

WOMEN OUTLIVE MEN BY 20 YEARS

French Insurance Statistics
Present Interesting Facts on
Longevity of Sexes.

WOMEN WISER, SAYS DOCTOR

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of Life, While Men Have Prob-
ably Contracted Weaknesses.

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PARIS, Sept. 14.—The greater long-
evity of women than of men is shown
by recent French insurance statistics,
the advantage on the feminine side be-
ing almost one-third.

Thus the average age at death of
feminine annuitants on one company's
books is 70, while for men it is barely
50. Another company has several cen-
tenarians, all women, on its books.
These annuitants have already received
their money back five or six times
over. The company is thinking of re-
vising its tariff, making the scale for
women much higher.

A distinguished doctor, when asked
to account for women's longer lives,
said:

"Men live much harder and smoke
and drink too much, even though they
rarely work too much. Women are
wiser and think of the future, rarely
smoke, and drink one-tenth as much,
while their preoccupations and moral
sufferings are much less intense.

"At 40 a woman is in the plenitude
of her physical powers, while a man
at the same age has probably contract-
ed organic weaknesses which will
shorten life."

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