WOMEN EXCEL AS SWIMMERS

Wonderful Access of Interest In Water Sport During Recent Years — Feminine Champions Who Have Made Records.

WIMMING as an exercise for women has become generally popular only within the last few years. Ten years ago there were few expert women swimmers. Today there are hundreds of them, and a grave scientist has taken it upon himself to announce that women make the best swimmers of all. He says they have more endurance than men because they do not feel the shock of the cold water so intensely, their bodies having more fat than men's do to protect them from cold. This does not mean that women as a class are fatter than men. Far from it. The learned scientist means only to say that the proportion of protec tive fat layers in a woman's body are more numerous than in a man's.

The popularity of swimming is proved by the fact that a swimming pool is part of the equipment of most fashionable country places. One often finds a swimming pool annexed to some smart town houses.

One of the finest swimming pools in the country is maintained by the fashionable Colony club, whose members are New York society women. Women's clubs in other parts of the country have added the swimming bath to their equipment.

Free swimming baths for the people are to be found in every large city. Some private schools are provided with them, and a course in swimming is part of the curriculum.

It is therefore no wonder that every now and then one hears of an intrepid young woman saving some frail or unfortunate male being from a watery

Miss Adeline Trapp, a pretty young Brooklyn schoolteacher, recently amazed the public by two remarkable long distance swims. One was made from Yonkers down the Hudson river to the foot of Forty-second street, a distance of about seventeen miles.

The other swim was from North beach to Robbin's reef. near Livingston,



Photo by American Press Association.

MISS ADELING TRAPP.

Staten Island, the distance being twenty-two and a half miles. The United States volunteer life saving corps had four of its best swimmers to go over this distance with Miss Trapp, and all of them had to be taken into boats

before she had completed her swim. Not only is Miss Trapp the best woman swimmer in America, but few men can successfully compete with ber. She some time ago made a daring dash through the water in the famous Hell Gate channel in Long Island sound.

Miss Rose Pitinof of Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Elaine Golding are also wonderful women swimmers

BARBARA BARTLETT.

A Woman's Way. A man awoke one night with a tooth ache.

He groaned; he turned and twisted; he howled; he sat up and lay down again; he arranged his pillow and pressed it against his face with another groan.

His wife slept on and never moved. He wanted attention, he wanted sympathy, and he groaned again.

Still she slept. Injury added to the pain. It wasn't treating a fellow right to sleep like that when he was suffering with a painful tooth, and he called her name. Still she slept.

He had groaned three times as loud as he could, and she didn't awake. Then the baby, in its crib in another

room, sighed softly in its sleep. The woman was on her feet and standing beside its crib, anxious eyed,

in an instant. "And I actually thought," said the man. "that she loved me most."

For the Children

The Sad Fate of a Fighting Crow.



The hero of this sad tale is or was Jim Crow. He was captured in the woods from the nest in which he was born. At first he would not eat, but bread soaked in water was when forced into his mouth he got a fine appetite. In a short time he became very tame and kept his master busy digging worms in the garden to satisfy his hunger. If his wants were not immediately attended to he would scream loudly. Then as he grew strong he began to annoy the hens in the yard, stealing their food and sometimes pecking the chickens. One day he made a grievous mistake, bowever. He attacked a gamecock which was strutting about the yard, and the fun began. Poor Jim was no match for the gamecock, and when he was finally secured he was a sorry sight. That was enough for Jim, and thereafter he steered clear of the poultry yard.

A Fine Toy Ship. Did you ever know a boy who wasn't proud to own a toy boat? The emperor of Germany bwns a miniature boat that would delight the heart of every boy. It is an heirloom in the imperial German family, having been given by William IV, of England to Frederick William III., great-grandfather of the present emperor. The boat is a full rigged, three masted warship, fifty-five feet in length, drawing but four feet of water and having a capacity of thirty tons. Emperor William's favorite amusement when a boy was to sail in this boat. His brother, Prince Henry, always went with him. This man-of-war can sail the water the same as the largest ship, but the crew must of necessity be limited in number. The name of this great toy is the Royal Louise after the Prussian Queen Louise.

It was built on the Thames in 1832 and was towed down the river and across the North sea by a steamer to Hamburg. From this place it was floated by a flat barge up the Eibe into the havel at Potsdam, where it still remains.

Don't-

Put your elbows on the table. Trifle with your knife and fork. Clink the glasses together. Tuck the napkin in your collar. Fold the napkin when dining out. Convey food to your mouth with

vour knife. Mash food with fork. Hold knife and fork in the air while plate is being replenished.

Place soiled knife or fork on the table linen. Allow spoon to stand in cup while

drinking from it. Blow on soup to reduce its tempera-

Drink from the end of a spoon. Masticate the food noisily. Converse with your mouth full. Hold food in the air while convers-

Bite mouthfuls of bread from a slice. Precede older members to the table. Use a toothpick at the table.

Streets of New York City. New York city streets have a mileage of nearly 3,740, which is exactly the distance between New York and London. There are 1,905 miles of paved streets, which if placed in a connected line would reach from New York to Amarillo, Texas. The sheet and block asphalt paved streets aggregate 805 miles, equal to the distance between New York and Detroit. There

are 643 miles of macadam streets.

The Dandelion.
Little Dandelion
When she came to town
Seemed a bit of sunshine
In her yellow gown.
Playthings, too, she carried,
Funny little toys For the happy schoolgiris
And the country boys.
Watch chains, oh, so splendid!
Little barefoot Dan. Wearing his in triumph, Felt himself a man. Curls for Prue and Polly Tucked in bonnets small Tucked in bonnets small
Made them grown up ladies
Going out to call.
So she scattered treasures
Up the road and down.
Through the sunny pastures.
Through the dusty town.
When her task was ended
On a summer's day
While the breeze was blowing
Up she flew away.

Up she fiew away.
On her soft wings riding,
Far she salled and high,
And the children, watching.
Wayed a fond goodby.

-Youth's Companion.

busy today.

A party of apaches entered a Paris HUMOR OF THE DAY

game was carried on in great mystery and absorbed all the interest and attention of the players. They had an enemy who was to be "done for," and whoever lost the game was to "do" him. When the game was over the loser accepted the result without discussion. Not long afterward a workman was stabled fatally as he was coming out of a dance hall. The man who had stabbed him quickly disappeared, and the workman was placed in a cab and driven to an address which be had given. This was in a certain street where a sister of his was living. The man was barely able to get out of the cab and to explain tuat he had been stabbed. His case was so serious that he was conveyed to a hospital and died a few hours later. The police then made an inquiry and learned how the murder was deliberately decided upon and savagely executed. The workman himself did not know that his life was staked on a game of billiards .- Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

Glasgow, says a writer in the London and put it all on the woman's plate. Sketch, is my total inability to speak with a Scottish accent. I rather pride soul and all!" myself, as most people do, on my vocal imitative faculties, but I confess to Cleveland Plain Dealer. all the world here and now that I cannot imitate the Scottish accent. My Irish is beautiful; it would make all Dublin weep. My American is quite day for a year have not seen each othgood; I could nearly always get any- er since that time. One, tied to a city had the money. Anybody can talk his friends were posted on the resolu-Weish who cares to substitute "p" for tion. The other travels, and if his foot tish accent cludes me. Sometimes I wiser. The stationary party to the speak a little Scottish, tentatively, to agreement received a letter from the the policeman or the tram conductors traveling man and wrote in reply. or the shopkeepers. The policemen draw their staves, the tram conductors velope containing your letter and substop their trams, and the shopkeepers mitted it to a chemist, who reports put up their shutters. I am not quite that it reeks with whisky."-Chicago sure, but I rather think that I shall Evening Post. abandon the unequal struggle. -

She Was Persistent. A huge package once reached Sir Walter Scott from a young lady in America for which he had to pay \$25 expressage. It contained a manuscript play and a letter from the fair author requesting Scott to read and correct her work, write a prologue and an epilogue, arrange for its production at Drury Lane and negotiate with a publisher for the copyright. That was bad enough, but worse was to follow. About a fortnight later arrived another mighty packet, charged with a similar postage. Scott, who had not grown wiser by experience, paid the charges and opened the parcel. Out came a duplicate copy of the play and a second letter from the authoress, stating that as the weather had been stormy and she feared something might have hap-

How Centipedes Walk.

duplicate.

pened to her former manuscript she

had thought it prudent to send him a

An eminent authority has investigated the peculiar wavy motion of centipedes and millepedes to determine the manner in which these animals manage to use their superabundant pedal legs move in groups or waves, each to do."-Pittsburg Leader. wave including a definite number of The number of waves included in the length of the body is constant for each species. In millepedes the waves of each side are synchronous. In centipedes they are symmetically alternate, giving rise to beautifully accordant movements. The difference may be explained by suggesting that the millepede moves like a pacing horse, the centipede like a trotter .-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Pleasant Surprise. A young man in Indianapolis felt his heart sink as he pulled from his mail box a letter of the wedding invitation type. That was the fifth he had received this season, and he had begun to wonder whether he had any friends left in the single state. "Another five dollar bill busted to

smash." he mourned.

Then he opened the envelope. But it was only the announcement of a wedding that had taken place the week before. And he found in the same cover a check for \$5.

It was then that he recalled a bet made with a friend years before. The conditions were that the one first married should pay the other \$5.-Indianapolis News.

And Upside Down at That. "Where does this train stop next?" asked the nervous traveler on an un-

certain railway.

"Weil, boss," replied the porter, "dar's three washouts an' some bad track right along here, an' she's liable to stop mos' any place mos' any minute."-Washington Star.

Experienced.

"That trained nurse is quite remarkable. She made a man I know cough up a brass tack at the hospital." "That's nothing to what she can do.

She made the young doctor she's engaged to cough up a diamond ring."-Baltimore American.

Diplomatic. Young Man-So Miss Ethel is your oldest sister. Who comes after her?

yet, but pa says the first fellow that is."-Life. comes can have her.-Exchange. A Kitchen Jar. Lady - Susan. I've come down to help you. Servant-I'd much rather you didn't, please, mum. I'm very

Small Brother-Nobody ain't come

She Got the Soul.

There was a bashful young man who was invited to a dinner party and was paired with the prettiest woman in the room. His seat at the table was in front of the roast fowl, which he was to carve. And there was also a fried sole in front of him. And he had never done a lick of carving in his life, for he was a bachelor.

But he made the best of the situation by asking the lady at his side what she would have.

"A little of the sole," she replied. He began to cut off a slice of the chicken's breast.

"No, no-the sole," she whispered. Now, where was the soul of a hen? He thought for a minute and then attacked the wing. .

"The sole, the sole!" cried the lady. He looked for the feet, but no soles were left, so be tried a drumstick. But she still shook her head and said, "No; I only want a piece of the sole."

Scotch Accent Too Much For Him. Then did this young man arise in his The only real blot on my visit to wrath, stick a fork through the fowl "Take it!" he shouted. "Take it, body,

Then he helped himself to the fish .-

Expert Testimony. Two men who swore off New Year's thing that I wanted in the shops if I job, is under the guns because all of 'b" and "f" for "va." But the Scot slips on the road nobody need be the

"I removed the stamp from the en-

Dissolved.

One big trust
Reveled in plenty.
The government busted it;
Then there were twenty—
One in Virginia

And one in Maine, Two in the Carolinas Twain. Six out enst

And six out west

And the others where
They did the best. -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Old Story. "Did that explorer suffer any physical ailment as a result of his trip to the arctic regions?" "Yes."

"What was It?" "Writer's cramp."-Washington Star.

Stupid. Doctor-My dear lady, you are in

perfect health. I can't find a thing the matter with you.

Patient-I wish you'd try again, doctor. I do so want to go away to recuperate.-Century Magazine.

"Pa, what is a tip?" "A tip, my son, is a small sum of money which you give a man because extremities so gracefully and harmo- you're afraid he won't like not being niously. It has been found that the paid for something you didn't ask him

> Humiliating. He-Great heavens, we have run over somebody!

She-Well, don't make such a fuss. People will think it's the first time you have ever been in a motorcar .-Washington Times.

Calculations. "Thank heaven air is still free," said

the gloomy person. "Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins. "But an automobile tire to surround a small section of it costs a heap."-Washing-

Temperature Fell-"I once proposed to a girl in a conservatory.

"With what result?" "A lot of expensive plants were nipped by frost."—Washington Herald.

Other Way Round. He-Do you think that your father

would offer me personal violence if I were to ask him for you? She-No, but I think he will if you don't pretty soon.-Watchman.

Strictly Business. Nan-You and Jack haven't broken off, have you? Fan-No; we're still engaged, but

I've asked for waivers on him.-Chicago Tribune. A Taste.

Missionary-And do you know nothing whatever of religion? Cannibal-Well, we got a taste of it when the last missionary was here. Toledo Blade.

With an Oratorical Drop. "The orator we heard tonight used to be a baseball player." "I suppose that accounts for the

way he pitched his voice."-Baltimore Merely Further Proof.

"Anyway, he has an honest face." "Honest? You surprise me!" "Yes; it's the only honest thing about him. It shows how dishonest be really

Disagreeable Allusion.
Garrulous Barber-As the sayin goes, "There's always room at the top." Sensitive Customer-How dare you refer to my baldness!-Boston TranPAINTINGS TO BE IN PLACE IN A WEEK.

The Abbey paintings, which arrived ten days ago from London, will probably be in place in the State Capitol within the next week, the arrangements for hanging them having been completed before the canvasses were delivered in Harrisburg. The panel completed for the Senate, which was placed recently, is the only one of the commission for that chamber to be finished by Mr. Abbey. It has attracted much attention.

The walls and ceiling of the hall of the House of Representatives have been prepared for the four large paintings for that chamber and the first section of the large decoration for the space behind the Speaker's chair, which represents the Apotheo-sis of Pennsylvania, will be in place within a few days

A Greenland Duct.

It is rather a pity for the gayety of sations that French men of letters cannot fight their duels as duels are fought in Greenland. In Greenland when one man has been insulted by another the adversaries each compose a satire in verse. This each man re cites to his household until the servants and the women know it by heart. Then a place of meeting is ap-The two men, the insulter pointed. and insulted, the offender and offended, stand face to face, and each recites his poem. His friends and servants form a chorus. Each man tries hard to raise the laugh against his adversary. Each man speaks in turn, whipping the enemy with epigram and quip, and after two hours of this wordy battle the meeting gives the victory to him of the two adversaries who has amused the whole assembly most

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