets.

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