

Population Estimates.
From time to time various estimates of the population of the United States up to the year 1900 have been made. Two perhaps as trustworthy as any others may be found out that we should have no less than 350,000,000 people here by the beginning of the next century. These were: Elkanah Watson, a private citizen who made his calculations in 1875, and J. D. B. De Bow, superintendant of the census, coming. Both estimates of intervening decades were fairly accurate till the year 1890. Then our rate of increase suddenly fell off, partly in consequence of the war, partly from the fact that the longer it is since given the harder it is to double it.

Converting the erroneous factors in their predecessors' arithmetic, Gen. Francis A. Walker and Emily Carroll Wright, superintendents of the latest census at Washington, have made other estimates. Both of these place the population in 1900 at 35,000,000. We shall probably number as many in that of any rate.

We certainly must not expect however to grow half as rapidly as we have been doing. The conditions of life are becoming harder in America and more similar to those of Europe, therefore unfriendly to quick increase. The public domain is nearly all used up which is open to settlement in the future will mostly be of the kind that must be irrigated to make it productive. All circumstances of this kind militate against increase of population.

But however the statistician figures it out, Chicago is sure that by 1910 she will be the largest city on this continent.

Some Notes from China:

The Chinese, like the French, are too much attached to their own country to seek to establish themselves in colonies abroad. If the aim of Chinese emigrants were to make a home in foreign lands they would naturally take their women with them. Their only idea of honest life is connected with the land of their fathers. Whether they intend to return when they acquire the power of living, and whether their houses are always carried when they die beyond the sea, is not known. That, however, if taken alone, is enough to avert from any part of our western world the danger of being swamped by an influx of Chinese settlers.

The first Chinese arrived at San Francisco shortly after the discovery of gold in 1848. California pioneers tell how they were beaten at a public banquet, and how the mayor in a formal address bid them tell their countrymen to leave. Since that date the population of our country has grown from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000, and with this growth the Chinese have increased. China has contributed the policy-making of 60,000—merely enough to people a third class city. In view of all these facts where is the ground of alarm?—President Martin, of China, in Forum.

Espresso Roasting.

One of Belfast's young sportsmen went gleaning after the little partridge, and, not finding them as plumpfins his imagination had allowed, started on his return home gamines. Finally, coming across a flock of hens, he banged away at them shooting三人。 Those he missed in his long and continued in a more happy frame of mind until he heard the last shots of a gun, and ran some distance in the rear seeking him to stop, but there was no stop. Dropping the gun he sprang against time, wounding the first bird in grand style.

The second bird was different, when he tried the next day to make peace with the farmer in order to procure his gun. It was some time before the value of the soul would make up his master's desire to kill the young man or not, but when the question was only paid for the loss, but for all the possible eggs they might have laid at thirty cents per dozen, for six months, then and only then did the farmer agree that a sporting life has many pleasant features.—Bangor News.

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A distinguished humorist recently related to his mother-in-law's funeral service through the telephone, 450 miles away. Is this a new mother-in-law joke?

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