FOINTS ON SWIMMING, Anybody Can Learn but All May Not Ge Record for Speed and Distance.

Every one can learn to swim, even criples and deformed persons. Self-confidence only is required. The toy who really desires to learn can do so either at a natatorium, or by watching a swimmer and picking it up for himself. After two or three attempts, either by crawling off a telving store, till his bands cannot reach the bottom, when he is bound to take a strcke or two, or possibly by placing under his chest a board or a plank, he will have made some headway, and proficiency then is only a matter of practice,

To become a speedy swimmer is, however more difficult. This, as well as long distance swimming, requires considerable muscular effort and good staying powers. One of the great mistakes made by persons when they first begin to practice for speed s in trusting to their arms for principal impetus. Any professional swimmer will tell you that this is wrong; that you should depend upon the muscles of your leg to shoot you forward. The mustles of th chest are bound to become wearied if they are depended on for all the work.

The question as to the movement of the

legs is an important one in connection with

Captain Webb, who swam across the English Channel from Dover to Calais a distance of thirty five miles, in 21:45:00, distance of thirty five miles, in 21:45:00, contended that the best speed was to be had by moving the legs seisor fashion, while others have trusted entirely to the resistance offered by the soles of the feet to the water for the propelling force. Fast swimmers nowadays combine these two methods into a powerful stroke, which consists in straightening out the leg with a peculiar flip, the seissor action being combined with the downward or opening stroke of the leg.

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The tastest stroke for the arm is the "hand over hand." One hand is lifted out of the water, exposing the entire arm and shoulder, and swung through the air forward as lar as the water edgewise, and the other arm thrown out in the same fashion. A knowledge of the stroke is valuable in swimming ashort distance to reach a drowning person. It requires great manually as swimming assort distance to reach a drowning person. It requires great muscular effort, and cannot be maintained long.
Another last stroke, which requires less
exertion, consists in swimming on the side
and taking but one arm out of the
water. This may be relieved by turning
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Among the famous swims on record is that of Captain Webb, mentioned above, and his second one of four miles in the Thames river, was accomplished in 9:51. Gus Sundstorm, instructor at the New York Atlantic Club, swam thirteen miles, from Macomb's dam to the Battery, New York, in August. 1895, in 3:37. The best record ever made by a woman is that of Agnes Beckwith, who swam twenty miles in the Thames river, in July, 1878.

Among the great bugbears in the sport is the cramp, which is likely to seize the best of swimmers. Every one should know, however, that there is positively not the slightest danger from an attack of cramp if the swimmer does not lose his head. It can frequently be relieved by change of the limbs affected, or by rubbing.

If the cramp occur in the call of the leg, elongate the knee, and draw the toes up toward the body, regardless of pain, If relat does not come float quietly or padde toward the shore, without trying to use the limb affected.

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Any boy who takes a daily plunge will find no difficulty in developing a speedy stroke, as well as acquiring some of the tancy strokes and tricks. Swimming on the back, floating, treading water in an upright position, and swimming under water are soon learned. Tricks should not be exhibited until they can be performed easily and gracefully. The "steam tug" act consists in lying on the back, with both legs in the air, the hands propelled and the body rotating. In "marching on the water" the performer lies on his back with arms crossed, and legs moving as they do when walking. The "torpedo" means swimming on the back, with feet and ankles only above the water, and moving feet first. In doing the "spining top" the knees are brought up to the chin, and you turn over and over rapidly. In addition to these there are tricks such as swimming with hands and feet tied, swimming, smoking under water, picking up coins with the mouth, revolving on the surface, hands over head and thumbs locked, and swimming on the breast, with feet first, all of which, if acquired, make neat little accomplishments of which any boy may be proud.

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We orls were played at a funeral in March last at the little village of Nomps-au-Val, fear Amiens, in the Department de la Somme, in France. The deceased was passionately dond of card-playing, piquet being his tavorite game. By the terms of his will, a pack of cards was placed in his coffin, which was borne to the grave by the nour best card players in the district. While on the road to the cemetry, a halt was made at a small tavern which the dead man had been in the habit of frequenting, and where, to quote his words, "he had spent so many agreeable evenings at cards and there the mourners, as directed by the will, played a game at cards and had a glass of wine apiece to drink to his memory. Everything being thus carried out as the deceased had wished, all those who took part in this strange proceeding were entitled to receive a certain sum of money out of the estate.

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A poem has recently been printed in Scribner's' Magazine, called "The Com-pass." It was written by Edith M. Thomas. The concluding line of each stanza is "North points the needle." From a poetic standpoint the poem is very effec-tive, but when read by the severely practical eye of an old salt it has many flaws, for the compass is a thing as whimsical as the wind. Two of them on the same ship rarey agree and seaman are always looking out for some evidence of their eccentricity.

The editor of the Marine Review thus

handles the poem of Miss Thomas: "Miss Thomas might have learned by conversation with an 'old salt' that, on the contrary, many marine disasters have occurred from the fact that north not always points the needle, and if it could be depended upon to act fairly and squarely all the time, some of the greatest dangers to navigation would be

"It is unfortunate that the numberles vagaries of the compass have rarely been called to public attention, but so well known to every navigator are its freaks that one never thinks of trusting it implicitly without bringing a knowledge of both mathematics and astronomy to bear upon it in criticism of its actions. Many landsmen who have read about new vessels have doubtless noted that a ship is sometimes reported to have gone outside to "swing ship for correction of compasses,' yet few have any idea as to what the term means, although it is one of the prime necessities in order to get the slightest confidence in

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Pickleville is the name given to a section of the Twenty-seventh ward of Brooklyn, lying between Flushing and Da Kalb avenues, and extending from Broadway out to the city line, says the N. Y. San. Some strange things happen in Pickleville, and some remarkable stories have been told there. According to the strry told in Pickleville, a cink have stated to the strry told in Pickleville, a sink broom that had been lost in a sewer many years ago sprouted there and grew, stopping up the sewer pipes and costing a Brooklyn property owner \$120 to have it removed.

The two-story-and-basement frame house at 1,249 De Kalb avenue is owned and occupied by Mrs. Cook. The house was erected about twenty years ago by Mrs. Mary McCormack. As the story goes, Mrs. McCormack one day, many years ago, was cleaning a trap beneath a sink in her kitchen with a sink broom. The broom slipped from her hands and disappeared down the waste pipe. A few days later the drained pipes became stopped. Mrs. McCormack sent for a plumber and told him the story of the lost broom. Scarch wires were pushed into the piper and the plumber succeeded in forcing the obstruction twenty feet out toward the street. Then the water flowed freely, and the plumber went away. A year later the same trouble was experienced and another plumber was called in. He torced the obstruction along the pipes, beneath the sidewalk along the main sewer. This gave temporary relief, but in a short time Mrs. McCormack was again compelled to send for a plumber. The sewer pipes continued for a plumber. The sewer pipes continued to prove troublesome, and one plumber finally advised the owner of the house to have new drain pipes laid in the street. Mrs McCormack died and the house was sold to Mrs. Cook. The new owner experienced the same trouble with the drain pipes and spent considerable money with

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Nearly every one in Pickleville had heard of the troublesome sewer, and a crowd gathered daily to see the men search for the cause of the trouble. Twenty-six lengths of pipe were taken up and found to be perfectly clear. Then Plumber Moore went down in the sewer near Evergreen avenue, and his partner went down another mar hole 200 test away. Two sewer in spectors were there, with a crowd of more than fitty Pickleville residents. The plumers searched with lanterns and found that the main sewer was clear as far as the the branch pipe. There they discovered the obstruction. The pipe was hoisted up with a derrick and placed on the street. An unsuccessful effort was made to get rid of the obstruction. Sledges were brought and the pipe was smashed into pieces.

A mass of material resembling the roots of a tree was discovered and the broom handle was tound attached to this. The mass was four feet in length and had grown round in form swelling to the size of the interior of the sewer pipe, which was eight inches in diameter.

Franz Sichel, took the broom, as a curiosity and carried it into a stable yard near by. Sichel acted as a guide to those who called to see the broom that had grown in the sewer. The plumbers went to work and laid new pipes, while Herr Sichel and other neighbors told the history of the wonderful broom. On Tuesday it is estimated that fully 500 persons called to look at the curios broom, and as the news spread yesterday the visitors kept increasing in numbers.

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Perfumes are of three distinct classes when derived from plants, and there is a fourth class which is of animal origin. The first class consists of the various odoriferous gums and resins, which exude naturally, or are produced by wounding the trees which yield them, such as camphor, myrth, benzion, etc. This is the simplest and most ancient class of perfumes, and often employed in incense. The second class includes those perfumes which are procured from distillation. This art was 'known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, and is still resorted to. An essential oil thus obtained (formerly called a quintessence) is soluble in water, though it is in alcohol. The best and most expensive is the attar, or otto, of roses. The third class of perfumes is obtained by maceration, or as it is termed by the flower-farmers of the Var, in the South of France, enflurage. The fourth class of perfumes, such as musk, ambegris, etc. Musk is taken from the musk deer, a native of India; it is highly prized as a perfume, and is much used to mix with vegetable perfumes.

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