

MARRIAGE AND SUICIDE.

Statistics showing the relation of marriage to suicides:

Men	Married	Single	Widowed
100	120	235	235
Women	100	111	235
Men	100	111	235
Women	100	111	235

Prof. Goldwin Smith's "Theories on suicide," which were recently published in the Herald, have aroused the interesting question as to the effect of higher civilization on suicide, which, Prof. Smith asserts, is increasing. It is the theory of Prof. Smith that marriage is a safeguard against suicide, and on both of these points there is a decided difference of opinion among prominent specialists.

Prof. Dana, of No. 50 West Forty-sixth street, endorses Dr. Smith's theories and says that there will continue to be an increase of suicides and insanity until the people have a little better to the conditions of life. He attributes the increase to the growing sensibilities of mankind, and somewhat to the increasing lack of religious feeling, together with the complexities of modern life, which wear on the nerves.

Prof. Dana also looked on marriage as a safeguard against suicide, and said that the statistics prove the proportion of suicides to be less among married than among single persons. This he attributed to the natural responsibility felt by a married person toward husband or wife, and also to the more natural and regular mode of living of the married couple.

Dr. E. C. Spitzka, of No. 65 East Seventy-third street, asked why, if marriage was a safeguard against suicide, no book on suicide is considered complete without a chapter on "conjugial causes." Both Dr. Dana and Dr. Smith separated the married from the divorced in their estimates, but Dr. Spitzka included the divorced as being a result of marriage.

Dr. Spitzka has compiled an interesting table showing that the husbands of literary women, especially, have a higher rate, not only of suicide, but of general mortality, than other men. Dr. Spitzka's table was taken from three nations, and included 250 "literary females," as the physician termed them. One hundred and eighty-one of the women survived their husbands, and forty-one were survived, which gives a mortality ratio of 4 to 1, while in the general population the mortality of husbands to wives is but 2 to 1.

Dr. Spitzka found, however, that where the literary women were married to literary men, the proportion of mortality among the men was even less than in the general population, it being only 1.5 to 1, while in the general population it is 2 to 1.

Five of the husbands of these 250 literary women were suicides. This is a very large proportion, but again Dr. Spitzka's theory of suicidal literary natures steps in, in extension of the literary woman.

Four of the husbands committed suicide because of unhappy married lives, but the fifth, on the contrary, committed suicide because his wife had just died. He was a literary man, however, while the other four were non-literary men.

Dr. Spitzka said he found it quite unsafe to take official records of the increase in suicides, because they are nowadays kept with so much more accuracy than formerly, which would account for some increase, and also because in the classification they never go below the surface.

"Suicide comes in waves," he said, "and one wave reached its height during the French revolution. In any accurate biography you will find that suicides were as frequent as today. Take such a work as 'Papa's Diary,' for example."

"No less than sixty suicides are mentioned in Tacitus, and in 'Plutarch's Lives' you will find sixty more. Such an increase as there is, I would attribute to the growing non-accountability among men toward a divine Power."

Relation of Marriage to Suicide. Dr. John T. Nagle, head of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics, could not endorse either of Professor Smith's theories. In the increase, he shows a table in which the suicides of New York city are estimated from 1804 to 1890. In this period the suicides went from one in every 7,436 of the population in 1804 to one in every 7,338 of the population in 1890—a very great difference—but in this time they had fluctuated in various years. The lowest rate was in 1846, 1 to every 21,720, and the highest in 1895, when the rate was 1 to every 3,017 of population.

Statistics as to the relation of marriage to suicide had to be chiefly drawn from foreign countries, as records in the United States do not include this item as a whole. In Italy the statistics prove that the proportion of married, single and widowed suicides is, according to Marshall's tables, as follows:

Men	Married	Single	Widowed
100	120	235	235
Women	100	90	147
Men	100	111.4	216
Women	100	94	253

It will be seen that more single than married men commit suicide, and more married than single women. In both sexes the proportion of widowed is large.

The German records are the only ones including divorced persons, as follows—

Men	Married	Widowed	Divorced
100	100	644	644
Women	100	200	280

This shows that divorce has a much more suicidal effect on men than on women.

From 1869 to 1876 suicide increased

In all countries for which records were kept, and the figures for subsequent years show little improvement.

France, with a population of 38,000,000, in 1869 had 5,547 suicides; England, a population of 21,000,000, had 1,508, and Austria, with a population of 20,000,000, had 1,986 suicides.

France, with a population of 38,000,000 in 1876, had 5,804 suicides; England and Wales, with a population of 24,000,000, had 1,770, and Austria, with a population of 21,000,000, had 2,438.

France, with a population of 37,000,000, in 1882 had 7,213 suicides; England and Wales, with a population of 26,000,000, had 1,963, and Austria, with a population of 22,000,000, had 3,530.

The number of suicides in the United States in 1890 was, according to the census, 331 to each 100,000 deaths. In 1890 it was 449 to each 100,000 deaths.

The number of suicides in twenty American cities in 1897 was 2,014. The same cities in 1896 had 1,999 suicides, an increase of 15, or 75 of one per cent.—New York Herald.

MIDGETS ENGAGED.

Bridegroom—Erect 38 Inches Tall and His Fiancee 3 Inches Taller.

New York, Oct. 21.—A midget engagement was announced in Newark to-day. The bridegroom-elect is Maj. Albert J. Cright, of No. 30 South Orange avenue, and the bride is Miss Pearl Robinson, of Chicago. Each weighs 58 pounds. Cright is 23 years old, and his fiancée is 23. He is 38 inches tall and she is 3 inches taller. She has been in Newark for several weeks. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Both are performers in vaudeville. Miss Robinson's mother, Mrs. Robinson, is a "strong woman," weighing over 200 pounds, and she makes a feature of smashing rocks with her fist, lifting heavy weights and breaking chains. Cright's father is a saloonkeeper who weighs 290 pounds.

WOULD-BE ASSASSIN SLAIN.

Father Mistakes His Son for Enemy They Planned to Kill.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 21.—Retribution came quickly to a would-be assassin in Greenville last night. Melvin Langley, a well-known young man, was mistaken by his father for the man whose life they had planned to take, and was mortally shot. Before his son died to-day the sheriff took the father from jail to his home to say farewell to the boy.

The Langleys and the Fullers have been on bad terms, and after midnight young Langley went home and reported to his father that Jesse and Wesley Fuller had shot at him on the street. The two Langleys got their pistols and cautiously approached the house of the Fullers. The plan was that the Fullers were to be decoyed out of the house and the Langleys, guarding front and back doors, would kill them as they showed themselves.

The elder Langley hid himself and the son went to the other side of the house, but before calling out the Fullers the young man came back to his father to say something. The elder man, thinking the Fullers had come out, shot his son through the body.

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Hoepfner Case Enlarged.

At Osgood Hall yesterday, Hoepfner vs. Hoepfner, Refining Co. vs. Hoepfner, plaintiff, Osborn for defendants. Appeal from order of local judge at Hamilton directing security for costs enlarged pretermitly for three weeks. Costs of day in the action.

Dugan vs. Clifford.—D'Arcy Martin (Hamilton), moved to confirm a report and for distribution. F. W. Harcourt for infants. Order made.

Liberal Meetings in Halton.

Mr. McKinnon will hold meetings as follows: Oct. 24th, Kilbride; Oct. 25th, Nelson; Oct. 26th, Pottsville; Oct. 27th, Bronte; Oct. 30th, Glen Williams; Oct. 31st, Palermo; Nov. 2nd, Aetor; Nov. 3rd, Oakville; Nov. 5th, Burlington; Nov. 6th, Georgetown. The outlook in Halton is good.

Looks Probable.

Magistrate (to prisoner)—Did you really call this old gentleman an imbecile and an idiot last night? Prisoner (trying to collect his thoughts)—The longer I look at him the more probable it seems to me that I did.—Exchange



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"For three or four years I have suffered very much from pain in my back, especially in the mornings, and felt run down and worn out. I doctored off and on for some time and took a great deal of medicine, but derived little benefit from it. On the advice of a friend I started taking Doan's Kidney Pills and before I had finished the first box I felt a great deal better, then I got another box and by the time that was done the pain had left my back and I now feel strong and in better health than I have for months."

THE ART SCHOOL BOARD.

Finance and Internal Management Reports.

BRIEF, HARMONIOUS MEETING.

The adjourned meeting of the Art School Board was held last evening. President James Dixon occupied the chair, and the others present were: Messrs. A. L. Pentecost, Col. Grant, J. A. Ames, A. E. Foreman and A. L. Pettigrew and Principal Ireland. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Pentecost moved, seconded by Mr. Ames, that Mr. Ireland be given a copy of his re-engagement, as entered at page 54 in the minutes, and that the corporate seal be attached thereto, and signed by the President, and by the Chairman of the Finance and Internal Management Committee, also that the corporate seal be placed on the minute book. This was carried.

The Finance Committee's report, signed by Mr. Pettigrew, was read as follows: Your committee beg to report that outstanding accounts amounting to \$225.70 by debit, also that salaries amounting to \$242.68 will be due for payment on or before 24th proximo. There is a balance in bank of \$87.12, and fee due for payment, \$107. In order to pay for the balance necessary to pay these accounts, your committee advised that a note be discounted for \$300 until the city grant is received. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Pentecost, seconded by Mr. Foreman, the \$1,500 debentures were ordered to be taken from the hands of the solicitors and placed with the Bank of Montreal for safe keeping.

Mr. Pentecost presented the report of the Internal Management Committee. It reported the attendance of scholars very satisfactory. The following entries have been made, viz: 72 in the Saturday classes, 15 in the day classes, 48 in evening classes, 41 in the geometry classes, and 9 in the mathematical class; total, 183.

On the suggestion of the principal steps will likely be taken to raise a fund for prizes for the students.

SPAIN'S NEW CABINET.

Gen. Azcaraga Will Take the Oath of Office at Madrid To-day.

Madrid, Oct. 22.—Gen. Azcaraga has succeeded in forming a Cabinet, with the following distribution of portfolios:

President of the Council—Gen. Azcaraga.
Minister of Foreign Affairs—Marquis Aguilar Campo.
Minister of War—Gen. Linarez.
Minister of Finance—Senor Allen de Sagar.
Minister of the Interior—Senor Ugarte.
Minister of Justice—Marquis Vadilla.
Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Garcia Alix.
Minister of Agriculture and Public Works—Senor Sanchez Toca.

The post of Minister of Marine has not yet been filled.
Gen. Azcaraga presented the list to the Queen Regent this evening, and the Ministers will take the oath to-morrow.

The Under Secretary of the Interior, the Prefect of Madrid and the Mayor of Madrid, as well as several Prefects of departments, have resigned.

A STATESMANLIKE PREMIER.

"I have always avoided introducing politics into the pulpit, and I will not do so now; but I cannot help introducing as one of the reasons for thanking the fact that we have a Premier who has proven himself so statesmanlike in the administration of the high function of his office; who is so staunch in his character; who is so just and conciliatory in his public utterances; who is so broadly and unselfishly patriotic; that, although a Catholic in his religious faith, he commands the confidence and loyalty of Protestants as no other man in political life at the present time could."—Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto.

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Gets Some Relief.

"Doesn't your husband's insomnia get any better?"

"No; the only sleep he gets is when I think I hear a burglar down stairs."—Chicago Record.

Is Britain Old?

"Aged" they say!
In years grown old!
Counting back to David's day.
Three thousand years
Or more her people carry
Imperial sons of might!
Aged indeed, but ever young.

Old too, is hard Laureatium!
Laurentian granite aged long since!
But granite hills like Albion
Strong are ever firm and hard
Foundation stones, polished pillars,
And empires founded there.
From aged Laureatium's quarries
Come to serve our vigorous race
Ancient but ever young.

"Old" they say!
And truth they say
Who say our Britain's old.
Old, too, are nature's laws:
Ancient in truth her forces are,
Long now since light burst forth
And rolled far hence,
Dark nature's chilling gloom.
How bright that light!
Aged brightness, never old.

Attraction, always strong.
Carries up from olden days
Her uses many.
Gravest to his name.
A hidden mystery, deep;
Its force we always feel,
Its presence always know
Stately its step.

Its arm of power strong.
Too old in truth
Yet all its strength is young.
Up from eternal night
That mystic force has come
On rolling, full rushing.
Changeless youth,
And aged majestic force
Has run a race,
A race eternal long.

Nor dim her eye:
Nor weak her breath;
No languor knows her pulse
Through days and years
This ages many,
Queen Victoria runs her race:
Her life is young.
Her spirit strong
As when she first set forth
On helpful errand sent,
Through Aven's test.
Her strength is tried;
And all the past
Her strength has proved
And found her ever young.

And he is older still
Who nature's forces first gave being;
Whose arm upholds the worlds.
Ages nor eternal time
His strength one whit abates,
And through our aged Britannia
His loving life doth flow
Both full and fresh
Forever young and strong.
Thus now we know
That she is young.
As young as erstwhile was,
Her aim is high,
Her energy grand;
And bold her spirit is,
And calm her strength divine;
As high as grand,
As grand as bold,
As bold as calm is she;
And calm as young and strong.
—E. Odium.
Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 11, 1900.

Stepped Into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Eads, of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infalible for Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Sores, Bruises and Piles. Sold at Parke & Parke, price 25c.

SCHREIBER IS IN JAIL.

Bank Thief Says He Will Tell All.

Washington, N. J., Oct. 23.—Wm. Schreiber, the absconding bank clerk, of Elizabeth, was taken into custody late on Saturday night on a small farm near here.

State Detective John Kelly made the capture, and this morning took his prisoner to Elizabeth, in company with Attorney Gilhooly, of the bank.

Kelly arrived here on Saturday morning and drove to the farm late in the afternoon. He declared that he was without money, and would make a clean breast of everything to the Elizabeth authorities.

Fleeing From the Greater Terror.
When Charles Dudley Warner was editor of the Hartford Press, back in the 60s, arousing the patriotism of his State by his energetic appeals, one of the typesetters came in from the composing room one day and, facing Mr. Warner, said: "Mr. Warner, I've decided to enlist in the army." With mingled emotions of pride and responsibility, Mr. Warner replied that it pleased him that the man felt the call to duty. "Oh, it isn't that," said the truthful compositor, "but I'd rather be shot than set your copy."

The very truth has a color from the disposition of the utterer.—George Eliot

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