TALKING TO THE POINT.

MORE TALK ABOUT INCOMES WHICH JUSTIFY MATRIMONY.

Some of the Previous Estimates Analyzed and Criticized-Economy as a Fine Art-An Interesting Table of what Housekeeping has Cost a Citizen.

ing, excited a good deal of comment from all classes of readers of Progress. No friends, etc. Under the head one of them, however, appears to have attracted more attention than that of the young woman of 19, who treated the subpeople have spoken to the editor concern- is purely her own business. ing her, and several correspondents have further light on the subject, it is not nec- April 15 in each year: essary to reproduce their letters. Here is one, however, which contains the valuable lesson of not mortgaging the future for the present, and we give it as a sample:

I must write you a few lines to express my ad miration for that young lady of 19, who writes with so much good sense. If I were a young man in quest of a wife, I would like to find her. She is one in fifty. If we had more girls like her there would be more happy homes. They all want so much to start with. Everything depends on living within your means. A man or woman has no business to live in a style which the income cannot support, or to mortgage the earnings of next week or year to keep up that style. A man knows what his actual position is. If he pays his way as he goes, he can keep within his means, and so reserve a fund against a time of need. I have done all that young lady says she could for the past fifteen years, and raised a large family, and my husband kept his life insured also. A large part of the time I had only \$480 per year. I have \$650 now, and expect to save quite a sum per year. No young man need be afraid to get married if he gets the right kind of wife, and his own habits are good. S. L. E.

On Six Hundred.

"Another In Earnest" takes the lowest sum mentioned by Progress, \$600, and gives his estimate as follows:

	\$600	00
Washing	. 15	60
Sundries		40
Amusement		-
Church and charities		
Doctor's bill		
Life and fire insurance		00
Fuel		00
Clothing	. 180	00
Provisions		
House rent		
gives his estimate as follows.		

Will the Official Answer?

A good many people, in common with the next correspondent, would like the official in question to give the world the benefit of his researches into the science of household economy on \$8 a week. The columns of Progress are open to him, and he will never have a better chance to explain himself and benefit his fellows:

I have been very much interested in the letters of the question of how to live and enjoy matrimonia bliss on salaries of from \$450 to \$1200. I was think ing of the time the labor commission visited this city, collecting evidence on the labor question. If you remember, a gentleman connected with one of the government institutions in this city, told the commission that a man ought to live comfortably and keep a family (I forget the number of persons) on \$8 a week, and save something for old age. If he would kindly tell your readers, through your paper, how it is done, and itemize, leaving out life insurance and servant's wages, he would confer a favor on more than ONE OF YOUR READERS.

Thinks the Estimates Queer.

"A Practical Housekeeper" takes exception to the estimates furnished last week and thinks it is no wonder that some people never get ahead, and often get in debt.

My husband has a salary of \$1,000 a year, and he had that at the time of our marriage, two years ago. As a matter of fact in our case he had enough ahead at that time to comfortably furnish a flat, and I presume that this is to be understood in all cases. Otherwise there would be a serious inroad on the income for the first year or two. As it is, few people consider that a house is ever fully furnished, and there is always need for something more. Furniture and utensils get broken and worn out, to say nothing of carpets, curtains, etc., which must be renewed from time to time. Every housekeeper should allow an annual sum for maintenance and repairs, and I put this at \$50. Of course, if needs must, this sum may be encroached upon for other objects, but it is a good idea to try and appropriate something for the purpose.

has had experience." In the first place, I would like to know where a decent flat in an eligible locality can be had for \$150. It costs us \$190, and we are no better situated than we should be, though of course we could do better by going to a less central locality. Let us suppose that a fairly good flat car be had for \$175, here is my estimate:

ALOUGO I CHIOT.		
Taxes	20	00
Housekeeping	300	00
Fuel	80	00
Light	20	00
Insurance	5	00
Clothing	150	00
Church and charity	50	00
Books and papers	30	00
Life insurance	70	90
*Maintenance, doctor, and sundries	100	00
. 8	1,000	00

I do not think \$300 too' little for housekeeping, where a woman is anything of a manager. My fuel estimate is as low as I can make it, to keep a house comfortable day and night. As for clothing, supposing one has a supply to start with, \$150 is amply sufficient for all purposes. It may be that the figure for church and charity is a little low. We own a pew, which costs us \$15 ground rent, and always contribute silver to the offertory. Allowing for ance, etc. services that we miss, and special collections where we give an extra amount, at least \$10 a year goes into the "plate." Then there is scarcely a week that we do not contribute something to this object or that, so that in our case \$50 does not cover this item. We take two daily papers, PROGRESS, a religious paper and a monthly magazine, besides buying really good books as we feel disposed. I would like to spend even more for literature, an item which your other correspondents seem to have ignored. It is the best kind of "amusement."

This leaves \$100 to go and come upon, and we always manage to make it suffice.

record of the household expenses ever

The letters from various correspondents, plain themselves, but it may be stated that last week, on the subject of the cost of liv- under the item of "self" are placed only pocket money spent among personal "wife" are all sums given to her for for her own use, apart from the pur- \$1,000. As sure as two and two are not chase of clothing and household necessaries. ject in such a practical and business like If she asks him for \$5 he gives it to her, disastrous. Candidly, the only way to get way as to win deserved admiration. Many when he has it, and has no questions. It along on a small salary is to cultivate a

written of her in terms of approval. As sibilities, and will be found worthy of care- of others; until you do this you will be a most of them, however, fail to throw any ful and intelligent study. The date is to

Year.	Food, Fuel and all articles consumed in the house. Clothing, Insurance life and fire, Church subscript's, etc.			90 Rent.		& Self.		Wife.		of Total.		
1870		33	170			00		92			556	
1871		88	190		80	00		51		39	593	
1872		19	328	66	75	00	91	65	53	04	772	
1873		35	350	39	100	00	77	40		71	899	
1874		8	307	76	100	00	78	43	66	58	841	75
1875		4	309	95	115		148	14	36	31	976	
1876	379 5		339	60	144	00	50	31	123	85	1,037	33
1877			399	80	152	00	105	21	60	76	1,125	37
1878			393	49	152	00	121	64	77	64	1,165	26
1879	570 2		270	90	152	00	89		218	34	1,300	76
1880	517 4		193	88	188	00	121	90	38	48	1,059	74
1881	430 3		175	89	170	00	139	94	39	32	954	53
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1885	312 4 399 4		$\frac{165}{190}$	80 54	$\frac{90}{102}$	50	62 97	37 69	32 54	80	844	97
1886 1887	363 5		264	20	110	00	154	27	46	15	938	15
1888	482 3		391	59	130	00	73	44	83	60	1,161	00
1889	470 5		425	35	130		110	75	98	55	1,235	15
1890			588	38	130	00		28	49	20	1,193	63

Several other letters on the subject, including one from the girl of 19, have been received too late for insertion in this issue, and are held over until next week. As the discussion on the topic cannot be protracted, it would be well for those who have any. thing to say to send it at once.

YOUNG HICKORY EXPLAINS.

A Great Deal of Good Advice to Those who Would Like to Marry.

Vhen Young Hickory contributed a short and sensible letter last week, Pro-GRESS suggested that he explain his theories more in detail. He now does so, and this is what he says:

When you contemplate marriage, the is to buy all the furniture you may require, as the prospect of adding materially to your stock afterward is very slim. Therefore obtain as much as you think you may require for a long time, and the money usually wasted on wedding tours will do much in that direction. I think these honeymoon trips must have originated at Gretna Green and it would be a godsend for thousands had they terminated there. Never marry if you | high, but they are not, as I will shew you. have to board; have a home of your own, Take the case of Second of You for exam-

opposite temperaments likewise, and the than where like marries like. A mistake tair share of the needful, love him or her no less on that account. Let not beauty or social standing be the main attributes door and society can correct it at will, but | marriage ceremony. No, gentlemen, the

to lead too tame a life. to marry and their stock-in-trade is chiefly common sense, they require an abundance ately furnished, silver plate, a piano, and of it to make up for lack of lucre, and if enough bric-a-brac to fit out a bazaar, not properly mated they can marry much better to mention a couple of domestics, and my than they otherwise could with a little more | lady has her reception day, and partakes capital. A little common sense and judg- of five o'clock tea, all of which, in the wife ment before going to the altar is better of a man in a subordinate position, is abthan a good deal after. Above all meet your rent bill promptly, thereby sav- "I have noticed, as a result of the manner Our Spring Stock of Garden ing yourself considerable anxiets, annoy- in which many of the girls of the day are

You ask me to prepare a schedule of expenses. Well, it takes two to prepare it mothers did, and also that the number of properly; I therefore give merely a synopsis, as I do not care to bother my other It is not that the girls are less lovely or half, (house cleaning time, see?)

a fair estimate of the cost, which I will of the day cannot afford to marry and further reduce by making the fuel bill read

IIIGHLY RESPECTABLE TRADESMAN, with The Experience of Twenty-One Years.

Here is a copy of an account of the cost of living of a citizen of St. John who was married in April, 1869, and has kept a

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since. There have been three births and \$30, and bringing the church and mission one death in the family, but no long illness. | allowance down much finer than she does. The figures represent what it actually cost, We can comfortably heat, by the use of whether paid for at the time or not, and hall and kitchen stove, three bedrooms, in some of the years the man was in debt. kitchen, sitting room, hall and parlor, and For the last ten years he has carried any one may do this with the intelligent \$10,000 insurance, and previous to that use of a thermometer. I believe in paying time he carried \$2,000. The tables ex- house rent ahead of pew rent; it may not be fashionable, but "them's my sentiments."

Many families might swim where they now sink, but for their efforts to keep up appearances, or having only \$400 or \$500 per year trying to ape the family with five, just so sure will such efforts prove cold indifference towards public opinion, The figures show a wide range of pos- and be impervious to the sneers and jeers mental slave which is far worse than being a physical one. "Respectability" as popularly understood is the bane of the populace. Respectability of character is superior to that assumed by the foolish followers of dame fashion. Boys, be not too fastidious in your choice of a wife in all particulars. I have seen educated young ladies that were not a bit too intellectual, and of the two the latter is preferable, as education is a matter of teaching, while the other is part and parcel of the individual.

And to conclude, either do not expect too much from her whom you intend making your wife, or else endeavor to come up to her expectations regarding yourself.

Young Hickory.

THE THYCKKE FOGGE PAPERS. The Senator Descants on the Question of Marrying on a Salary.

No. VIII.

Those of Us who showed up on the usual meeting night were pleased to find Our genial entertainer in a very hilarious mood, and at first We had doubts of his sobriety, but knowing his capacity for liquids We dismissed that idea from Our minds, and, after composing Ourselves to refreshment, were content to enquire as to the reason for the Senator's seemingly uncalled for

"Friends and fellow-bribers," said Mr. Fogge, "I have been reading Progress, and have been moved to mirth at the contributions turned in, anent the enquiry relative to the income requisite for a young man to marry on. The contributor who first thing before going into housekeeping alludes to himself as Geoff seems to have had the rare luck of finding a girl who is possessed of a level head, for she evidently thinks that she would be a fool to marry a man with an income of \$800 per annum, and she is perfectly right. There is no doubt in my mind that a man, situated as Most of You are, is foolish, yes and more than foolish to marry on less than \$1200 a year. You may think that my ideas are ple. He is, as is well known to his friends, When looking for a partner, have all very much smitten by the charms of a your wits about you. Let there be young lady who is in many ways fitted to the greatest physical contrast possible, adorn and conduct a household; now her a tall thin person should choose a short, father is well off, and the young woman has plump one. Dark and fair should mate, from her birth, been accustomed to have almost every wish gratified, has never had result will be better developed offspring to think about tomorrow's dinner, or her next new dress, or whether she can afford delicate people make is in marrying the this, that or the other thing. Our friend, same class as themselves. Delicate con- who sits blushing under my remarks, is in stituted persons should wed the healthiest | a good position, has I think about \$1,200 partners they can find, if indeed they marry | a year, goes into the best society in the at all. Avoid marrying relatives, yea city, is a member of the social and athletic though they be far removed. Socially, clubs, dresses well, and, as we know, is marry nearly as equally as you can, thus popular. Now, can he take that young avoiding the consequent incessant gossip, woman from the home she has been brought too prevelant among all peoples. But if up in, and the various luxuries she has the girl or man of your choice possesses a been accustomed to, and give her the same kind of a house to preside over? He can not, and the result of such a marriage would be that in a year or two you would required in the partner you seek, and rem- | see a husband who would find every other ember that however far above or below you place preferable to his own home, and a may be socially in relation to your affianced, wife who was discontented and fretful. the moment you are pronounced one, you You may say that no sensible girl would two are equal. Morally, be sure each act in this manner, that she would see that others' nature is in harmony. The young | she could not expect to have such a home lady labors under a disadvantage in this as she had left, and that she must be conrespect inasmuch as, however tainted her | tent to creep before she can walk. That is lover's life may be, her's must be the con- all very true, my young triends, but how centrated essence of purity, under pain of | can you expect any one to change the cussocial ostracism. The fault lies at society's toms of years simply as a result of the then the male proportion of it would have trouble is that the young folks of this generation want to start where their parents Next, when any man or woman is about leave off. When they commence housekeeping they must have a fine house elabor-

surd and entirely uncalled for. brought up, that they reach a more mature age before they are wedded than their unwedded maidens grows year by year. less desirable than those of a generation Your lady correspondent last week gave ago, but simply this, that the young man maintain the position that the young woman he would fain make his has been used to." An indignant groan from Second of Us

> Ceiling Decoration a specialty of Wilkins & Sands, 266 Union street.

the Sage was more than half right.

here interrupted the speaker, and We all

departed, Some of Us feeling that perhaps

OH, RATS! RATS!

The Latest Recreation of the Genial Citizens

The sporting fraternity of Moncton are having a rich treat at the present time of writing. . The particular branch of the powers that be-known as the Market committee-has decided that so long as the hungry and suffering collection of citizen, called by courtesy "the free and independent electors of the city of Moncton," cannot have an adequate supply of wholesome food, they shall, at least, have a clean market house, and a lot of fun by way of compensation.

Therefore, as most of the stalls are unoccupied this spring, the cellars empty, and things in general were very dull in the market, it was resolved that a house-cleaning would give the few lonely people, who still linger around that monument of desolation, something to do, and at the same time impart a fictitious look of activity to that deserted and silent building. So they at once proceeded to house-clean, and immediately there was a famine in pearline and soft soap, and the price of scrubbing sand went up above par.

So zealous did the housecleaners become that they proceeded to take up the floor of the market house, greatly to the discomfort of the large and respectable colony of rats, who had been in the habit of bringing up their families in peace and affluence beneath that same floor ever since the market was built; and they procured terriers of the ratter persuasion, and those unhappy rodents had as sad a time in a small way as the christians of old had in the Catacombs of Rome; but what was death for the rats was sport for the terrier, and for a lot of other people besides. Moncton awoke as one man and the rat pit became the popular resort, and the number of rodents that were laid upon the sacrificial altar was duly reported in the public prints from day to day, till not only did the numbers increase till you were lost in wonder as to how the market held them, but their size grew larger by degrees, and beautifully more so, like the pack of wolves which ate each other up until at last the was only one left, and one of the hunters who had witnessed the scene of carnage turned to his companions and remarked, "That wolf is

remarkably fat!" "He ought to be," responded the other, 'seeing he has devoured the entire pack of his companions." And the hunters were unable to decide in their own minds how the survivor managed it, and where he found storage room in his internal economy to give all of his friends decent burial. Nor has the problem been solved until this day, although it has almost repeated itself, like history; for only last week a "rude forefather of the hamlet" turned up, who turned the scale at five bounds avoirdupois, so the papers stated, though I confess to finding it a very hard story to swallow. And now the question arises, did that rat devour most of his relatives and friends, or did he merely manage, through superior business tact, to make the market pay, so far as he was concerned, and, as the immortal "Will" would say, "surfeit with too much, while the

citizens starved with nothing?" I think the general verdict is, that we are unselfishly glad to hear of anything, even a rat, managing to get fat on the products of the Moncton market. Apropos of rat stories: there is one

going the rounds of Moncton, just now, which I scarcely like to repeat, because, tell the honest truth, I really don't believe

I cannot say what the truth may be; But tell the tale as 'twas told to me. During the rat baiting of last week, a number of choice spirits assembled in the market building to have a shot at the defenceless quadrupeds. No sooner was one wounded than his fellows rallied fearlessly around him and carried him off for medical attendance. In one case the wounded knight was of a very large size; so his comrades formed into a tug-of-war by holding on to each other's tails, and thus they were dragging the victim back to his hole when one of the sportsmen, who is the fortunate owner of an air-gun, took aim on the inspiration of the moment, and fired, the steel arrow, with which it was loaded, passing directly through the entire team of rats-there were six of them-and they died without knowing that they were struck!! Candidly, I would recommend these rats to be pickled, otherwise taken cum grano salis, but there are people in Moncton who say they saw the entire group strung on the arrow, and as it is a little early for fish stories yet, and the sea serpent is not up to time this year, I thought I would send it. Next! GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

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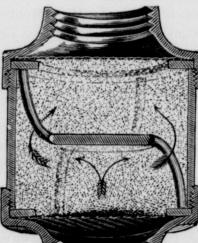
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