

HER MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS.

"The Queen of England rules over 324,762,593 souls; her people dwell in 44,132,651 houses; the area of the lands they inhabit is 7,609,448 square miles." These are the stupendous figures disclosed by the "imperial census" of the British dominions taken in 1871, but only now fully tabulated. How insignificant appear the extent and population of our republic compared with the territory and the people over whom Queen Victoria, or the clique of gentlemen who rule in her name, reigns supreme! We have an area of 3,033,459 square miles, she has more than twice as much; we have a population of 40,000,000, she is the ruler over six times as many. Her dominions are in Europe, in North America, in Central America, and the West Indies, in Africa, in the Indian seas, in Australasia and in Asia. Less than 40,000,000 of the Queen's subjects are Christians, there are 36,000,000 Mahometans, 98,000,000 Hindoos, 2,000,000 Buddhists, and 58,000,000 of "others"—"heathen" of this kind or the other kind, for the sects of heathendom are as numerous as the divisions of Christianity. Imperial Rome at the summit of its glory exercised dominion over 1,000,000 square miles of territory, and 120,000,000 of people yielded obedience to her sway. But Victoria rules nearly twice as many people, and is the sovereign of a territory more than six times as large. To count the people in England and Wales alone on the third day of April, 1871, required 32,543 census-takers, who were supervised by 2,135 registrars, and 626 superintendents. They did their work in a single night, and it was so well done that not a man, woman, or child escaped them. They counted a population of 22,856,164, and they found to the indelible disgrace of the Englishmen that while 39 out of every 100 men between the ages of twenty-five and thirty were unmarried, there were 1,246,000 women between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one who were unmarried. The "professional class" in England comprised 680,000 persons; the "domestic class," wives, mothers, hotel and lodging-house keepers, and servants, more than 5,000,000; the "agricultural class," 1,600,000; the "industrial class," 5,137,000; the class of "rank and property," 168,000; and there were 7,500,000 children.

Crossing the channel to Europe, the Queen's subjects are found in Heligoland, in Gibraltar, and in Malta; but all of these, numbering only 77,000 souls, do not amount to as many as are counted in an English town of the second class. In Canada and the Bermuda's there are 3,789,690 British subjects, with plenty of elbow room, since they inhabit an area of 3,376,925 square miles. In the British West India Islands there are about 1,000,000. On the continent there are British Honduras and British Guiana, with a population of 218,000 souls. Coming to Africa and the adjacent islands, Queen Victoria finds herself the ruler of 236,820 square miles, and of 1,813,450 persons. These dwell in Ascension Island, St. Helena, Sierra Leone, the Gambia Settlements, the Gold Coast, the Cape, Griqualand, and Natal. In the Indian seas she has the Mauritius, with 330,460 people. West Australia, with 978,000 square miles of territory, has only 24,785 inhabitants; South Australia, with 760,000 square miles, has 189,000 people; Victoria, with only 88,000 square miles, has 731,528 inhabitants; New South Wales, on its 423,437 square miles, has 503,981 residents; Queensland has 120,104; Tasmania, 99,328; and New Zealand has 293,893.

Finally comes India, the greatest and most splendid division of the British empire. There are twelve provinces in British India over which the Queen's Viceroy rules supreme. These provinces number 191,307,070 souls; they occupy an area of 938,366 square miles, and they live in 487,061 towns or villages. The provinces of Bengal and Behar have a population of 56,000,000, and it is here the famine is raging; the north-west provinces have 30,769,000 people; Oude has 11,220,000; the

Punjab, 17,596,000; the central provinces, 9,066,083; British Burmah, 2,562,823; the Madras Presidency, 31,000,000; Bombay and Sind, 14,000,000. And the islands of Ceylon and Hong Kong, the peninsula of Kowloon, Singapore, Wellesly, Penan, and Malacca, have together a population of 2,837,287.—N. Y. World.

A MOTHER KILLED BY GRIEF

The Indianapolis Sentinel gives the following account of an incident which "happened" it says, in Crawfordshire, Ind., on Saturday last:—"The depot had been broken into that noon, and some money and a quantity of tickets stolen from the office, and things generally upset, by a party of boys. Warrants were issued, and, among them, one for a boy named Mike McNeal. About midnight the McNeal family were called upon by the officers of the law, and informed that the boy Mike was wanted, at the same time reading the warrant. Mrs. McNeal was astounded, and said there must be a mistake. None of her boys would be guilty of theft, she knew, and it was all a mistake. Her feelings overcame her, and she fainted. The officer, however bearing his warrant had no other course to pursue but to demand the boy. The mother again fainted; and, when she was restored to consciousness, the officers agreed to let the boy remain until they had seen the party by whom the warrant had been sworn out. If "Mike" proved to be the one, they would return to the house, if not, he would of course not be arrested. The officers found, however, that except in name "Mike" was not the boy. The real culprit was Mike McNeal, a cousin of the former. The officers returned to gladden, as they supposed, the mother's heart, by telling her the boy was innocent. To their horror, when they reached the house they found Mrs. McNeal dead. The shock and grief combined had been so great as to kill her. The affair caused considerable excitement in town."

AN EAGLE'S STRUGGLE WITH A GIRL.

On Saturday, 3rd inst., a girl named Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Albert Moore, living in the north east corner of Cleburne County, Alabama, was returning home from a neighbour's house, whither she had been sent on an errand, when she felt something heavy strike upon her shoulder, and the next instant she was borne to the ground. She says that her first impression was that she had been seized by a panther or some other wild beast, but soon felt the talons of what proved to be an eagle clutching her sides and arms, lacerating the flesh in a fearful manner, and with his beak pecking her on the head, she was dragged some distance on the ground. Pretty soon the eagle, having secured his prize, with claws a bill firmly fixed, raised her from the ground and sailed along at from three to four feet above the earth for some distance. Occasionally she was dropped on the ground, but the eagle would as often raise her again, making new and serious wounds with his talons in her body and his beak in her head, till at last he reached the height of ten feet, and attempted to light on the limb of a red oak tree on the roadside when his hold again gave way, and the girl fell to the earth seriously stunned and hurt. She was unconscious for a time, then clambered over the fence near by into her father's orchard and began making the best of her way to the house, near which she was met by her mother, who had been attracted by her screams, and was hastening to her relief. The most remarkable part of the matter is that the girl did not see the eagle at all. A shawl which had been securely fastened about her head, so as to project over her face, hid her rude antagonist from her view. The track along which she was dragged, however, was plainly visible in the road. The girl Elizabeth is fourteen years of age, and weighs between eighty and ninety pounds. The eagle has been twice seen by hunters,

who are making every effort to kill or capture him.

According to the most recent statistics, France contains a native population of 30,000,000 there being a falling off of 2,000,000 by reason of the war, of which 360,000 are actual losses by battle, the remainder forming the population of the districts, Alsace-Lorraine. The loss of territory is estimated to amount to a valuation of \$900,000,000. The agricultural wealth of France is very great, her live stock numbers 3,000,000 horses, 300,000 mules, 450,000 asses, 11,000,000 cattle, 25,000,000 sheep, and 5,000,000 swine. The agricultural districts suffered terribly by the war, the department of the Dordogne having lost more than 20,000 from its population, and that of La Manche nearly 30,000. The wonderful recuperative power of the country is admirably displayed in the fact that she has paid the whole of the enormous war debt, and that her present effective military force comprises 414,366 men.

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