### PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY

Many and Varied Duties This Gentleman Mas to Perform

the White House mail is in itself no with him upon some matter under small one, the president receiving consideration, or, at a moment's nofrom 200 to 1,200 letters a day. Im- | tice, to bring papers and data in some portant or not, each of these com- case demanding immediate attention. munications receives due attention, the Success. secretary carefully assorting and classifying them, presenting some to the personal attention of the president, referring others to the department or son, every president since 1856 has person to which each properly be- come from the short group of states longs, while all receive courteous which follow the southern shore of acknowledgment from the president's the great lakes from New York to representative. The secretary is also Illinois, inclusives These five states required to meet and dispose of the |-New York, Pennsylvania Ohio, Innumerous visitors who call on the diana and Illinois—run in a line side president at times not set aside for his by side. New York has furnished Arpublic receptions, and whose business | thur, Cleveland and Roosevelt; Pennranges all the way from that relative sylvania, Buchanan; Ohio, Hayes, Garto the appointment of a supreme court | field and McKinley; Indiana, Harrijudge or the governor of a turbulent | son, and Illinois, Lincoln and Grant. territory to the obtaining of the presi- It may now be fairly called the presidential autograph for a schoolgirl's dential belt, and it seems almost hopealbum. To deal with this heterogene- less for any one who lives outide of ous mass in such a way as to best it to become president of the United serve the ends of both business and States.

The position of secretary to the courtesy, while economizing his own president of the United States is an time and easing the strain on the arduous one. In the rendering of its president's personal attention by multitudinous services it calls for the | selecting the really important from the business qualifications of a methodical trivial guest—sorting the grain from and systematic clerk in the perform- the chaff-giving offense to no one, ance of the daily routine of official and sending all away with pleasant work, and the finesse of a practical words and smiling faces, requires diplomat in meeting and satisfactorily endless resources of tact and good adjusting situations which naturally judgment. The secretary is also excome before him as an intermediary pected to keep at his fingers' end the between the president and an assorted | details of a'l the official business of the public, each individual of which be- executive office, and the president is lieves himself entitled to a portion of likely to send for him frequently each the time and interest of the chief ex- day to consult him regarding official engagements which have been made The task of handling and answering by him, to seek information and advise

> The Presidential Belt. With the exceptions of Andrew John-

# **ECOST OF MARRYING**

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. Marriage is one of the cheapest of tified. Any person conversant with the luxuries if one reckons only the outlay | condition prevailing in the mountain required for the payment of the districts of Tennessee will appreciate preacher or magistrate who performs the wisdom of this unique proviso. the ceremony and the cost of the li- Common supposition is to the effect cense in such states as require licenses. that the fee for performing the mar-Any minister, priest or preacher of the riage ceremony is dependent entirely gospel in the United States may sol- upon the generosity of the bridegroom, emnize marriages, and in many states and it will doubtless, therefore, surjudges for one or more classes of prise many persons to learn that in courts may officiate. In all save half a several states the law has a hand in dozen states, too, save justices of the the matter. In the old dominion, for peace have the privilege of officiating instance, there is a statute that proat the highly important function. In vides that the person solemnizing a gome parts of the United States the marriage is entitled to a fee of one dolperson performing a marriage cere- lar, and that "any person exacting a mony must have personal knowledge greater fee shall forfeit to the party of the identity, names and residence aggrieved \$50." In West Virginia it is of the parties, and inasmuch as such stipulated that the fee be "at least one laws are enforced in some of the dollar," and the Idaho law says that western states where young people fre- | "the fee shall be \$5, or any other or quently drive long distances to be mar- greater sum voluntary given by the ried, the stipulation has on occasion parties to such marriage." In sixteen caused more or less inconvenience. In states of the union a wedded couple most of the states two witnesses are may obtain a more or less elaborate required to be present at the solemniz- certificate of their marriage. ation of a marriage, although in some states a single witness is sufficient. How He Felt. There is still in force in Pennsylvania an old law which prescribes that A certain chief justice of the sutwelve witnesses shall be present, but preme court in one of the western this exaction is seldom if ever enforced states was noted for his disinclination

Perhaps the strangest stipulation of to admit that he was ill, as well as forall is that which appears in the laws his roundabout method of expression. of Tennessee, and is to the effect that One day he was approached by the the validity of a marriage shall be in state librarian, who courteously asked no wise affected by the omission of the after his health. "William," said the baptismal name of either party in the judge, cautiously, "I am not well, but Heense and the use of a nickname in- I am better than I was when I was stead, provided the parties can be iden- worse than I now am."



REV. D. J. JENKINS.

lisher of the Charleston Messenger. a lengthy article in the New York Rev. Jenkins is also president of the Weekly Witness, which set forth his Charlston Orphanags and Institution | work and the good it is doing as wel which is doing a great work for the as the necessity of its being well sup-Colored Orphans of that city. Rev. ported

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### WORDS IN A PENCIL

SOME STATISTICS FOR LOVERS

OF FIGURES 

bilities of a lead pencil," said a young | matter, or an eight-page paper of the man who has a penchant for the sta- seven-column width. Two columns a tistical side of things, "and you would day is a good average for a reporter. really be surprised to know what a In order to grind out fifty-six columns man can do with one lead pencil. How many words are there in a lead pencil? How many columns of newspaper matter? How many pages of a book of the average size? How many poems, essays, sermons and things of that sort may one find in the lead of an ordinary pencil? Really these questions to do one man nearly a month. A man are not easily answered, but one may arrive at a reasonable approximation by doing a little sum in arithmetic. In the first place the average pencil is seven inches long. The average diameter of the pencil used by men who write a great deal is one-twelfth of an inch. Considering the wood and lead \$280. From this it would seem that the point of a pencil measures about there is money in a lead pencil, and on one-half of an inch, one-quarter of an the face of it it looks like one of the inch representing the lead portion. very best investments one could make, Allowing for breaks and scratches, and yet there are men in the business one-quarter of an inch of lead will write two columns of matter for the ordinary newspaper, assuming that the lific producer of wealth, the pencil genpencil is not of the extremely soft character. There are about 1,800 ies of poverty."-New Orleans Timeswords in a full column of a newspaper | Democrat. of the average size. Two columns would represent 3,600 words. So we get this number of words out of onequarter of an inch of lead. Out of an wish to stand in the way of my daughinch of lead we would get four times | ter's happiness, but I know so little 8,600, or 14,400 words. Out of seven of you, Mr. Hawkins. What is your Letter-heads, inches we would get 100,800 words. vocation? Mr. Hawkins (airily)—Oh, So far as the number of words I write—er—poetry, novels—er—plays is concerned we have in this result the and that sort of thing. City Magis-possibilities of the lead pencil. Allow-trate—Indeed! Most interesting! And Envelopes ing 1,800 words to the column this how do you live?—Punch.

"I have been figuring on the possi- would mean fifty-six columns of solid of solid matter it would require on this basis the reportorial energies of twenty-eight men busy for the average time put in by newspaper writers in one day. This would mean that one pencil, with due care and attention and without any unnecessary waste, ought can buy a lead pencil for five cents. The average price paid for the best newspaper of the country for accepted matter is \$5 a column. If one pencil will write fifty-six columns of matter, it is possible for a newspaper writer to earn, on an investment of five cents, who look at the matter from another standpoint, for instead of being a proerally leaves one haunted by the iron-

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