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London In Figures.

Where the Death-Rate is Highest—Widowers Who Do Not Like To Marry Widows.

Romance is not usually to be found in books devoted to statistics, yet "London Statistics," 1921-3 (P. S. King and Son), contains some wonderfully interesting and diverting information. For instance, we learn that while the population of Greater London is still increasing, soaring towards the 8,000,000 mark, that of the County of London is slowly and steadily shrinking. This is evidence of the great migration to suburban which has become so pronounced in the last 20 years. The City shows the greatest drop in population, and boroughs that show it noticeably are Chelsea, Bermondsey, Finsbury, Holborn, Westminster, St. Marylebone and Stepney. On the other hand, Wandsworth, Fulham, Camberwell, Lambeth, Lewisham, Hampstead and Kensington show increases. The number of babies born in London has been getting smaller and smaller. Here figures are available only to the end of 1922. There were only 152,795 births in 1922 in Greater London, as compared with 159,052 in 1920. Only 148 babies were born in the City. Shoreditch held the record for babies in 1922 with 28 for every 1,000 of population; Bermondsey (28.9), Poplar (26.7), and West Ham (25.7) were close rivals. More affluent Westminster (13.3), Hampstead (14.8) and Wimbledon (14.1) were the boroughs with the lowest birthrates per 1,000. There were nearly as many deaths by violence as from old age in 1922. Only 3.5 per cent. of the deaths in the L.C.C. area in that year were due to old age, while 3.3 per cent. were due to suicide and other forms of violence. More than one-third of the total number of deaths occurred among persons over 65. Nobody over 15 died of whooping cough. Bermondsey had the highest death-rate with 16.9 per 1,000 of population; Finsbury and Shoreditch were next with 16.3. Hampstead and Lewisham (11.2) had the lowest rate in the L.C.C. area, though they do not seem to be so healthy as many of the outer suburban boroughs, where the rates are extremely low, falling to 9.7 in the case of Southall-Norwood. On the evidence of this most interesting book widowers do not like to marry widows; the widows in turn prefer bachelors. In 1921, 4,104 widowers remarried, but only 1,579 of them chose widows, although 4,445 widows were married again in that year. The book talks also in figures of London's weather. July produced the rainiest week of 1923, while the rainiest month was October. April, June and the winter months showed the lowest rainfall. May was the sunniest month of 1922, with an average of 9.17 hours of sunshine daily. June was second with 7.83, and November, however, claimed nine of the 19 days of fog during

the year. At the end of 1922 there were 4,409 ice-cream premises in the L.C.C. area, an increase of more than 1,200 on the previous year's figures. Wandsworth alone had 324 of these. Camberwell came next with 221, and then the City with 209. The Metropolitan Asylums Board is responsible for some interesting hospital statistics. Of the cases of smallpox received in the Board's hospitals in 1922, 31.9 per cent. died. This is the highest percentage recorded in the book, which goes back to 1876. On the other hand, the total number of cases admitted in 1922 was only 72, while in the five years 1876-1880 the number was 16,318. London lunatics numbered 25,924 on January 1, 1923, of whom only 15 were criminal lunatics. An interesting table of the increase and decrease in lunacy during the past 30 years shows a steady rise from 1890 until 1915, and after that an abrupt fall, which reached its lowest point in 1920. Since then there has been a very gradual rise. There are 91 public libraries in the L.C.C. area. Wandsworth and Lambeth each have

eight, while Westminster and Kensington each have but three, and Chelsea one. The statistics of books taken out of these libraries for home reading show that readers of fiction have increased enormously in the last few years. The figures are:

	Fiction	Literature
1904-5	3,606,232	1,098,456
1912-13	4,815,470	1,771,091
1922-23	6,628,253	1,952,397

But, although the preference is for fiction, there are nearly twice as many "general" works stocked as there are novels. Some interesting traffic statistics are given. On April 11, 1923, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., 18,111 vehicles passed over Westminster Bridge, of which only 1,465 were horse-drawn. This figure does not include barrows, cycles, or motor-cycles. Hyde Park Corner appears to be the busiest traffic point in London, for on July 10, 1923, the horse and motor vehicles passing it numbered 49,475. Trafalgar square was next with 38,001, and then Piccadilly Circus with 34,537.

Fads and Fashions.

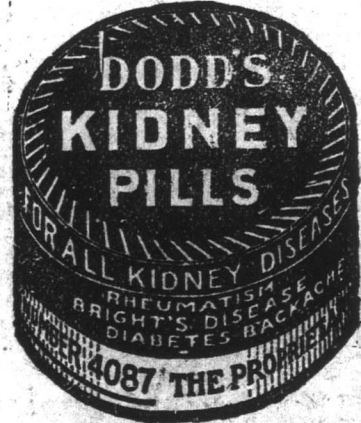
Bindings of bronze moire ribbon are delightful on a frock of cyclamen silk.

There is no doubt about the fact that gray is the smartest of the neutral shades.

Drop shoulders often take the place of sleeves in morning and afternoon frocks.

Youthful frocks of colored organdie have bouffant skirts and scalloped edges.

A scarf of plain-colored handkerchief linen is worn with a frock of printed linen.



Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST

HE TRIED.
He didn't succeed—
For the deed
Was too much for his strength and his skill.
We know, now it's done,
That he couldn't have won.
But someday we know that he will.
He didn't achieve the far goal.
At the last he was driven aside;
But this you must say
To his credit to-day,
He didn't succeed, but he tried.

He didn't succeed.
As you read.
That another has taken the crown.
There is this you can add
In behalf of the lad
Who struggled out there and went down:
Some time he will stand at the top
And gain what to-day was denied;
Out there in the heat
He encountered defeat.
He didn't succeed, but he tried.

It is not what you gain
From the strain
That marks you as bad or as good;
It is not what you do
That brings credit to you.
But the thing you would do if you could.
The dream you have cherished and sought,
In that is all merit and pride.
At the end of the way
God shall smile—can you say,
"I didn't succeed, but I tried."

Speech of Lloyd George Creates Stir in England

LITTLE WELSHMAN HAILED AS "GREATEST EMPIRE BUILDER" BEFORE EDITORS.

LONDON, July 9.—(Canadian Press)—Is the very-versatile Lloyd George about to start out in a fresh breeze to stir political waters of the British Empire?

Of late the former premier and coalition leader has frequently been likened to the proverbial ship without a sail. Has he discovered and bent on a new mainsail and headed into the political winds from which England is never free?

These are questions asked this morning following the dinner last night when Lord Beaverbrook entertained the visiting Canadian weekly newspapermen and at which Lloyd George was the piece de resistance among the orators. Lloyd George was hailed by the host of the evening as the "greatest Empire builder of our time." The former premier then took the floor and addressed the company of six hundred till nearly eleven o'clock. It is considered significant to-day that the Daily Express, which is a Beaverbrook publication, gives the Lloyd George speech verbatim, despite the many generalities of the address and the limited space in the paper. The speech is also given the main position in the edition. Editorially nothing to say about the speech, it talks in a leading article about the

"mists of ignorance" regarding the Empire vanishing.

On the street-to-day the interpretation of the foregoing is that Beaverbrook and Lloyd George are out together to stir the political waters. The former premier, in speaking before the Canadian newspapermen indulged in the vital gestures and picturesque phraseology for which the "little Welshman" is famous. He pleaded against the seeking of imperial unity along the road of controversial issue. It is thought that Lloyd George's reference to "controversial issue" was a dig at Lord Birkenhead's statement at last Sunday's reception to the Canadian newspapermen at Col. Grant Morden's country house, when Birkenhead asked the guests to carry back to Canada the message that "the decision of Parliament in reference to imperial preference, which was taken in the teeth of protests of our party, is not only not irrevocable, but shall be revoked." Birkenhead also proclaimed himself as "one who was not always wrong in his predictions concerning the future."

T. P. O'Connor and Sir Hamar Greenwood, who were also present at the Grant Morden affair spoke after Birkenhead but forebore to enlarge on political matters, possibly because it was Sunday. It was noticed, however, that the speech of the genial old nationalist dean of the House of Commons seemed directed in certain sentences towards "putting a spoke in the ex-Lord Chancellor's wheel," according to one auditor.

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Murdered Deputy

Chief of Press Bureau Surrenders to Police.

Commendatore Cesare Rossi, whose disappearance following the kidnapping and murder of Signor Matteotti caused a sensation, has now surrendered to the police. Over seventy persons are now in the hands of the police in connection with the crime, which has caused immense excitement throughout Italy. Rossi was the former chief of the Italian Press Bureau. He is accused of having been the organizer of the gang of ruffians who are alleged to have committed, not only the Matteotti murder, but several previous acts of violence against Deputies and others, and of having subvented these ruffians with funds from public money. He said he had never intended to conceal himself from justice. He had hardly known of the warrant issued against him.

Household Notes

Try serving tomato sauce with toasted cheese sandwiches.

Season cheese soufflé with a little mustard, red pepper and salt.

Sliced apples, cabbage and ripe olives make a wholesome salad.

Serve a berry roly-poly with a hot sauce made with berries.

For the camp supper cheese sandwiches are nice fried on bacon fat.

Oil should be thoroughly chilled before it is used in salad dressing.

Serve fried eggs in sandwiches, adding a slice of tomato and onion.

Crystallized mint leaves make a delightful garnish for a fruit salad.

Small white onions are nicest for glazing. Cook until a delicate brown.

A tart jelly, such as currant is nice with rice timbales or croquettes.

Serve egg sauce with boiled fish, and accompany with sliced cucumber salad.

A little grated nutmeg or cinnamon gives a nice flavor to doughnut dough.

Chopped walnut meats are delicious in bread, sweetened with molasses.

Your fruit punch will be improved by the addition of a little finely chopped mint.

Peanut butter moistened with a little catsup makes a delicious sandwich filling.

A delicious layer cake is made by using Graham crackers rolled fine instead of flour.

Tapiocha cream pudding is especially nice when flavored with chopped, cooked prunes.

Garnish a mold of jellied chicken with boiled tips of asparagus and peas of mayonnaise.

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