

# PEOPLE YOU KNOW

They May Not Be Quite So Numerous as You Imagine.

GUESS AS TO THEIR NUMBER.

Then Do Some Thinking and Figuring and See How Far From Your Guess You Come and Incidentally Learn How Many Folks You Don't Know.

Did you ever have the experience of walking down Main street with a man who is running for office? All the time he is bowing right and left to people you meet. Several times in a block he will stop to shake hands with an acquaintance.

"You seem to know every one," you say to him almost enviously.

"That's right," he replies, not without some pride. "I guess I do know everybody worth knowing."

Yet how many people does he know? How many people do you know yourself? Did you ever try to figure it out? What proportion of the people in the United States do you know? Certainly you don't know the one-hundredth part of them. Even the president of the United States doesn't and couldn't if he kept travelling all the time, making a host of new acquaintances every day.

To know the one-hundredth part of the people in this country would be to know in the neighborhood of a million persons. No; it is perfectly safe to say that there is no person in the whole world that knows a million other persons well enough to call each of them by name. Think what a million means! Suppose you could call the names of all the people you know as fast as you could. If you could enunciate twenty names a minute you would be doing marvelously well. Even at that rate, working steadily eight hours a day, it would take you nearly four months just to name the people you know. There isn't a memory in existence that would hold a million names.

Well, do you suppose you know a hundred thousand? Let's see; that would be about one-fifth of the population of Rhode Island. Imagine yourself sitting in the railroad station at Providence watching the people come through. No; that is hardly a fair test, for unless you live in Providence you do not know as many people there as in the city in which you live. Sit in your own railway station and count the people coming through. No matter how well known you are or how many people you know, you cannot help but be impressed with the fact of how many people there are that you do not know. If you know one in a hundred persons you know far more than the average.

Let us try to get at it in another way. You make on the average, say, two new acquaintances a week. Of course there are weeks and weeks that you make no new acquaintances at all, and then there are times, such as picnic week and vacation week and church fair week, when you meet a lot of people, so that two a week is a fair average. You have been meeting people, say, for twenty-five years. That's 2,500, isn't it?

Is it possible that you know only 2,500 people? You thought the number would be far more than that? But hold on. You don't know nearly that many. There are lots and lots of people whom you know twenty years ago that you don't know now. You cannot even remember their names or what they looked like. Just sit down and try to remember the names of all the boys and girls that were in the same room in the public school with you. You cannot remember half of them or a third of them or a fifth of them. It is safe to say that of every two persons you met in all your life you have forgotten one. The chances are that the number of people you know by name is nearer 1,000 than it is 2,000.

Of course a preacher with a thousand members in his church is expected to know them all by name. But all the same you will find him saying to his wife:

"My dear, who was that young lady who spoke to us just now?"

It is business, too, for a merchant to remember all of his thousand customers, but very few merchants are able to do it. Possibly some of the politicians and public lecturers may know a couple of thousand persons by name, but very few other persons know that many.

If this estimate seems too low it is easily disproved. All you have to do is to take pencil and paper and begin putting down the names of your acquaintances. Start with your own family and then put down your cousins and your second cousins and your wife's relations. Then put down the names of the people you know in the town you used to live in and the people you know socially. Follow that up with the people you know in business, then—

But you can't dispute these figures. It is too much trouble to think of all the people you know. You'll never do it.

—New York World.

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The only wealth which will not decay is knowledge.—L. C. R.

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# Aldrichs Banking System

Some of the salient features of the Aldrich banking bill are as follows. It provides for a great central bank. "If some of the features of his plan are correctly reported, it is not, in fact, one great central bank—it is more dangerous—it is the creation by act of congress of one of the greatest, most powerful currency or money trusts that ever existed in any country in all history, the old Bank of Venice, the Bank of England nor any other imperial bank excepted.

It provides for the bringing of every national bank in the United States under one central control and management—that is, "a federation of local associations formed by all of the national banks," to be under the control and management of a central board of directors, consisting of forty directors, one governor, two deputy governors, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of commerce and labor and the comptroller of the currency, all of these latter being appointed by the President of the United States, the other directors to be selected from the fifteen banking districts, into which the whole of the United States is to be divided, with a provision that a "proportion of the directors are to be selected from men representing interests other than banks"—that is, from the owners of railroads, from the owners of oil and fuel companies, from the owners of tariff-protected industries, from the owners of tobacco trusts, steel trusts, packing house companies, etc.

The government to abdicate its power and authority to furnish the public currency and vest this power in the central association, the currency issued may be based on "prime commercial paper" as surety, instead of United States government bonds; the central association with its branches to be the exclusive fiscal agent of the United States and the exclusive depository of all government's funds or money and with power to prescribe the rates of discount and exchange.

This is, in brief, the banking "machine" which Mr. Aldrich and his associates would wind about and impose on ninety million people, and yet he brazenly states that this scheme could not be "dominated by political influence nor controlled by ambitious monetary interests."

## Life Saved At Death's Door.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds, in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sisters died of consumption, and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years." Quick, safe, sure, its the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Mebane, Drug Co.

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—Frank L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Constitution.

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## A Few Remarks By Mark Twain.

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A man came to me for treatment once. I cut him open and found him all dark inside. I concluded he was an infidel.  
Once I stole—I mean removed—a watermelon from a wagon while the owner was attending to another customer. I crawled off to a secluded spot and found it was green. I took the melon back to the man and told him to reform.

## Tortured For 15 Years

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