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**Our Query and Reply Department**

Is the population of Ireland increasing or decreasing?  
It declined from 8,396,597 in 1841 to 4,381,951 in 1911. In 1881 it was 5,174,836; in 1891, 4,704,759; in 1901, 4,458,775; in 1911, as above stated. The next census will not be taken till 1921.

Kindly explain what a split infinitive is.  
In the English language the infinitive mood is always preceded by the word "to," as "she proceeded to sing" or "he began to laugh." A split infinitive is where the word "to" is separated from the verb by some intervening word or phrase, as "she proceeded to sweetly sing" or "he began to loudly laugh." Some critics hold that the so-called split infinitive is ungrammatical, but it is occasionally used by good writers.

What was the Father Mathew movement?  
It was a temperance reform movement started by the Rev. Theobald Mathew, a Catholic priest of Cork, Ireland. For several years, about 1838-42, he traveled through Ireland preaching total abstinence and winning thousands of converts. In 1843 he went to England, and in 1849 he came to this country. At New York he had a public reception by the mayor and citizens, and at Washington both the house and the senate invited him to a seat on the floor. He returned to Ireland in 1851 and died in 1856. Statues were erected to his memory in Cork and Dublin.

Kindly give a list of President Wilson's cabinet.  
President Wilson's cabinet is composed as follows: Secretary of state, William J. Bryan of Nebraska; secretary of the treasury, William G. McAdoo of New York; secretary of war, Lindley M. Garrison of New Jersey; attorney general, James McReynolds of Tennessee; postmaster general, Albert Burleson of Texas; secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels of North Carolina; secretary of the interior, Franklin K. Lane of California; secretary of agriculture, David A. Houston of Missouri; secretary of commerce, William C. Redfield of New York; secretary of labor, William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania.

Please explain what the term horsepower means as applied to engines.  
It is a technical phrase for measuring steam by horsepower and means the equivalent of raising 550 pounds one foot in one second or 33,000 pounds one foot in one minute. This unit of measurement was adopted by Watt, inventor of the steam engine, after experiments with strong dry horses, but it exceeds the power of an average horse through a full day's work. An engine, of course, never tires.

What is neurasthenia?  
It is the technical or medical name for nervous debility or prostration; it is derived from the Greek neuron, nerve and asthenia weakness.

What was the percentage in the west of the vote there on the recall of officials as compared with the vote at the elections?  
In Los Angeles and Seattle, where the recall has been tested, the vote at special recall elections has been very heavy and about up to the vote polled at the general election. Whenever the recall has been put in use it has been found that interest in the election has been great, making any campaign of education unnecessary to bring out the full vote.

Kindly give the meaning or translation of the phrase or two words "Sel wohl."  
It is German, literally "be well," about the same as our keep well or take care of yourself.

Where can the quotation, "Where MacGregor sits, there is the head of the table," be found?  
This quotation can be found in Emerson's "American Scholar," where he attributes it to one of the leaders of the Macdonald clan of Scotland. Others have credited the saying to a chief of the famous clan MacGregor, and there seems to be no definite authority as to its origin. Cervantes, in his "Don Quixote," gives us a saying of parallel meaning as follows: "Sit there, clod-pate!" cried he; "for let me sit wherever I will, that will still be the upper end and the place of worship to thee."

Was Detroit over the capital of Michigan?  
Yes, from 1805 to 1847. From 1798, when it first came into possession of the United States, it was called Fort Shelby until 1802, when it was incorporated as Detroit.

Kindly explain the meaning of potlatch as the word has been used in connection with the recent festival in Seattle.  
It is a corruption of an Indian word, common among the Pacific coast tribes, meaning a festival of gifts. At a potlatch (potlatch) celebration the more personal property an Indian gives away, blankets, ornaments, etc., the higher he stands in the estimation of his neighbors and the more he expects to receive in return at the next potlatch. The festival is also accompanied by music, dancing and feasting.

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**CHRISTMAS FOR TWO**

**THOMAS L. MASSON**

It is a common mistake to suppose that we are creatures controlled by reason. In reality, we are the children of impulse. Our environment often forces us to conclusions which seem to be based upon reason, but are due to a multiplicity of outward sensations impinging upon our minds.

If I had been a reasonable being, I should never have fallen in love with Miss Galbraith. It was an illogical proceeding, because it made my presidency of the Bachelors' club, which I had formed three years before, extremely uncertain—or, at least, it seemed to make it uncertain.

Nothing was more desirable than my club. We had every comfort, in addition to good fellowship; and the fact that we were all members did not preclude us from the society of women. Indeed, it gave a zest to that society, for it seemed to surround us with an additional safeguard.

Miss Galbraith's father had left her several millions. She owned the building in which our club was quartered. The agent had called on me only three weeks before Christmas to tell me that we must either sign another three years' lease, or vacate on the 1st of January. There were twenty-two of us, and we had already agreed—it was in the constitution—that the club should be immediately disbanded if any member got married. We all knew Miss Galbraith, and we were all in love with her; but as yet no man had been sufficiently disloyal—or successful—to break the spell.

I caught Fenson, our vice-president, calling on Miss Galbraith one night; and afterward, in the club rooms, we had it out.

"Look here, old man," I said, "it seems to me that you are taking chances. Of course, you don't care about the money; but you can't play around fire. Why, the future of this club depends on your keeping away from that girl!"

"You're a nice man to talk," said Fenson. "What in the world are you doing around there? You ought to do a better example."

"Of course, you ought," repeated Van Olcott, coming up. "Why, I had some sense of honor or about it myself; but when I saw you going, I made up my mind that I might as well go, too."

"That's the way you fellows all reason," I said hotly. "Why, during the week, the entire club is around at Miss Galbraith's! The other night we couldn't get a quorum to discuss the renewal of our lease. At any moment some member may get her."

life out of you. We're actually driving you away from town at the best time of the year. It's a shame!"  
"Never mind," she said softly. "I need a change, anyway. I am going to open up my country place, and have a real country Christmas." She looked at me appealingly. "How would you like to run down there for the holidays?"

Her words went through me like an electric shock. So I was the chosen one! I had suspected it for some time.  
"Do you really mean it?" I asked.

I could see even then the magnificent stretches of country surrounding her beautiful estate, and the stately mansion in the center. Everything was there that the mind or heart could wish, and I was to be lord of it all. Not that I cared for the money—I felt that she knew that.

"Certainly I mean it. You can run down the day before and stay over for a few days. My aunt will chaperon us. Now, you must go, as I have some business to attend to."

It seemed too good to be true. For the next week I went about as one in a dream. Luck was with me, even to the elements, for the day before Christmas dawned unclouded, and gave me the opportunity to run my car down to Miss Galbraith's instead of taking the train, which I detest.

It was only a seventy-mile run. I arrived at six o'clock. As I stepped into the hall, I noticed an unusual commotion. Suddenly, from behind a pillar, a form sprang forth. It was that of Fenson.

"Hello, old man! All the boys are here!"  
"The boys!" I exclaimed. "What the deuce do you mean?"

At that instant I gazed around me. The hall was piled with merchandise, like a warehouse. Boxes of candy of every conceivable shape mounted to the ceiling like a pyramid. A mass of the latest holiday books towered aloft on the other side, and in the center were flowers, ranged in geometrical masses. Her Christmas gifts.

"Good heavens!" I cried again, as, from all the four corners of the establishment there issued, one by one the twenty-two members of my club. "Can it be?"

They sorrowfully grouped themselves about me, and Fenson, burying his head on my shoulder, almost wept as he replied:  
"Yes, old fellow, it is too true. She has invited every man Jack down here to spend Christmas with her, and an hour ago she skipped back to town all by herself!"

**PUBLIC SALES.**  
William Telford will sell at public auction Monday, Dec. 29, at his residence, what is known as the Robert Martin farm, 1 mile north and 3 1/2 miles west of Dwight, 7 miles north and 2 miles east of Odell, 8 miles south of Verona, the following property: 9 head of horses, 3 head of cattle, 38 head of hogs and many farming implements. Usual terms of sale. C. E. Bute, auctioneer. Orr & Boyer, clerks.

Nels Klair will sell at his residence on the Hanlon farm, 2 miles west and 1 1/2 miles north of Cardiff, 5 miles east and 1 1/2 miles south of Dwight, Monday, Jan. 5, the following property: 7 head of horses and mules; many farming implements. Usual terms of sale. Auctioneer, Frank Weber, R. D. Gregg, clerk.

Hans Jespersen will sell at public auction on January 7, at his place 3 miles south and 2 1/2 miles east of Dwight, 4 miles west of Cardiff and 5 1/2 miles north of Emington, at the usual hour, a large number of household goods, furniture, stoves, etc., also a large number of farming implements; 7 head of horses, 6 head of cattle, 2 brood sows. Usual terms of sale. C. E. Bute, auctioneer; John W. Baker, clerk.

M. C. Nelsen will sell at public sale Saturday, Jan. 3, at his residence known as the Adams farm, 1/2 mile north of Sunbury, 7 miles north of Odell, 5 miles west and 1 mile north of Dwight, 2 miles north and 1 mile east of Nevada, 5 miles south and 2 miles east of Kinsman, the following property: 8 head of horses and colts, 4 head of cattle and many farming implements. Usual terms of sale. C. E. Bute, auctioneer; R. D. Gregg, clerk.

Rasmus Hansen will sell at public auction at his residence 1 mile east and 1 1/2 miles north of Odell, 1/2 mile east of Verdun's crossing on E. P., & J. R. R., 5 1/2 miles southwest of Dwight, on Friday, Jan. 9, 1914, 9 horses and colts, 7 head of cattle, 2 good brood sows, and a number of farming implements. Usual terms. W. B. Grimes, auctioneer. J. B. Cleary, clerk.

Hans Hansen will sell at public auction at his residence 1 mile north and 1 mile east of Dwight, on the place known as the Ezra Grush farm, on Thursday, Jan. 8, 6 head of horses, 7 head of cattle and many farming implements and small articles. Usual terms of sale. C. E. Bute, auctioneer. Burt Orr, clerk.

M. A. Ferguson will sell at public sale Wednesday, Jan. 14, on the place known as the J. G. Hahn farm, 1 1/2 miles south of Dwight, 3/4 mile from interurban track; 4 1/2 miles north and 4 1/2 miles east of Odell; 9 head of horses, 27 head of cattle among which are 13 good milch cows, 10 giving milk now, 6 head of sheep and many farming implements. Usual terms. W. B. Grimes, auctioneer.

**Rifling a Barrel.**  
The grooves in a rifle barrel are made with special machinery, and unless one has this he could not do the work properly, no matter how skilled he was. When the grooves of a rifle barrel are filled with lead it is usually necessary to have an expert gunsmith clean them out.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**  
By virtue of an order and decree of the circuit court of Livingston county, Illinois, made and entered of record on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1913, in the suit of Samuel H. Boyer, and others, vs. Sarah Catherine Mills, and others, being case No. 4568, on the chancery docket of said court, I shall, on Monday, the 19th day of January, A. D. 1914, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, namely: at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, sell, at public sale, at the north front door of the court house in Pontiac, in said county, the real estate described as follows, to-wit: An undivided one-sixth part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty, in Township Thirty, North, Range Five, East of the Third Principal Meridian, subject to a lease expiring February 25th, 1915, and also an undivided one-sixth part of Lots Eighteen and Nineteen, in Block Nineteen of the original town, now Village, of Dwight, all in said Livingston county and State of Illinois.  
The terms of sale are 10 per cent of the purchase price, or prices, in cash on the day of sale and the balance of said purchase price on March 1st, 1914.  
My power and authority for making this sale are derived from the said decree of said circuit court and any sale made by me is subject to the approval of said court.  
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The undersigned having been appointed Executor of the Estate of Harriet Crandall, late of Dwight, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Livingston County, at the Court House in Pontiac, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1913.

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**  
Estate of Albert F. Field, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed Executor of the Estate of Albert F. Field, late of Dwight, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Livingston County, at the Court House in Pontiac, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1913.

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Estate of John Weiler, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of John Weiler, late of Round Grove Township, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that they will appear before the County Court of Livingston County, at the Court House in Pontiac, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1913.

