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our crowds swarmed to the cemetery. One night about 1900 a dead body was found in the hope of being healed of their ailments. Sensational newspapers encouraged the foolishness by pretending to take the matter seriously. Finally the cemetery was closed to end the farce.

Doubtless many really believed that they had been benefited by a supernatural power, and the imagination of some may have been vivid enough to bring about a feeling of relief. But all was imagination. Not the slightest evidence is forthcoming to prove that anything happened which was in any degree miraculous.

It was all a manifestation of superstition, mania, strangely out of place in a civilized community. In fact, superstition of one kind and another is so generally prevalent that it is open to question whether any community can justly claim to be civilized.

## SAVINGS AND AUTOS

Statistics are not very entertaining, as a rule, but a comparison of how people of different sections of the country save and spend is instructive.

Based on figures compiled by the Department of Commerce, a tabulation has been made of the proportionate amounts represented by savings and autos owned by individuals in various sections of the country.

It is shown that the New England states have 16.56 per cent of the savings, but only 10.67 per cent of the automobiles of the country; middle Atlantic states, 35.71 per cent of the savings and 25.25 per cent of the automobiles; west north central states, 9.70 and 16.51; south Atlantic, 6 and 8.69; east central, 2.30 and 4.02; west south central, 1.91 and 8.35; mountain, 1.55 and 3.63; Pacific, 8.81 and 10.74.

The figures are to indicate the greater richness of the East as compared with the West and South. Whether one section or another is happier because of the tendency to save or spend is difficult to determine. Some folks contemplate a savings account with great satisfaction; others fit up the old gasoline buggy and cast care to the winds.

## PROTECTION CASES

In a statement just issued by the Department of Justice it is disclosed that there were 41,100 convictions as a result of criminal protection cases in 1928, and that during the first six years of violations of the national prohibition law.

It may be of interest to compare the number of convictions under this law with those of former years, which are as follows:

In 1922, 22,745; in 1923, 34,067; in 1924, 38,000; in 1925, 38,498; in 1926, 37,018; in 1927, 31,717; in 1928, 48,800; in 1929, 41,100.

The figures are for fiscal years ending June 30.

No figures are available covering the hundreds of thousands convicted each year in state, circuit, county, city and other local courts.

Whatever may be said of the prohibition law it is evident that its violators are still giving enforcement officers and courts of the country plenty to do, and it seems probable that this situation will continue for a long time to come.

## FOREIGN AIR LINES

Based on figures of air mail service it is generally known to have grown, but, it will be surprising to many to know that the United States now has direct air mail service connections with 22 different countries of the western hemisphere.

This fact is reported in a recent survey, by the American air transport association, which discloses that this international expansion of air mail service has been so rapid and powerful enough to set the details of what is going on earth, he would not see what is taking place today, but would witness the happenings of 365 years ago—or about 100 years before the discovery of America.

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The grave is that of Father Powers, a Catholic priest, dead sixty years. Someone started the story that visitors to the spot had been cured of various diseases. Credul-

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