

at any age containing a multiple of ten as at any preceding age. The native whites are the best, with the average excess of 28 per cent. The average of the foreign born is 103 per cent. Ignorance of the language may account for a part of this. The gentler sex exaggerates more than the male sex. For the total population the male average exaggeration is 61 per cent., the female 81 per cent. The "5 exaggeration" follows the same law as to race and sex as the "10 exaggeration." The native whites of the Southern States seem to be affected by association with the "round-number" loving negroes, as they have a high average. The New England States rank highest, of which Rhode Island is the least exact. Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan also stand high as to veracity. The exaggeration varies for different ages. It is found that persons in the neighborhood of 10 years of age are as apt to call themselves 10, as those about 19 are to call themselves 20. After these two periods of equal exaggeration, there is a uniform increase in the excess for each decade until the maximum is reached at 60, and after that point there is a fall till 90 is reached. It would seem as if a man had to live ninety years to begin to learn to be perfectly truthful in the matter of age. Among the colored people the excess at the age of 60 is 930 per cent., that is, ten times as many colored people claim to be 60 as 59. Why the excess should be greatest at 60 is not easily explained; nor why the greatest "5 exaggeration" should be at 45. It is interesting to note, that in the seventy-eighth and ninth decades of life the greatest difference between the exaggerations of the sexes occur, the woman, of course, taking the lead with the highest percentage. It would seem to indicate that old women are more forgetful of their ages than old men. Does it point to the fact that a woman will often count more anxiously the increasing years of her spouse than her own? There is another exaggeration, and that is found in the case of 21 years of age. This, of course, is due to political reasons, and consequently the native male whites, the most reliable at all other ages, are here the greatest offenders. The