

A Woman's Awful Fall.

A crowd of pleasure seekers at Coney Island witnessed one of the most dramatic incidents that ever occurred in Hamilton county at 5.50 last evening. Yesterday was a gala day at the famous pleasure resort on the banks of the Ohio, ten miles up the stream. Besides the customary number of daily visitors who seek relief from the city's heat by a ride over the Ohio's waves, there were crowds present, whose numbers had been swelled by several picnic parties. Thirty-five hundred people, according to the estimate of Mr. Lee Brooks, the President of the Coney Island Company, were on the grounds yesterday, witnessing the terrible fall of the woman whose coolness and bravery had previously called forth their admiration. A balloon ascension had been arranged to furnish amusement and awaken the interest of the many who had come to find relaxation from the tedious labors of the week. The courageous woman who risked her life in a vocation that seemed to suit her tastes and inclinations was known professionally as Frankie Lavelle. Others called her Anna Percival, but her right name was Anna Harkes. Her nerve was exquisite, her muscles of steel, and her hazardous undertakings had often been remarked. She was 28 years old, of slight build, but lithe and sinewy. Her father is collector of a bank in Terre Haute, Ind., the city in which Anna was born. She acquired some experience as a balloon ascensionist in Indiana, having participated in a number of exhibitions of that sort. She made three in this country, all at Coney Island with gratifying success. The fourth proved fatal.

The balloon was filled with hot air, and its bulky form swayed with the breezes as it lifted itself boldly above the heads of the spectators, who stood in idle curiosity, occupying all the available area of the pony track. From the balloon the parachute is hung; from this descends a trapeze and a rope, called the safety or life rope, two feet in length, terminating in a snaffle, hangs from the secure cross beam. Miss Harkes was attired in the gaudy dress of the performer; a short red basque, with white lace and blue trunks, covered her willowy form. A belt around her waist securely enveloped her, a steel ring being fastened in front beyond any chance of accidental release. Into this ring the snaffle fits, holding her in place, safe from harm, even though she should swoon or be overcome by fear or excitement. Mrs. Little assisted in the preliminaries and fastened the snaffle and the ring in the belt together. As the word "Ready" was spoken, Miss Harkes hurriedly spoke a few words to her friend. "When I am near the ground upon my descent," she said, "I am going to hang by my feet and come down head first."

"I wouldn't," warned Mrs. Little. "O, yes, I will," responded the little woman, in a determined tone. "Come and meet me down the road, won't you?" Mrs. Little promised, and a moment later the huge vessel arose majestically into the air. It reached a height of probably 2,500 feet, soaring with the high winds that threatened to carry it far from the banks of the Ohio. Then it began to fall, sinking like a feather upon the pinions of a zephyr, down, down, until again the outlines of the aeronaut's form could be distinguished. Down it came, six or eight hundred feet above the earth, when the most thrilling feat was undertaken. By a quick motion a rope was loosened. The balloon was released, and the parachute, leaping forward, opened in its descent, continuing in a quiet, gradual lowering.

What followed is best described by Allen Dudley, a colored boy employed in the Coney Island Club House, who watched further developments through a powerful field glass he had borrowed from John Miller.

"She was away up high," said Allen; "She seemed but like a speck. As she dropped with the parachute over a thousand feet high, I saw her hook her knees in the bar of the trapeze. A handkerchief fluttered from her hand, and was carried away by the breeze. The safety rope, fastened to the ring in her waist, was too short to permit her to hang the entire length of her body. It must have annoyed her or prevented the carrying out of her intentions, for I saw her hands working down to her waist. Whether she unfastened the snaffle or not I do not know, but I believe she did. She must have done so. I think she tried to hang by her toes, but in a moment she grasped the bar with both hands. First her left released its hold. She regained it, and in a moment her right was free. Another second and her form was darting through the air. She turned four or five complete somersaults,

and I closed my eyes that I might see no more."

And 3,500 others experienced a similar thrill of horror as they realized the terrible consequences of the woman's reckless daring.

Miss Harkes struck in Alex Kochler's nutmeg patch, about a half mile from the Coney Island grounds, a hundred yards north of the New Richmond pike, a short distance east from the village of California. Not a bone but what was broken. She must have fallen on her head, for it was torn and shattered beyond recognition.

There is some division of opinion concerning the height to which the balloon arose and the distance Miss Harkes fell. The general estimate is 2,500 feet for the balloon, 800 feet when the parachute descent was begun, and 500 feet when the poor girl lost her hold and fell to a terrible death.

There can be no mistaking the fact that Miss Harkes herself unfastened the snaffle. The ring at her waist was secure: the snaffle itself was intact. It had been previously tested, and twenty men were unable to snap or bend it.

Nursing Sick Children.

It is needful that mothers should learn the significance of various signs which are of great importance during the illness of young children, as these are the only means they have of indicating a knowledge of their condition. Most of these signs are automatic, or unintentional, so far as the child is concerned, but on this account are all the more significant and important. We quote a paragraph or two from "Hospital and Home Nursing," by an English author:—

"A skillful nurse should read intuitively by a sign, or a cry, what is amiss; crying is very expressive, and is a baby's only language, and an occasional good cry does it good rather than harm, by expanding its lungs. You must remember that a young baby can neither talk, sing, nor laugh aloud so that the deep inspirations it takes in crying are the only means it has of thoroughly aerating the residual air in its lungs. Do not, then, grudge the healthy cry which usually accompanies the morning tub."

"The cries of children vary much, according to the nature of their illness, and are often very significant. In brain disease the cry is piercing and shrill, and the child wakes, perhaps, with a shriek; pain in the stomach usually causes a loud, passionate cry accompanied by a flow of tears; the abdomen is probably distended, and the legs are drawn up. In chest complaints the cry is generally stifled, because the act of crying increases the pain."

"The slightest symptoms of illness in a child should never be neglected; infantile complaints develop very quickly, and require as a rule the practiced eye of a medical man to discern at once what is wrong."

"It is very desirable for those in charge of little children to have some general knowledge of symptoms, so as to know what to do in an emergency before the doctor comes; moreover, it is essential that they should have some elementary knowledge of the laws of digestion and of health. More than half the mortality among children under five years of age is caused, directly or indirectly, from errors in diet, such as giving young babies bread, biscuit, or any starchy food before they can digest it, and from the foolish and injurious custom of giving little children a 'taste' off their parents' plates. The direct result of wrong feeding is usually diarrhea, and the indirect result is, not infrequently, convulsions or fits."

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Kissing.

One of the most senseless and reprehensible practices occurring in modern society is the indiscriminate kissing which is not only tolerated but encouraged by many in the most thoughtless manner. The danger of communicating various loathsome diseases in this manner is much greater than is supposed. Dreadful and disgraceful maladies have not infrequently been traced to this source of infection. A physician recently reported a most distressing case in which a young married lady of excellent character became infected with a most horrible and loathsome disease. The circumstances were truly distressing, and the young woman's character was likely to be impeached, and her social standing forever destroyed. She singularly saved her reputation and position by tracing the infection to a certain young man, who, supposed to be of good character and habits, had been allowed the habit of kissing her baby. The little one had contracted the horrible disease from the young man, who was suffering from the consequences of gross immoralities, and thus had communicated the same frightful disease to the young mother, whose character, to say nothing of her life and health, were thus imperiled. Such cases may be more numerous than is generally known.

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