## Founding of the American Statistical Society

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Big news in the world of math and science this year with the founding of the American Statistical Society. Also known as the American Statistical Association, the ASA was formed at a meeting in the rooms of the American Education Society in Boston. The American Education Society is responsible for much of the aid that New Englanders seeking college education receive. The American education society is chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Founders William Cogswell, Richard Fletcher, John Dix Fisher, Oliver Peabody, and Lemuel Shattuck are responsible for the name of this new body of the American Education Society. The president is professor Richard Fletcher, although we have hear rumors he is but a figurehead and that secretary Lemuel Shattuck is the true leader of the society.

#### A.S.A. President Richard Fletcher



A.S.A. Secretary Lemuel Shattuck



What exactly does the existence of this new society mean you ask? Well put in the words of the society itself each member of the association "prepare at least one article a year on some statistical subject which shall be at the disposal of the publishing committee." That means that this promising institution will be responsible for publishing material to be used in scholarly endeavors. The society will also "collect, preserve, and diffuse statistical information in the different departments of human knowledge." This is truly a noble pursuit and we at the Tribune can't wait to see what will be done with the information the ASA produces.

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### Word Search



I made a word search because I wanted to make a fun and engaging overview of the big things that happened during 1839. I liked the idea of doing something that also left a fair amount to the imagination and would force the reader into finding out about the words they were curious about and how they related to events that happened during 1839. Besides, who doesn't like word searches?