

A NOTE TO BE MET.

"My jolly young fellow," said Health,  
 "now you really  
 Have lately been drawing on me rather  
 freely;  
 Who riots with Pleasure by night and by  
 day  
 Must expect that, in time, there'll be  
 something to pay.  
 For the pleasures you've had, that you  
 may not forget,  
 Suppose you just give me your note for  
 the debt,  
 With the interest, of course. Let me see.  
 —twenty years.—  
 Time enough, though you'll then be still  
 more in arrears.  
 Write as I dictate: Twenty years after  
 date  
 I promise to pay to my Health, sure as fate,  
 For value received in sin, folly, and  
 pleasure.  
 These prominent parts of estates I should  
 treasure:  
 My limbs to be racked by rheumatics and  
 gout;  
 My teeth to decay till they mostly fall out;  
 My brain to grow soft and my memory to  
 fail,  
 My eyes to grow dim and my hair to turn  
 gray,  
 While dropsy and asthma take turns day  
 by day;  
 My nerves and by lungs together give way;  
 My stomach to fall to dyspepsia a prey;  
 My taste to forsake me, my voice to grow  
 weak,  
 While my ears cannot hear save when  
 conscience shall speak,—  
 All of which to be paid, with the interest,  
 in pains.  
 At the corner of Misery and Poverty Lanes.  
 Now sign it. When due, pray don't waste  
 your breath  
 For extension. Remember, the protest is  
 death."

SINGULAR AND INTERESTING STATISTICS.

It is computed that there are about \$82,-  
 000 more males than females in the United  
 States. Of the centenarians, 1,409 were  
 men, and 2,607 were women. The boys  
 start out nearly a million ahead, and are  
 in the majority until the sixteenth year,  
 when the girls are a little more numerous.  
 "Sweet sixteen" is a numerous age, after

that, first one and then the other is in the  
 majority, the girls gradually gaining after  
 thirty-six, and leaving the men far behind  
 after seventy-five. To balance this long-  
 evity of the females, in almost every state  
 a few more boys are born—not many more,  
 but always a few. It is astonishing to see,  
 where the census gives thousands and  
 hundreds of thousands of boys and girls  
 under one year old, there are, with one or  
 two exceptions, always a few hundred  
 more boys. In only six of the forty-nine  
 States and Territory are more girls born,  
 and in these states they are slightly in  
 excess from eleven to eight. These excep-  
 tions are Arizona, Delaware, Florida,  
 Louisiana, Montana and North Carolina.  
 The fact that the females are in the major-  
 ity in all of the original thirteen States but  
 Delaware and North Carolina—especially  
 in Massachusetts and new England—has  
 created the impression that there is some-  
 thing in the climate or in the people that  
 produces more women than men. This is  
 a popular error. In Massachusetts there  
 were in 1890, 437 more boys than girls  
 under one year of age. The males are in  
 the minority in almost all the eastern  
 states, because many of the young men go  
 west. All over the west there is an excess  
 of men, and those who are not foreigners  
 have withdrawn from the States farther  
 east. In the new States and Territories  
 this is most noticeable. In Idaho, for  
 instance there are twice as many males as  
 females, but the male infants are only a  
 little in excess of the females. The west  
 is drawing heavily on the manhood of the  
 east. Massachusetts seems to have lost  
 more than any State. There are parts of  
 Northern Ohio which are portions of New  
 England removed. Massachusetts shows  
 the loss. Ohio the gain. Another curious  
 fact is that, while all over the country more  
 boys than girls are born, in cities and  
 towns there are more girls. Between the  
 ages of five and seventeen, inclusive, there  
 are 4,680 more girls than boys in New  
 York County, 1,708 more in the city of  
 Baltimore, 1,013 more in Suffolk County,  
 Massachusetts; 2,009 more in Cook County,  
 Illinois; 2,131 more in the city of St. Louis;  
 1,971 more in Philadelphia County, and  
 2,633 more in the parish of Orleans. All  
 these cities except New Orleans, are in the  
 States where more boys than girls are