

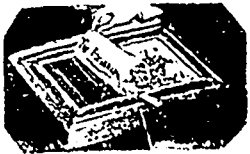


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Levasseur estimates the population of Asia at 825,954,000, Europe 357,379,000, Africa 163,953,000, America 121,713,000, Australia 3,230,000.

Gray hairs at an early age are hereditary in certain families. It is a result, as a rule, of men with dark hair marrying women with dark hair through several generations.

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A writer in the *Revue des Sciences Naturelles* makes the following calculations in regard to the work done by the honey bee: When the weather is fine a worker can visit from forty to eighty flowers in six or ten trips, and collect a grain of nectar. If it visits two hundred or four hundred flowers, it will gather five grains. Under favorable circumstances it will take a fortnight to obtain fifteen grains. It would, therefore, take it several years to manufacture a pound of honey, which will fill about three thousand cells.

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Department of Railways and Canals,
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Plans and specifications may be seen at this Department and at the above named Institutions.

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(Sd.) WM. HARTY,
Commissioner.

Department of Public Works, Ont.,
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