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MORE DEATHS THAN BIRTHS.

A Rapid and Ominous Decrease in the Population of France.

Statistics are very dull, and dullness is a thing to be shunned by all well-regulated persons, says a writer in the Philadelphia Telegraph, but an article has just appeared in the Journal Officiel which is not quite uninteresting to France and the French. During the year 1892 the deaths in France exceeded the births by over twenty thousand. Hitherto the population had been about stationary, but this national deficit is serious. The French, from the highest to the lowest, do not care for large families, alleging, justly enough, that children are expensive articles. Did not a cook the other day lay her woes over the death of her first born open to her sympathizing mistress? "That baby cost me first and last not less than three hundred dollars," quoth the bereaved mother, "and after all that expense it only lived three weeks!" The birth-rate is about as usual in France, at the ratio of twenty-two births for every thousand. The mortality among the great cholera epidemics ever killed in one year. It is also solemnly set forth that the children born during the siege generally died in their infancy, owing to their privations. It is difficult to see why the mortality among the "war babies," as they were called, should have ceased for twenty whole years to spring up again suddenly. However, there is the unpleasant fact that the population of France, if something is not done, will speedily resemble, in this large and pleasant land, the relative proportions preserved by a single back-berry sailing gravely in a very large bowl of milk.

UNBESOME INQUENTS AT SEA.

A Naval Officer's Relation of How a Messmate's Body Was Buried.

"I was nearly scared out of my senses once," remarked an officer of the United States navy whose name is a synonym for all that is courageous and manly, "when I was ordered to bury a man who had died at sea. There was an immediate demand from the Washington Star reporter for the story and the accommodating officer proceeded with it. "It happened on the old ship Powhatan," he said, "several years ago, and we were anchored off a West India port. One day a young sailor, a general favorite with officers and crew, fell from a mast and broke his neck. He was dead when we picked him up, and at once prepared the body for burial. The ship's carpenter making a wooden coffin, which he nailed together, as there were no screws suitable in his kit. We had expected to take the body ashore, but the authorities refused permission, and we were forced to a sea burial, and had placed a couple of shot inside the coffin at the foot to sink it. The body lay in state on deck that night, and the next day all hands were called to attend the funeral. The captain began reading the burial service, very solemnly and with much feeling, for all of us felt the loss of the young fellow keenly. He read along quietly until it was about half through, when all at once there came a fearful rasping, screeching sound from the coffin, and the lid began to rise. The super-

UNAPPRECIATED BANANAS.

Some Superstitions About Haddock and Fern Roots.

The banana possesses wonderful sustaining properties, and yet years ago, in the warm countries where it flourishes, the banana was thought of so lightly that it was allowed to waste if not eaten by the cattle.

The plant itself was valued simply as a shade for coffee trees, between rows of which it was planted.

Somebody once told me, says a writer in the Gentlewoman, that the Spaniards used to regard the banana as a forbidden fruit, because they detected in its heart the transverse section of the cross.

I remember, too, how one of my early governesses used to delight me by showing me the cross and the apostles in the center of the passion flower; and the other day a friend told me of some curious symbolical marks to be found at the back of the neck of the haddock, indentations similar to those that might be caused by the finger and thumb, the supposition being that the haddock was one of the fishes picked out of the net on the occasion of the miraculous draft of fishes.

Keeping Composed.

To maintain one's composure under circumstances of a trying nature is about as difficult a task as has ever been set for mankind. The Frenchman is so rarely able to keep cool that he marvels at the Englishman's stolid indifference to most of the ills of life, and in a French work published some years ago a certain "Mildred Hamilton" is held up as the prince of the composed. "For," says the writer, "Mildred Hamilton, having killed a hotel waiter in a brawl, being informed of the man's death by the landlord, composedly ordered his host to charge it in the bill."

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