

HAVE NO PERMANENT HOME.

Americans Change Their Habitations Oftener Than Any Other Civilized People.

Americans seem to be naturally a migratory people. At least such would be the conclusion after a study of recent census statistics, which reveal some remarkably interesting facts and among them the one that we are the greatest nation of rolling stones on the earth, but, notwithstanding that fact, we succeed in gathering the moss of material

The official figures show that out of a native born population of 65,843,302 there are 13,863,651 living in states different from those in which they were born—that is, more than one person out of five has left the state of his birth to seek his fortune elsewhere.

If we count the 10,460,736 foreign-born residents we find that about one-third of the population has moved from the state or country of birth. These figures show our mobility to be in the ratio of ten to one, as compared with that of Europe.

The state of New York has sent out 1,300,000 of her children who are now resident in other states, and has received from other states in their stead 534,000 residents. Vermont has a most remarkable record, which shows that she has children living in other states equal in number to one-half of her present population.

TAKEN FOR A DEAD MAN.

Predicament of a Tired Reporter Who Overslept—Then He Became Very Much Alive.

A newspaper man of this town was gone all day Saturday and until late Sunday morning, and who lives a considerable distance from town, felt too tired Sunday morning to take the long journey home and went to a prominent hotel, says the Wheeling Intelligencer. Having a clear conscience and good health he slept the deep, sound, sweet sleep that was coming to him. Along about 3 o'clock he awoke lazily and heard a conversation at his door which startled him.

"I tell you," said an agitated voice, "I tried four times to awaken him and he never answered. I tell you I believe the man's dead and we had better break in the door."

Then came the noise of forcing a lock, and the newspaper man realized the situation and yelled:

"If you come in here disturbing my sleep—you—you'll find the blindest live dead man you ever saw."

He was allowed to sleep.

Reading Roosevelt's Books.

It is the fad in the diplomatic service these days to read the books written by President Roosevelt. All the embassies and delegations have obtained complete sets of the works, and the diplomats are working overtime absorbing the contents. There is, of course, a reason behind this beyond the pleasure they derive from reading the author. They are searching for a weakness to be played upon in their official intercourse with the president. Flattery is one of the most common tools of diplomacy, and the foreign representatives will take occasion upon every opportunity to discuss with the president portions of the books in the hope of ingratiating themselves.

HOTEL FUNERALS.

They Are Infrequent, Because Objected To by Landlords—Would Hurt His Business.

Landlords of hotels object to funerals, for their houses are eminently places of good cheer, and on that sunshine of good cheer they want no shadow of sorrow cast. Hence, when a guest dies under the roof of one of the landlords he uses all means possible to have the funeral services held elsewhere.

difficulty in achieving that, because the dead guest's family wishes his body to be buried from his home. For he is nearly always a transient guest, and it would seem both heartless and irreverent to bury him otherwise. But, if he is a resident guest (a thing that happens once or twice in a thousand years), the landlord easily arranges with the undertaker to hold the services in the latter's parlors.

And thus it happens, concludes the Baltimore Herald, that not one man in a thousand ever sees a funeral from a hotel.

AN ORIENTAL CROESUS.

Sir Joteendro Tagore, a Maharajah in British India—Puts Riches to Good Use.

Sir Joteendro Tagore, says the London Chronicle, is unfortunately not able to come to London for the coronation after all, but he will be represented by one of his nephews. Calcutta will not be sorry, for it would sadly miss Tagore if he were only out of the city for a few months. Sir Joteendro is probably the wealthiest zemindar in eastern India, and he has always made most excellent use of his riches. Apart from his regular heavy outlay

in the way of charity and general philanthropy, he is a liberal patron of the arts, and no one of note who has ever visited the Indian capital has missed passing through the hospitable Tagore castle, in Tagore street, which is only one of the great man's many mansions. Tagore has on two occasions—in 1817 and 1891—been president of the British India association, and he was created a maharajah in heredity about ten years ago.

A Bride's Dowry.

A German paper reports a singular freak of paternal liberality in the matter of wedding dowry. On the betrothal of his daughter, Herr Duchatschek had announced that he would give her as her marriage portion her weight in silver currency. Accordingly, on the wedding day, the bride was formally weighed in the drawing-room in the presence of the assembled guests before proceeding to church. The bride turning the scale at 140 pounds, a sack was at once filled with silver crowns to the same weight. The exact number of crowns was 13,500, about \$2,800.

Prairie Dogs Are Doomed.

The prairie dogs of Kansas are doomed. The agricultural college of that state sends out each month \$1,300 worth of poison for the extermination of prairie dogs. Two quarts are sufficient to clear out an entire quarter section, and the dogs seem to like it, until it causes them to stiffen and die.

An Endless Task.

It has been estimated that it will require 85 men working every day until 1947 to unearth the entire ruins of Pompeii.

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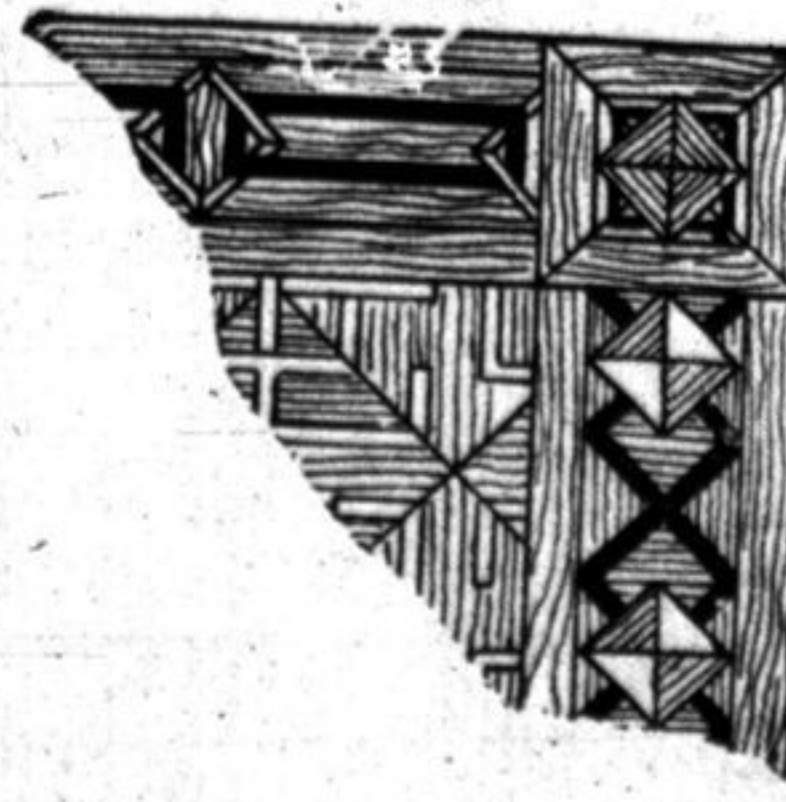
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That rumble on the track,
With many curves and many jars,
And many drawing back.
Some are the engines that must pull
Upon the heavy grade,
And some are empty, some are full—
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