

**VIOLENT DEATHS.**

A violent or unnatural death seems to be a sad thing to the world; yet in England one death in every twenty-eight is of this character. The proportion is increasing; the deaths by violence in 19,000 of population ranged from 7.16 to 7.80 in the four years 1851-54; from 7.95 to 8.35 in the four 1864-67. There is no increase of death from murder, manslaughter, or suicide, but in the deaths from accident or negligence the increase is too manifest. In the five years 1863-67 2,301,103 deaths were registered in England and Wales, with the causes of deaths specified; and of 83,853, the deaths of 62,708 males and 21,145 females, were violent deaths. It must also be stated that 438 of these males and 123 of the females were intoxicated when the accident, or other violence which proved fatal, occurred; of them, 4,175 of these violent deaths were by railway accidents; 5,868 by accidents in or about mines; 28,114 by mechanical injuries, such as fractures, falls, or being run over; 11,942 by chemical injuries such as burns, scalds, poisoning; 25,828 by asphyxia or suspension of respiration, chiefly by drowning or suffocation; 6,896 by violence not particularly described. The whole number is equal to the population of a large city, such as Norwich; 19,310 of these violent deaths—not very far from a fourth of the whole number—were deaths of children under five years of age; 3,938 children were burnt to death; 3,297 were scalded to death; 1,950 drowned, and 5,134 suffocated; so difficult is the entrance upon life; 6,696 of the violent deaths were suicides—4,305 males and 1,791 females; 21 boys and 15 girls under 15 years of age, committed suicide, most of the boys by hanging and most of the girls by drowning—one girl who drowned herself was under five years of age; 130 lads and 163 girls, between 15 and 20 years old, committed suicide; 252 young men and 163 young women, between 20 and 25 years old; 484 men and 272 women between 25 and 35; 949 men and 339 women between 35 and 45; 1,135 men and 382 women between 45 and 55; 1,066 men and 291 women between 55 and 65; 688 men and 203 women above 65. The variations with age in the ratios of the sexes will be observed. The deaths of 630 males and 633 females in the five years are returned as having occurred from murder and infanticide; 810 whose age was under one month, 874 under one year, 921 under four years—again proving the difficulty of entrance upon life. Among the curiosities upon the death-roll may be instanced: Two persons, one very old and one very young, killed by game cocks; one person from artificial teeth; others from swallowing a fish bone, swallowing a plum stone, or from the sting of a bee; children from swallowing a pin, a needle, a half-penny, a nutshell, a hook, also one from the sting of a wasp, one from a circumcision, one from the bite of a dog, and one from fright in a storm; 71 persons were executed in five years—68 men and 3 women.

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