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conclusion that I could give a fair definition of at least 25,000 words in that book and would understand their signification in a printed article or spoken address.

The above estimates are based upon iny own experience and knowledge because it was convenient to make the experiment with myself. Every well informed man will be as competent, or more so. Either professor mentioned will have a more extended vocabulary than I have.

I then took at random, in the same dictionary, a page in each letter, and, counted the words in very common use. On twenty-four pages there were 254 such words. This would give 8.800 words in use by persons of the most ordinary intelligence. None of these lists include any proper names.

of my children was 3 years and 2 months of age. I noted down (and still have the lists) 213 words used by her in one day. They were words that any intelligent child would use, chiefly names of house-hold articles and common things, with the most ordinary verbs and participles. I did not hear all she said during the day, nor do I think she used all the words she knew. I estimated her vocabularly at 400 words, and she did not know enough to carry on any except childish conversation.

From all of the foregoing observations-I drew the following conclusions: Every well read man of fair ability will be able to define or understand

20,000 or 25,009 primitives and principal

will command 2,000 or 2,000 more.

A person who has not at command at

least 1,000 words is an ignoranus and will find difficulty in expressing his thoughts, if, indeed, he have any to ex-press.—George Fleming in Literature.

A Pickpocket's Handy Tool.

Among the curiosities which Chief Peers keeps in his desk at the Central police station is a little pasteboard bex filled with pieces of greenbacks. They were once parts of five, ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred dollar bills. At the time they were mutilated they were part of a roll of \$5,000 in the pistoi pocket of a wealthy stockman. He was on a train coming into Kansas City, and when he got off at the Union depot the pieces in the little box at the Central station were all that was left of the \$5,000. A pickpocket had cut his pocket and in doing it had cut some of the bills, but he got all the rest.

When Chief Speers shows the scraps of greenbacks he also shows a sample of the instrument used by the pickpocket who secured the \$5,000 minus the bills which



