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STATISTICS OF SUICIDE

A work of an extraordinary character has recently been published in Italy by Prof. Morselli, of the Royal University, of Turin. It bears the title of "Comparative Moral Statistics of Suicide." It is throughout statistical, and claims to embody the most complete results with reference to the sombre and melancholy subject of suicide that could be obtained from every available quarter.

Assuming that figures, carefully collected and collated, as those in this work profess to have been, can not lie, the results are singularly interesting and inexplicable upon any ordinary moral or philosophical theory. From a notice in Nature of an English translation of this work, we abstract some of the statements which are given as conclusive results of the investigation. It is impossible, of course, to gainsay these statements, or to explain the conclusion reached from the statistics. It requires, however, a very considerable degree of faith in figures to adopt the inferences thus drawn from them.

In the first place we have, what is held to be demonstrated from the statistics gathered, the painful fact that suicide has increased in almost all the civilized countries of Europe and the New World, from the beginning of the present century. In France and Italy especially, there has been a great increase. Suicide is said to be most frequent in the temperate zone. Flat plains and the courses of large rivers are the most favorable localities for suicide. The transition period between spring and summer, and especially the month of June, exercises the most positive influence on suicidal tendency. So far as concerns the influence of the seasons, this is directly at variance with the hitherto accepted opinion that suicides are more frequent in damp, cloudy and dark weather, like that not uncommon in November.

Suicide, it is said, is everywhere committed with the greatest frequency during the first third of any given month, and the first two days of the first third yield the largest proportional number. The highest proportion of suicides among women is on Sunday. The Celtic race are found to be the least addicted to suicide, and the Germans to most so. As to religious influences, it is said that the Jews display an habitual resistance to suicide. The Catholic nations stand on the last step of the scale of suicides, while those exclusively or chiefly Protestant take the first grade. In countries of mixed religions the inclination to ward suicide diminishes in direct ratio to the predominance of Catholicism. Those countries which possess a higher standard of general culture furnish the larger contingent of voluntary deaths. Concerning sex, the proportion of suicides among women is one to three or four men, except in Spain, where it is one to two and a half men. In England, however the number of young women who commit suicide exceed by more than a tenth the number of men. In regard to different occupations, the following is the statement: "First of all are the literary and scientific; all those, in short, who make the greatest use of their brain power. Next comes the military, the statistics in regard to whom are very remarkable. In Prussia the average of suicides in the whole population is 394 per million, while in the army it rises to 620. In Austria the proportion is still higher. In the English army the suicidal tendency is more than triple that of the civilized population." Concerning the methods and places chosen by suicides, the rope is the favorite insrument; next the water: then fire arms; and finally, falling from a height. In Russia, hanging is the favorite mode, and in Italy, drowning.

Iodian Salmon Trap.

The following is a description of a salmon trap built by Indians near the mouth of the Spokane river: "The Indians have built a solid net work of willow twigs from one bank to the other. Poles were first placed at a distance of some four feet apart upright in the water. Through these the willow twigs were woven until across a distance of 80 yards there is not a hole large enough to admit the passage of a good sized salmon. This weir is built in such a way that it forms a V, the point down stream. At either bank small wicket doors are hinged in the weir. The salmon comes up stream and follows one or the other of the sides of the V up to the door, pushing with his nose all the time against the willows. The door opens as he pushes against it and passes through into a small pen and the force of the current closes the door again ready for the next comer. It is then an interesting sight to see the small boys get into that pen with their spears and take out that salmon. Sometimes as much as 1,000 pounds are taken daily, during a good run, and fish may be seen in the pen at any minute. The fish are cut into slices about eight inches long and hung over poles to be smoked and dried. The smoking process is only used to keep the meat free from insects while drying process is going on.

Josh Billing's on Courting

Courting iz a luxury, it iz sallad, it iz ise water, it iz a beveridge, it iz a pla spell of the soul. The man who haz never courted hez lived in vain; he haz bin a blind man among landskapes and waterskapes; he haz bin a deff man in the land ov hand organs, and by the side ov murmuring canals. Courting iz like 2 little springs ov soft water that steal out from under a rock at the fut ov a mountain, and run down the hill side by side, singing and dancing and spattering each uther, eddying and frothing and kaskading, now binding under bank, now full ov sun, now full ov shadder, till bimeby tha jine and then tha go' slow. I am in ravor ov long courting; it gives the parties a chance to find out each uther's trump cards, it iz good exexreize; and iz jist az innersent az 2 merino lambs. Courting iz like strawberries and cream, wants to be did slow; then yu git the flavor. I hav saw folks git acquainted, fall in luv, git married, settle down, and git tew wurk in three weeks from date. This iz jist the wa sum folks larn a trade, and akounts for the great number ov all-mightey mean mechanicks we hav, and the poor jobs tha turn out.

Perhaps it iz best i shud state some good advise to young men who are about tew court with a final view to matrimony as it waz. In the first plase, yung man, yu want to get yur system all rite, and then find a yung women who iz willing tew be courted on the square. The next thing is tew find out how old she iz, which yu kan do bi asking her, and she will sa that she iz 19 years old, and this you will find won't be far from out ov the wa. The next best thing iz tew begin moderate; say onse every nite in the week for the fust six mouths, increasing the dose az the patient seems tew require it. It iz a tust rate wa tew court the girl's mother a leetle on the start, for there iz one thing a woman never dispizes, and that iz, a leetle good courtin, if it iz dun strikly on the square. After the fust year yu will begin tew like the bizness. There iz one thing i alwus advize, and that iz not tew swop fotografs oftener than onse in 10 daze, unless yu forget how the gal looks.

Oksionally yu want tew look sorry, and draw in yur wind az tho yu had a pain, this will set the gal tew teazing you to find what ails yu. Evening meetings are a good thing tu tend, it will keep your religgion in tune, and then if the gal happens tu be thare, in accident, she kan ask you tu go hum with her. As a general thing i wouldn't brag on uther gals much when i waz courting, it mite look az tho' yu knu tew much. If you will court 3 years in this wa awl the time on the square, if yu don't sa it iz a leetle the slikest time in yur life, you kan git measured for a hat at my expense, and pa for it. Don't court for munny, nor buty, nor relashuns, these things are just about az onsartin az the kerosense ile refining bissness, liable tew git out ov repair and bust at any minit.

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