

WOMEN EXCEL AS SWIMMERS

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

SWIMMING 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.

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 grave.

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,



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MISS ADELINE 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 her. 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.

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 when bread soaked in water was 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.

A Fine Toy Ship. Did you ever know a boy who wasn't proud to own a toy boat? The emperor of Germany owns 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.

Table Manners. Don't—Put your elbows on the table. Trifle with your knife and fork. Clink the glasses together.

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 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 schoolgirls And the country boys.

Young Man—So Miss Ethel is your oldest sister. Who comes after her? Small Brother—Nobody ain't come yet, but pa says the first fellow that comes can have her.—Exchange.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

The Stake in the Game. A party of apaches entered a Paris cafe to have a game of billiards.

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.

Expert Testimony. Two men who swore off New Year's day for a year have not seen each other since that time. One, tied to a city job, is under the guns because all of his friends were posted on the resolution. The other travels, and if his foot slips on the road nobody need be the wiser.

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.

How Centipedes Walk. 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 extremities so gracefully and harmoniously. It has been found that the legs move in groups or waves, each wave including a definite number of legs.

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.

And Upside Down at That. "Where does this train stop next?" asked the nervous traveler on an uncertain railway. "Well, 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.

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 busy today.

PAINTINGS 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 canvases were delivered in Harrisburg.

A Greenland Duel. It is rather a pity for the gayety of nations 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.

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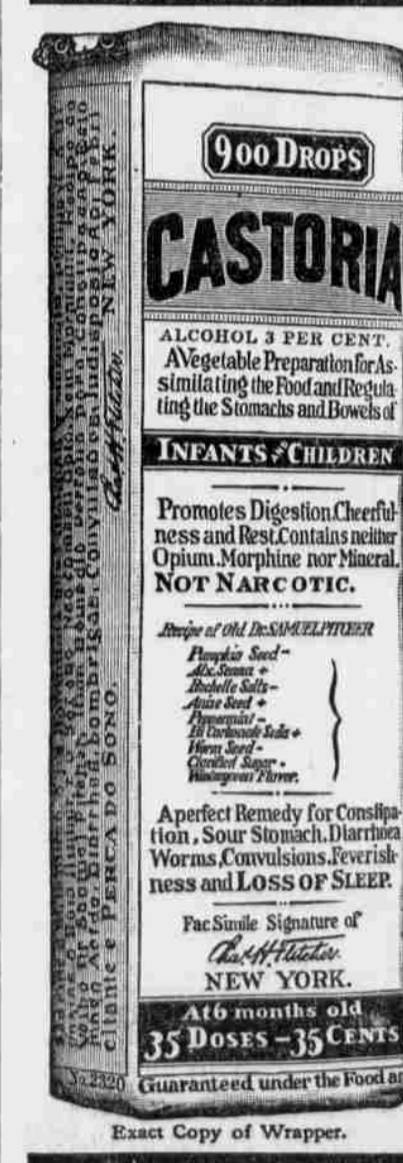
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