

Mortality Statistics for 1913

DEATHS CAUSED BY AUTOMOBILES AND HORSES.

That the automobile, in spite of the rapidity with which it has come into general use, is still less deadly than the horse, might be inferred from the fact that the mortality incident to its operation was less in 1913 than that chargeable, directly and indirectly, to man's faithful but sometimes erratic friend. During the year the number of deaths resulting from automobile accidents and injuries was 2,488, while the number due to injuries and accidents caused by other vehicles (principally horse drawn) was 2,381, and the number caused by animals (principally horses) was 540. The corresponding figures for 1912 were 1,758, 2,221, and 543. A few fatalities caused by motorcycles and bicycles are included in those due to "other vehicles," and a small number chargeable to animals other than horses are comprised in those caused by animals; but, after making due allowance for these factors, there still remains a considerable "margin of safety" in favor of the automobile. Deaths due to railway accidents and injuries during the year numbered 8,212, and those resulting from street-car accidents and injuries, 1,998. The corresponding figures for 1912 were 8,209 and 1,832. For the first time the number of fatalities due to automobile accidents and injuries exceeds the number resulting from injuries caused by other vehicles and also exceeds the number due to street-car accidents.