

THIS INDIANA MAN A MATHEMATICAL WONDER.

RTHUR F. GRIFFITH of Mil- | ford, Kosciusko county, Ind., what will happen. the mathematical wonder who

multiplies figures up to 1,000 the same as the ordinary individual handles the proposition of 2x2-4, is in the city this week, says the Indianapolis News.

"I lay claim to being the mathematical wonder of the United States," he said, after he had mentally solved the simple little problem 14,551,915,223,-366.851.806.640.625x68.719.476.735. The problem had been written down by the skeptical financial editor, who is always from Missouri when it comes to figures. Griffith ran his eye over the figures and said: "Those figures are hardly practicable for the problems of every-day life, but here is the answer. and ten seconds after the piece of pa-per had been passed to him the finan-cial editor had it back with the answer

written below the figures-999,999,999,-985,448,048,771,663,148,193,359,375. "I don't want to appear egotistical," said Griffith, "but if you will spend two or three hours you will find that that

answer is correct.

"But," said the wonder, "a man has anything but a pleasant existence sup-porting the title 'the mathematical wonder of the United States,' and es-pecially is this so in his own state, where, when they see him figuring all of the time and multiplying sums like that, even the officers try to get hold of him sometimes and insist that he is

crazy. Thus far I have managed to keep at liberty, but one can never tell It is true that Griffith often appears

abnormally preoccupied and his lips keep moving. He is at times working on his mental multiplication table. keep moving. He is at times working on his mental multiplication table. "When most folks have nothing to do," explained Griffith, "they are thinking about their girls or the folks at home, or their troubles. When I have nothing to do I am working on mental mathematical processes. In spare moments I have learned the mul-tiplication table by heart up to 1,000, and within the next five years I shall

and within the next five years I shall ave it down by heart up to 1,000,000. "Most people only go as far as 12x12 -144. I am now able to handle prob-lems producing answers up in the vig-intillions. Ferhaps you don't know what a vightillion is or what it looks

like

"That," he said, "is seventy-seven vigintillions—it runs thousands, mil-lions, billions, trillions, quadrillions, quintillions, sextillions, septillions, octillons, nonfilions, decilions undecil-lions, duodecillions, tredecillions, quad-

ricillions, quindecillions, sexdecillions, septicillions, octecillions, nondecil-lions, vigintillions." Griffith juggles the different 'tillions as the ordinary individual does thou-ands. When he was taken to the east by professors of the State University by professors of the State University mathematicians of the Yale classed him with the 10 or 12 most notable



stability of his mind. It was pointed out that most of the mathematical prodigies were mono-maniacs, knowing nothing but figures, and not being able often to tell how they solved their problems. Those who knew Griffith when he first at-tracted state attention and know him today have no doubt that his mind is normal in other lines. He not only writes much better than most of the writes much better than most of the people do who write occasionally for publication, but his language is good. He states clearly all kinds of commer-cial propositions in which he uses fig-ures. He converses well on general subjects when he is drawn from his absorbing study of figures. His lightning calculation is remark-able and clearly outclasses the work of ordinary lightning calculators. Hardly less noteworthy than the rap-dity with which he solves problems is writes much better than most of the

will recall that when he was discov-ered, eight years ago, there was a great deal of speculation as to the stability of his mind.

Hardly less noteworthy than the rap-idity with which he solves problems is the memory he exhibits in retaining the numbers and results in his mind. A day after he has been asked to mul-tiply any number—say 648.397x308.697 —he can restate the problem correct-ly from memory and also talk of the result of his previous calculations. He makes all of his calculations mentally makes all of his calculations mentally and only writes the answers down. Such a proposition as the one given is solved as fast as he can write down the figures, and he writes them very rapidly.

"I came to town this week," he said to the News, "with some problems for the teachers of matematics that I be-lieve will defy the skill of the best of them. I have obtained the answers to the problems, and they will interest those who like to figure.

"The first is what would be the compound interest on \$1 at 6 per cent from the time of the birth of Christ to the present time? "I would only suggest that those

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SOUTHERNER BOOMED FOR PRESIDENT.

ENATOR DAILEY

The recent speech of Judge Alton B. Parker in Charlotte, N. C., in which he suggested that the South assume the leadership of the Democratic par-ty and name the standard bearer two years hence, has given new impetus to Senator Balley's boom. In giving consideration to the proposition South-ern men in Congress have been dis-cussing whether, if the Democratic party is to go south of Mason and Dixon's line for a candidate in 1908. Senator Balley is not the most avail-able man. While no one has as yet posed as the father of the Balley boom, and nearly every one believes that it is too early to talk of candidates, yet upon the hypothesis that the South will accept the suggestion of Judge Parker, attention has been gnerally directed to the Junior senator from Texas.

WHEN KING EDWARD GOES TO PARLIAMENT.

<text><text><text><text><text> the top of the state coach, imagining the eight cream-colored horses. They go to see this, and this only. Politics and politicians do not interest them overmuch. I stood at the corner of Downing street yesterday and saw four cabinet ministers pags right through the crowd, and nobody save myself seemed to recognize them. Mr. As-quith stood on the refuge in the mid-dle of Parliament street for nearly a minute all unnoticed. Herbert Glad-stone came next, and then John Sit-clair, followed by Lord Elgin. The prime minister drove along in his brougham, and as he turned into Par-liament street a few hats were raised. and there was a small cheer, but "C-B." was gone before people had time to ask, "Who's that?" But it was not a good day for see-ing notabilities. Most of them came up in closed carfages. John Burns walked across from the local govern-ment board, carrying a bundle of pa-pers in his hand, and he got a cheer as he hurried across the roadway into Palace yard. The people had come to see the king, and so they stood and watched the guards, swinging along with their bands, and the Twenty-first

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