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"WIMMIN aboard ship I don't 'old with," said the night-watchman severely. "They'll ask you all sorts of silly questions, an' you'll have to answer 'em. If you don't treat 'em civil in answering 'em, if you do treat 'em civil, what's the result? Is it a bit of bacon, or a shilling, or anything like that? Not a bit of it; just a 'thank you,' an' said in a way as though they've been giving you a perfect treat by talking to you.



"WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, MR. MALLOW?" SEZ THE SKIPPER.

"I'm beat if both of 'em didn't take to water and give 'er their pipes to chuck overboard, and the sea was so rough, used to suffer when they saw other people smoking was pitiful to witness.

"Curse the committee," screamed the mate. "Curse 'em all round, with his eyes starting out of 'is head and then suddenly shut his mouth with a snap and went on deck. He never alluded to the affair again, but the rest of the crew, as he spoke 'e hardly spoke to a soul. The young people got their cards and draughts again, but he took no notice, and 'e never spoke to 'em again, and 'e did it in a very delict way by giving her the pay as a boy, and I don't think I ever see anybody look so pleased and surprised as she did.

"The skipper did a bit, and then went ashore to look for 'er, turning up again at 8 o'clock quite worried. Nine o'clock came, and there was no sign of 'er. 'E then called on Mr. Scott, and in a dreadful state, and the skipper sent almost every man aboard ashore to search for 'er. They 'unted for 'er high and low, up and down and round about, and turned their heads so much that they couldn't hardly stand without holding on to something, and so upset that they couldn't speak. Some of the officers got any sleep that night except Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Fisher, but the morning they was ashore again looking for 'er.

"She'd disappeared as completely as if she'd gone mad or something; the mate, who was sitting here quite quiet and peaceable, when she came alongside and slapped my face, and it was all together. "I don't understand," sez the skipper. "I don't understand," sez the skipper. "I don't understand," sez the skipper. "I don't understand," sez the skipper.

Sporting Fatalities During Year

Automobiling and Mountain-Climbing Head the List and Show an Increase Over 1905

Table titled 'TRIENNIAL RECORD OF SPORTING FATALITIES' showing statistics for 1904, 1905, and 1906 across various sports like Mountain Climbing, Automobiling, Hunting, etc.

their lives, 35 automobilists and 72 hunters. Hunting, indeed, ranks nearly third in the annual 'sporting deaths.' Wisconsin seems to have the blackest portion of the list to show, for her first day's record tells of 20 casualties, 12 of them fatal, but Maine reported for the first 48 hours of the season 6 killed and 7 wounded, so that the grand total of 72 fatalities and 77 other casualties for the entire country exhibits a reasonably divided responsibility.

THE close of the football season is again met with public clamor against the dangers of the game, which is only too true, as the present revised rules of play, rules, it may be added, that are certain to be changed even more in the immediate future, to increase yet further 'open play,' and so decrease yet further the danger to life and limb. Football is dangerous. There can be no question as to that, when the eleven weeks just past have built up a total of 11 fatalities, with something over a hundred cases of more or less serious injury. But is that all there is to be said in the matter?

Baseball Kills Eight. The death roster, insofar as its items fall below football, is not so long by 8 fatalities which have befallen on the diamond field of the National game. Of these two were spectators, struck in the one case by a ball and in the other by a bat, which had slipped from the batsman's hands on a swing; Thomas Barlow and Frank Wilson, both of Philadelphia.

Deaths in 'Sport' in 1906. It is said that something approaching 40 per cent of the deaths of any year, due to other than so-called 'natural causes,' are to be attributed to 'murder, suicide and individual accident,' and that nearly two-fifths of this total is due to accidents closely connected with man's various amusements, and especially those accessible to disasters on the rail including those caused by trolley cars as well as steam, and the marine horrors, as classed as 'general,' not 'individual.' In this light, glance at the list of deaths, in the various fields of sport, since January, 1906, came in. Mountain-climbing leads, in the first 11 months of the year, with 19 fatalities, 10 of which are in that hazardous 'pleasure.' Automobiling has accounted for 10, and 22 hunters have been accidentally killed. It is quite a list, and it is not surprising that 11 fatalities of football, with following in order, baseball 8, marine 4, and two each for boxing, wrestling and horseracing.

The Square Deal—And Checkers. Such facts and figures have been gathered up with no thought of bringing discredit upon any of the sports referred to, nor has there been any intention of 'holstering up' this much-talked-of football record by dwelling upon the hazard of other outdoor games. The element of danger in sport exists wherever there is fascination or popularity. It exists more markedly for the cowboy than for the man of experience, properly trained under the conditions of a question. And it would seem only fair that the critical public should bear something of this sort in mind, in connection with any sport, or the other should have some eye for the whole field, and so speak with a view to all the facts.

International Sunday School Lesson

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. THE story opens with a woman weeping by a grave. A familiar enough scene truly; women weep because they have borne most of the world's suffering. The vicariousness of womanhood is that it is at once a curse and a blessing. There are often caused by death; there are worst griefs than this one, but over it we weep most. The mystery, the silence the separation of death stir the heart's deep fountains.

Christianity Not Negative

THE BOY JESUS.—"He was subject unto them." There is a moral grandeur in these words. Conscious of his powers and of his mission, he yet took up the line of an ordinary young man so naturally that no one thought the fact notable. Great indeed is the greatness that can make itself of no reputation, and be patient through all times of preparation and waiting. Those silent years which followed at Nazareth are eloquent with teaching to all whose souls cherish high visions, but whose lot is cast in a lowly place.

As an emblem for this mission which he bequeathed to the disciples, Jesus breathed upon them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." He was going away; the Spirit would stand in them in his stead. They would be sufficient for all things, because of the divine Enabler. The new truth that Mary told not only the world, but the world's calendar, but also to make over its maps. Equipped with it, the little company of plain people, whom she found in perplexity and confusion, to mold society anew and to transform the world. The great affirmation of the Gospel, of a risen life for man right here and now, and of the Holy Spirit, the presence of God in the most potent influence of history. Christianity is not a religion of negative teachings and negative character, as such misrepresent it. The risen Christ brought into the world a new force. When he entered the room where they were gathered on Resurrection Day he found his disciples fearful and cowering. He left them brave and courageous. The dominant personalities of the time were soon these few Christians. Boldness became their outstanding characteristic. They went to be pioneers in aggressiveness. Without fear and in stupendous faith they challenged the world and set out to conquer it. The resurrection note sounds in the victorious life.