

len, he again drove the weapon through him. He expired without a cry.

Taking the key of the safe from his dead master's pocket, the chauffeur groped his way to the office, relit the lamp at the stove, unlocked the safe and abstracted \$150 in bank notes and a handful of gold. The big boardman, Diane, recognizing a friend, merely wagged his tail while this was going on. Little did Mattheu then imagine that the dog's silence, which made the theft such easy work, would bring him under suspicion. After locking the safe again, he replaced the key in M. Bedor's pocket, and made his way in the direction of the courtyard.

But the slamming of a door had given the alarm. Hearing footsteps approaching, Mattheu hid himself under some steps over which Dubois and the maid passed, and let himself out of the building by a door in which they had left the keys. In this way he got clear away. But for the silent testimony of the boardman, it is doubtful if he would ever have been suspected.

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## DOOM OF HORSE OMNIBUS SEALED.

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capacity of each motor bus being about 60 persons. When it is considered that the average takings of the horse bus were only \$10 per day, and that nearly 27 days time in actual hours lost each day in London owing to delays in horse bus traffic, it no longer remains a mystery that the horse bus is doomed to go.

Considering the wonderful advantages as demonstrated by the motor buses on the London streets, it is somewhat remarkable that America should fail to take a vital interest in this very up-to-date form of passenger traffic. As the motor bus seems to possess considerable advantage over the ordinary electric street car system, and as Paris, Berlin and London are introducing motor omnibuses in preference to other forms of street traffic, it is time New York, Chicago and other big progressive cities should begin to look into the matter.

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LADY DOCKRELL

#### UNITED KINGDOM'S FIRST WOMAN MAYOR.

Lady Dockrell, recently elected chairman of the Dublin, Ireland, Urban council, is the first woman mayor ever chosen in the United Kingdom. There have been lady mayoresses in Dublin and London for centuries and of late years in Belfast, Cork, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Birmingham and elsewhere, but they were merely the wives of the real mayors. Lady Dockrell, wife of Sir Maurice E. Dockrell of Dublin, was for eight years vice chairman of the Blackrock council, and proved to be so excellent an administrator that she has now been placed by the votes of the men councillors at their head. If she were a man she would be a justice of the peace by right of her chairmanship, but being a woman disqualifies her for that position.



#### COUNT'S MOTHER CHECKS FRANCO-AMERICAN ROMANCE.

Another big stir has been caused in the American colony in Paris by news that the divorced wife of Count Bernard de Pourtales, who was Miss Florence Drouillard of Nashville, Tenn., is to marry Count Roger de Martimprey, provided his mother's opposition can be removed. Count Roger asked the civil tribunal of the Seine last week to annul his opposition. Decided on, which was reserved, is awaited with great interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

Miss Drouillard wedded Count de Pourtales in 1896. They lived together until three years ago, when the husband and Count de Martimprey fought a duel.

The countess, who has a fortune in her own right, has been a gay figure in the French capital.

Nearly all the Counts of Pourtales have married American girls.

Otto chose for his wife Miss Laura Montgomery of Colorado.

Francis married Elise Bachman of Boston.

Herman selected Miss Helen Barbey of New York.

The Pourtales are of German origin and were ennobled by the king of Prussia in 1750.

## Interesting and Noteworthy Facts

It is a noteworthy fact that no colored man sits in Congress at the present time; and it is also noteworthy that no colored man from a northern state ever did sit in Congress. The first colored man elected to Congress was J. Willis Menard of Louisiana. He was born in Illinois, educated at Iberia college, had acted as hospital steward and recruiting officer for the government during the war, and was sent on a special mission to Honduras. In whatever office he served he won the confidence of his superiors. He had great influence over his own people, and was noted as a public speaker. No negro was ever worthier of a seat in Congress, but Menard was never allowed to serve in the office to which he had been chosen, being barred out by alleged irregularities in his election. His failure, however, and the criticism it evoked, paved the way for the entrance of the black man into public life, and on Feb. 25, 1870, after one of the most exciting debates in the history of Congress, when Charles Sumner acted as the champion of the negro, Revels was admitted to the senate to fill the

seat made vacant by the resignation of Jefferson Davis. Two other negroes served in the forty-first Congress—Joseph H. Rainey and Jefferson F. Long. There were four negro representatives in the forty-second Congress, which number was increased to seven in the forty-third. The forty-fourth Congress was known as the "black congress." Blanche K. Bruce represented Mississippi in the senate, and seven men of his race served in the lower house. Of these the most conspicuous was Robert Smalls of South Carolina, the famous pilot who headed the party that conducted the Planter out of Charleston harbor, for which service he was handsomely rewarded by the government and appointed pilot for the rest of the war. With the forty-third Congress the number of colored men in the house and senate began to decrease. In the next Congress only four colored members were returned. Senator Bruce was the only man of his race in the forty-sixth Congress. Smalls and Lynch represented their race in the forty-seventh Congress. In the two succeeding congresses there was only one colored man, Jas. E. O'Hare of North Carolina, who was defeated for the fiftieth Congress, and since then only four negroes have served in Congress—John M. Langston of Virginia, Thos. E. Miller of South Carolina, George W. Murray of South Carolina and George H. White of North Carolina.

The student can find no more interesting array of statistics than is presented in the last census report (for 1900) in the returns from the entire country by sex, color and nativity. He will find that the percentage of males shows a slight increase and the negro population makes less gain than white. The student may also make interesting comparisons bearing on the number of aliens in the country in 1890 and 1900. It will be seen that at present the males number 39,053,242 and constitute 51.2 per cent of the total pop-

ulation in 1900, while the females number 37,244,145, or 48.8 per cent. There is a slightly larger proportion of females now than 10 years ago. There is a difference in favor of males in the present census of 1,815,097, as compared with an excess of males for the equivalent area in 1890 of 1,590,370.

There has been an increase in the total population of 13,232,361, or 31 per cent since 1890, made up of 6,744,179 males and 6,488,182 females, an increase in males of 20.9 per cent, and in females of 21.1 per cent. There are 65,343,200 native persons and 10,460,085 foreign-born persons, the latter element constituting 13.7 per cent of the total population in 1900; against 14.8 per cent 10 years ago. The foreign-born show an absolute increase during the decade of 1,151,594, while the native-born have increased in 10 years 12,081,637.

As to color and race the population in 1900 is made up of 66,996,802 white persons, and 9,312,553 colored persons, the latter figure comprising 8,540,783 persons of negro descent, 113,650 Chinese, 85,966 Japanese and 286,159 Indians. The corresponding figures for 1890 show a total of 55,166,184 white persons, 7,488,783 persons of negro descent, 126,773 Chinese, 14,339 Japanese and 273,907 Indians.

The colored element constituted 12.2 per cent of the total population in 1900, against 12.5 per cent in 1890. The white population shows an increase since 1890 of 11,824,618, or 21.4 per cent, and the colored element, as a whole, of 1,409,013, or 1.8 per cent.

There has been an increase during the past 10 years in persons of negro descent of 1,352,001, or 18.1 per cent, and in Japanese of 71,387, or 497.2 per cent. The Chinese, on the other hand, show a loss of 7,728, or 6.1 per cent, while the Indians have decreased from 273,607 in 1890 to 266,760 in 1900, or a loss of 2.5 per cent.

Of the total white population 56,740,739 are native whites, constituting 74.4 per cent of the total population, and 10,256,063 foreign whites, or 13.4 per cent of the total population. Native white persons are, in turn, subdivided into 41,653,417 of native parentage and 15,687,322 of foreign parentage, constituting respectively 53.8 per cent and 20.4 per cent of the total population.

The native white element has increased 23.3 per cent, and the foreign white only 12.2 per cent since 1890. The native white element of foreign parentage has increased relatively twice as fast as the native whites of native par-

entage.—Maj. Ben. C. Truman, in Rural Californian.

#### Some Mud There.

Congressman Longworth, at his bachelor dinner, told a story about mud.

"An American in Liverpool, waiting for a boat home, he said, 'ate his last dinner on foreign soil with an Englishman'."

"The Englishman complained of the mud in America. He told a number of tall stories about the execrable roads of America, and the scrapes they had gotten him into, both walking and driving."

"At the end of a particularly tall story of this kind, the American said: 'Yes, we have a lot of mud in America. I admit it. It is nothing to the mud over here, though.'"

"Nonsense," said the Englishman. "Fact," the American replied. "Why, this afternoon, on a walk out Chester way, I had a remarkable adventure—came near getting into trouble with an old gentleman—all through your accursed mud."

"Some of the streets are a little greasy at this season, I admit," said the Englishman. "What was your adventure, though?"

"Well," said the American, "as I was walking along Bold street, I noticed that the mud was very thick, and presently I saw a high hat float on a large puddle of very rich ooze."

"Thinking to do some one a kindness, I gave the hat a poke with my stick, when an old gentleman looked up from beneath, surprised and frowning."

"Hello," I said, "you're in pretty deep."

"Deeper than you think," he said. "I'm on the top of an omnibus."

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The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, which last week reached a magnitude placing it among the historic displays of Vesuvian fury, has again brought death and devastation in its train.

For the newest chapter in the history of the monster which destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum, one correspondent who went to the stricken Bagoa Trease and Torre Annunziata districts has made the following thumb-nail pen picture:

"Along the road I met hundreds of families in flight, carrying their few miserable possessions. The spectacle of collapsed carts and fainting women was frequent. When one reached the lava streams a stupefying spectacle presented itself. From a point on the mountain between the towns I watched four rivers of molten fire, one of which, 200 feet wide and over 40 feet deep, was moving slowly and majestically onward, devouring vineyards and olive groves. I witnessed the destruction of a farmhouse, which was enveloped on three sides by lava."

"Immediately overhead the great crater was belching incandescent rocks and scoriae for an incredible distance. The whole summit was wreathed with flames, and a perpetual roar was heard. Ever and anon the cone of the volcano was encrested with vivid electric phenomena, amid which a downpour of liquid fire on all sides of the crater was revealed in magnificent awfulness."

"In the evening there was a frightful shock of earthquake, which was repeated at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. Simultaneously, the lava streams redoubled their onrush, and men, women and children fled precipitately toward the sea. The lava had invaded the road behind them."