

generally talked as with a friend. He seldom hesitated for a word. The matter was copied out on the type-writer on large sheets of white paper and submitted to the General for revision. He sometimes added new matter and changed a word here and there, and then it was copied again and sent to the printers. It is a singular fact that the publishers saw no part of the book in Grant's own hand-writing. The first volume was written by the General, and copied by Colonel Fred. Grant, or on the type-writer. The General's own copy has been kept in the family. The books of reference to which the veteran referred for figures and dates were big heavily-bound ledger books, which contain the General's journal, kept during the war, in which his secretary entered the important occurrences of the day, and posted the letters, documents, charts, etc., which accumulated in the natural course of events. These thirty volumes contain a detailed history of all the General's military doings during the war.

LYING IN ROUND NUMBERS.—It is a proverb that "nothing can lie like facts, except figures." A rather suggestive commentary on this is found in some peculiarities in the age statistics of the United States, unearthed by Joseph Jastrow. He tells us that shortly after the issue of the present census reports, attention was called to the peculiar fact, that a very much larger number of persons were recorded as being just 20 or just 50 years old than there were as being 19 or 49. Of course, there ought to be fewer. There seems to be an attraction toward the round numbers. It is found all the way up to 90 years of age. To institute comparisons, he subtracted the number of persons recorded as 9 years old from the number recorded as 10, and expressed this excess in percentage of the number at 9 years. The same was done at 19 and 20, and so on. This is called the "10 exaggeration." The average "10 exaggeration" for the United States is $71\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; among the colored people the exaggeration is enormous, viz., 432 per cent. In other words, there are $5\frac{1}{3}$ times as many colored people recorded