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THE SAGE OF POSSUM FORK

Demonstrates the Marvelous Results of a One Hundred Term Series.

Editor County Record:

I see in the Cotton Plant that a Kansas preacher, wanting to build a church, has started a letter chain asking that each recipient of a letter send him 5 cents and write three similar letters to three others requesting the same, etc. But he wants the letter chain stopped at the one hundredth series. Some one claiming to have calculated the sum total of the three-fold series to the 100th term gives a number represented by only thirty figures as the result.

But, Mr. Editor, while a number represented by thirty figures is too vast for a finite mind it is woefully short of the mark; for a three-fold geometrical series of 100 terms, starting with 5 cents, will take in about 48 places of figures, and is, in round numbers, more than 1,000,000,000