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Startling Statistics.

"Life assurance statistics are nearly always interesting and particularly so when they deal with the human interest side of the business," says the Atlanta Journal. "The following statement from Dr. Grinnell, dean of the medical department of the University of Vermont, may perhaps be startling even to life assurance agents. Certainly it will open wide the eyes of the average person and will prove generally interesting from the fact that it deals with the old problem of success and old age. Dr. Grinnell prepared these statistics for a life assurance company, so, of course, his remarks are in the form of an advertisements. Still they have authority as coming from a man of Dr. Grinnell's standing."

"I wanted to say," said he in his report, "that 80 per cent. of all men living at the age of forty-five were prosperous, contented and more or less successful in business, well established in whatever

pursuit they were following, and were receiving an income in excess of their expenditures, and therefore were laying up money and were independent. Now it is a well established fact that 50 per cent. of all men living at the age of forty-five live to be sixty-five, and at this time I find that only 13 per cent. of these persons are independent or self-sustaining. In other words, about 87 out of every 100 at the age of sixty-five are dependent upon some relatives, friends, the town or some charitable institution or society for a part at least of their daily subsistence.

"These figures are exceedingly startling, and I am free to admit have very seriously impressed me with the necessity of men in professional work, at least, to take out life assurance between the ages of twenty-five and fifty as a safeguard against possible disaster which may overtake them later in life.

"I am sure no stronger argument than the above can be made to convince men of my profession and equally lawyers and clergymen, of the necessity of preparation for the future which liberal life assurance guarantees."



Gained His Wish.

There was company at the table. The plate of cake was passed to the guest who took one of the largest pieces, then to Johnny, who took the other large piece. As Frank took the remaining small piece, he said, under his breath, to his brother, "Pig!"

"Well," said Johnny, "if it had been passed to you first, which would you have taken?"

"The small piece, of course," said Frank, with righteous indignation.

"Well, then, what are you grumbling about? That's the piece you got, isn't it?"—Youth's Companion.