

ALIVE BUT LOST.

A Soldier Reappears Who was on the Death Roll for Twenty-nine Years.

Washington Dispatch.

One of the most remarkable cases that has ever been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Pensions is that of William Newby, a private of Company D, Fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers. This regiment was commanded by Colonel Stephen G. Hicks, of Illinois, and was conspicuous for its gallantry at the battle of Shiloh. Newby was in this battle on April 6, 1862, and was reported "killed in action." It seems, however, instead of being killed he received a severe wound of the head and was captured and sent to the rear by the Confederate forces. He was imprisoned at a place called Andersonville. It seems that he was released in course of time, and was in poorhouses in various parts of the South. He was finally taken to Key West by a man who recognized him as a kinsman. Here he remained until some time in 1869, when his uncle died. Newby wandered from place to place and finally turned up at Shreveport, La. While there the colored people made up a purse and a passage was given him on a steamboat to Cincinnati. On the way up the river the steamboat landed at Shawneetown, Ill. Newby, hearing this name called out, seemed to recognize something that was familiar and got off the boat. From here he wandered to Kankakee, Ill., where he was in the poor house for a time. Leaving this place, he struck out southward and at last reached McLeansborough, in Hamilton county, Illinois, and was sent to the poor house.

During these years he was in a dejected state, bordering on insanity, the supposed cause of the wound in the head. In wandering about he finally went over into White county, and when he got near his old home he was seen and recognized by two of his comrades, who had served in the regiment with him. His wife was seen for the first time, and she, as did his relatives and many of his friends and comrades.

After Newby was reported as "killed in action," his wife applied for a pension. It was granted, and she has been drawing a widow's pension from the date of his death to the present time. This soldier filed a claim for pension, and is now receiving the consideration of the Pension Office, the claim of the widow being suspended in the meantime. No discharge has ever been granted to the soldier, and the consideration of the pension claim is being postponed until such time as the Secretary of War shall grant a discharge.

This soldier has been separated from his family for a period of twenty-nine years, they believing all the while that he was dead, and now he reappears a distressed, dejected old man. His case has attracted great attention in the Southern part of Illinois, and has excited the sympathy of all who have become acquainted with it. He recently attended a large reunion of old veterans of his county, where the subject was the theme of conversation. The pension will no doubt soon be granted, and he will receive a sufficient sum to smooth his way to the end of his life.

MONEY IN DAIRY BUSINESS.

It Is Almost Double the Amount Invested in Banking.

American Analyst. There are \$2,000,000,000 invested in the dairy business in this country. That amount is almost double the money invested in banking and commercial industries. It is estimated that it requires 18,000,000 cows to supply the demand for milk and its products in the United States. To feed these cows 60,000,000 acres of land are under cultivation. The agricultural and dairy machine implements are worth \$200,000,000. The men employed in the business number 750,000, and the horses are valued at 1,000,000. There are over 12,000,000 horses and mules, and 30,000,000 tons of hay and nearly 90,000,000 bushels of cornmeal about the same amount of oatmeal, 275,000,000 bushels of oats, 2,000,000 bushels of bran and 30,000,000 bushels of corn. It is estimated that the average cow yields about 450 gallons of milk a year, which gives a total product of 7,500,000,000. Twelve cents a gallon is a fair price to estimate the value of milk at, a total return to the dairy farmers of \$810,000,000, if they sold all the milk as milk. But 6 per cent of the milk is made into cheese and butter. It takes 27 pounds of milk to make one pound of butter, and 10 pounds to make one pound of cheese. There is the same amount of albuminoids in eight and one-half pounds of milk as there is in one pound of beef. A fat steer furnishes 50 per cent of boneless beef, but it would require 24,000,000 steers, weighing 1,500 pounds each, to produce the same amount of nutrition as the annual milk product does.

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OUR FUTURE REPLIC.

A St. Louis Mathematician Figures out a Long Way Ahead.

Prof. H. S. Pritchett, of St. Louis, has derived a mathematical formula from the population data of the eleventh national census representing the law of growth of population in the United States. According to this formula the predictable future population of the United States is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Population. Rows show population from 1900 to 1970.

By the use of a similar formula derived from the population data of the first ten centuries, the predicted population of the United States in 1970 was computed at 62,877,380. The actual count of the census bureau placed the population at 62,832,280. This is an excellent test of the accuracy of the formula and the derivative results. The table represents, as nearly as any human prediction can, the probable growth of population for the next hundred years. It will be observed that a population of 200,000,000 is within sight of persons now living.

WOMEN IN TROUSERS.

What One of the Sinners Has to Say About Proposed Innovations.

Kate Field's Washington. Anglo-Saxon men and women of the tenth century were clothed similarly, and the Roman costume of which no one can be a greater admirer than appreciative Charles Dudley Warner, is externally almost identical for both sexes. Dr. Hammond prescribes trousers for the woman who do manual labor except such as is strictly confined to the hands. He thinks sewing machines should never be worked by women in skirts, and he reserves gowns for the drawing-room and the ball-room, relegating saleswomen, physicians, surgeons and nurses in hospitals to trousers. The trousers of Europe and America are neither useful nor ornamental. They are an excrescence, and the sooner men return to the breeches of their forefathers the better. But the trousers of Turkish women are by no means unsightly, and a costume modeled on that of the harem or modern Greece, might combine utility with beauty. However, before making so great a revolution, why not adopt the fashion of the first empire? Can there be any attire more healthful and charming than that with which the lovely Empress Josephine has made us familiar?

In this, as in the only perfect dress—that of ancient Greece—the waist line comes below the bosom, few skirts are needed, and hoops and bustles are impossible. If American women were not absolutely snobbish in their allegiance to Paris dress-makers, if they thought for themselves and dared to call their bodies their own, they would meet in council and make their own fashions. Until public schools and private seminaries turn out self-helpful, able bodied individuals instead of rickety parrots stuffed with book learning, the reign of common sense will be postponed.

SOMETHING FUNNY IN COTTON.

The Bolls Fall of Seed With no Lint on Them.

Charlotte News. The News sometime ago referred to the new kind of cotton being being grown in South Carolina, and suggested that the oil men ought to buy up the "breed" and cultivate it, for it is nothing more nor less than cotton seed that produces no lint. The News was laughed at by the knowing ones, who did not consider it possible for such a thing as that to be grown. We now have the proof of it in our office in the shape of a limb from a cotton plant. It is in all respects similar to the cotton plant that is to be found in the fields around here, stem, leaves, bolls and all, but the opening bolls show not a fluff of mass of white cotton, but simply a dozen or two of baldheaded cotton seed. They are perfectly barren of lint and are cleaner than any seed that comes from a gin. There is just the least suggestion of lint sticking to them. This freak of cotton nature was brought to us by Mr. T. J. Davis, of the Oliver Oil Mill Company of this city, who has just returned from a trip to South Carolina. Mr. Davis believed what he saw about it in the News, so he went to South Carolina to investigate the merits of the "lintless cotton," with the view of encouraging its production. The man who first grew this peculiar variety was first experimenting with it for four years and now has a dead sure thing of it. The stalks bear from 100 to 400 bolls packed full of cotton seed. There are from 30 to 60 seeds in each boll. The seed can be sowed broadcast like peas, and will shed seed by the bushel without having been worked.

ELECTRICAL WONDERS.

The Drilling of Stone Brought Down to a Fine Point.

Great interest has been manifested, it is said, at Montreal, in Mr. Edison's exhibit of electric mining appliances at the Electrical Exposition. The most striking implement shown is an electric percussion drill, which will bore a hole in the hardest granite in less than a minute. It requires comparatively little power, and can be operated at a distance of three miles from the dynamo. The drill is of a very simple construction, has no movable part except the plunger, and is not affected by moisture. Experts say that it will completely revolutionize mining operations. Besides this Mr. Edison has a "diamond prospecting core drill," which will rapidly drill into the earth 150 feet and bring up a specimen for examination.

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MARIANA, ARK., Sept. 26.—Forty armed negroes have appeared in St. Francis township and have driven all the cotton pickers from the fields and burned Mrs. Bond's gin house. They threaten to drive all pickers out, and burn all gin houses, unless the negroes are on the ground, with writs for the leaders. Another posse left Mariana this morning by his orders. Much excitement