

LEARNING TO SWIM

How to Spend a Long Time Under Water Without Serious Results—Artificial Respiration.

Before considering the muscular problem I should like for one moment to revert to the feat of swimming under water. There are not the records at hand, but I believe one hundred yards have frequently been swum under water, and certainly more than four minutes have been spent under water without evil consequences. But it is quite useless to attempt the emulation of these feats unless you know the secret. If you desire to win a pleasingly competitive race by bringing up fifty or sixty plates from the bottom of a bath at one immersion you must first acquaint yourself with an interesting physiological fact. It is the production of an anaesthetized animal, by inflating the lungs with a pair of bellows. It will entirely cease to breathe for several minutes. There is simply no occasion. It is the production of this state, technically known as apnoea, which is the secret of successful long submerison.

The young man, almost alone amongst animals, has learned to swim. Nevertheless he is at a great advantage as compared with such an animal as the dog, which has no such extended surface as the human hand to rest on. It is the production of this simple mechanical fact is well afforded by an exhibition of swimming with large plates strapped on the hands and feet, whereas a slight stroke will propel the swimmer for yards.

The art of swimming as a feat of nervous co-ordination, is a simple one for the obvious reason that it is symmetrical. Any pianist knows the difficulty of playing triplets with one hand and quavers with the other. So in all muscular action, in a symmetrical action, such as swimming, the two halves of the brain act in entire unison, the left or "leading" cerebral hemisphere (in right-handed persons) actuating the right arm and leg, and the left saying to the right half, "Do as I do." This is assuming what is unproven, but probable, that the volitional center is the leading hemisphere. Why the other half of the brain should control the opposite half of the body is another question.

One of the virtues of swimming is that it tends to develop all the muscles equally. Herein it is superior to cycling or association football, which neglect the arms; and even to cricket, which ignores the left arm, except in batting. Not that for one moment do I desire to support modern crasses which give appropriate exercises to develop every muscle—or every muscle known to the inventor, and which therein defy the fiat of evolution which is relegating some muscles, now useless, to a well-earned obscurity. The muscles of the foot were formerly indispensable to our arboreal ancestors, but are quite superfluous in a plantigrade posture. Swimming promotes the muscular development with some sense of proportion, but expends not time in raising absurdly high, or hyper-trophied muscles, useless and useless in all sorts of out-of-the-way places.

Swimming naturally suggests the manner of handling a drowning person, which is perhaps not, in the ordinary sense, scientific, and the means of resuscitating persons apparently drowned. The whole question of artificial respiration is now being experimentally studied by Prof. Schaefer in Edinburgh, at the instance of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, of London, and we may hope for a final dictum as to the method which is most likely to restore the natural action of the respirator centre of the brain in such cases.

The high value of swimming as an exercise is complicated by the exposure of the skin to a medium of much lower temperature than itself. Generally speaking, it may be laid down that the value of a seabath is in inverse proportion to its length. The shorter the dip, the more marked is the healthy reaction of the circulation and the cutaneous functions. Of course, one is rapidly cooled by the water all the time, and beyond a certain point this is undesirable. The hen is immune to anthrax; but stand a hen with its feet in cold water and then inoculate the neck, the hen will become infected. If this loss of heat be compensated by the evolution of much heat as a result of muscular action, as in swimming, one can afford to

stay in much longer. None of the salts of sea water are absorbed. The skin is absolutely water proof—one of its most important functions. It is not well to bathe after a heavy meal nor whilst perspiring; and cramp—muscular spasms induced by cold—may be avoided by not staying in too long. If you come out of your machine with blue lips and chattering jaws you have done yourself more harm than good. The human supply of fat is not sufficient to be as effective a non-conductor of heat as is the blubber of the whale and the few other warm-blooded mammals whose ancestors were driven back to the sea—where all life began—by their competitors long years ago.—C. W. Salsbery in London Academy.

Japanese Doctors' Signs.
The June number of Man contains an article on two Japanese buku-to, or emblems of the medical profession, says the Lancet. These objects were produced in Japan before the revolution of the last century, which displaced so many of the old customs of the country. A man of rank was formerly entitled in Japan, and elsewhere, to wear a sword; indeed, in Japan he was entitled to wear two swords. The retainers of a daimyo or feudal lord also wore swords. The medical men's signs were generally of a somewhat fanciful description and were made in many forms; some contained insects, others contained knives for cutting herbs, but the majority were quite plain.

One of the objects now described and figured is in the shape of a large bean pod. Its beaklike curvature approximates to that of a Japanese sword. It is seventeen and a half inches in length and of a nearly uniform circumference of four and a half inches or thereabout. It is made of some fairly hard wood which takes a fine polish, and is carved to indicate seven seeds inside. Wrapped around it is a silken cord. Together with this cord it weighs six and three-quarter ounces. On the side there are represented a lacquer grasshopper and another large insect. On the other side are similarly represented a wasp, a small fly somewhat like the common house fly, and apparently a small beetle.

The other buku-to is more interesting. It is a long piece of willow, eighteen inches long and broader at the bottom than at the top. Japanese characters meaning spider boat, have been deeply cut upon it. At a distance of three and a half inches from the top it is pierced with a hole an inch and a half long, which has been utilized to attach a small cord or tape and toggle for convenience of hold it in the girdle. The cord is of pale red color now, a little faded. The buku-to, cord and toggle were together under four and a half ounces avoirdupois. The two specimens now described were bought at Atsima, in Japan, a few months ago.

Steam Boilers as Purifiers.
The boiler is a steam producer and nothing more, yet one of the surprising features of power plants construction is the constant use of the boiler as a water purifier. Time and again consulting engineers have protested against this practice, and boiler-makers have made a strong objection to it as their business interests would permit. Yet plant after plant is installed for wealthy purchasers which the formation of scale is certain to occur rapidly. The cost of removing this scale and of losing the use of the boilers is sufficient in many parts of the country to warrant the installation of purifying apparatus, yet they are rarely seen. Suspended matter can be removed by filtration and dissolved substances can be precipitated by heating so that the water reaching the boiler will be practically pure. The apparatus for this purpose is not expensive, and its introduction will effect the removal of the scale-producing substances in a part of the steam plant designed particularly for the purpose and not in the boilers, intended for a wholly different service.—Engineering Record.

Ovalworked.
N. Y. Times.
"Yes," remarked the sawmill owner, "We're so busy now we have to keep our plant running day and night."
"Why?" returned the visitor, "I thought this was your dull season."
"Well, it is usually; but we've got a rush of orders from the breakfast food companies."

Why is a dead doctor like a dead duck? Because they both have done quacking.

HE COULD NOT LACE HIS SHOE

Will Dodd's Kidney Pills Drove Away His Rheumatism

Story of W. J. Dixon has set the Rainy River Settlement Talking.
Barwick, P. O., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Among the patients who have been cured of Rheumatism is causing much talk. The story of the cure, as told by Mr. Dixon himself, is as follows:

"During the summer of 1901 I had an attack of Typhoid Fever, and after I got over it Rheumatism set in. I had pains in my back and in my right hip so bad that I had to use a stick to walk and had no comfort in sleeping.
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Chicago News.
Chicago—You are certainly one of fortune's favorites. You have succeeded in everything.
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Nixon—How's that?
Nixon—The first woman I ever loved gave me the frosty mit, the second, a cold, and the third, a peckler, but the third proved the worst of all.
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Suggestive.
N. Y. Herald.
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SIR WALTER ON GHOSTS.
"I Do Not Believe My Own Experience Would Convert Me"
One of the letters written by Sir Walter Scott to his valued friend, Mrs. Hughes, published in the August Century, says, among some personal chat:

"Dear Mrs. Hughes; . . . Your recollection is very vivid, & I doubt not sufficiently correct; still it falls short of legal testimony; the recollection of that of ghosts & goblins is apt to be strangely mixed with exaggerations, a sort of embroidery which your fancy is so apt to lend such strong coloring as misleads even its owners. Our law has wisely, I think, introduced a prescription of crimes, from the idea that human testimony becomes unassisted by the lapse of time & would be directed more by the imagination than the absolute recollection. I therefore, my dearest lady, paying the utmost credit to your testimony, yet the occurrence of so old a date must not alter my doubts; it would believe for me. It would be most desirable, however, to see the chest diary properly, but on my word I cannot believe it ever to have had an existence; the story is never told the same way, though there is a kind of general resemblance. To have my own experience would convert me; though I might tremble, I would reverse the part played by the devils and certainly not believe. I wish you would write down Mrs. Ricketts story as well as you remember it. Every such story on respectable foundation is a chapter in the history of the human mind. Still I think the balance of evidence preponderates so heavily upon the side of imputing all such appearances to natural causes that the mysterious stories "winna believe for me." I am sorry for it; I liked the thrill that attended the influence of these tales, & wish I were able to wander back through the mazes of Mrs. Radcliffe's romances. But alas! I have been so long both a reader and a writer of such goodly matters that "Dourness familiar to my slaughterer's thoughts Cannot e'en startle me."

Missed Something.
Chicago Tribune.
They were wandering through one of the famous galleries in Florence. "You seem disappointed in the paintings," observed her companion. "Yes," said Miss Gaswel, "I don't see any burnt work."

The Difference.
Montreal Herald.
In England a candidate "stands" for office. In Canada he has to jump himself and run for it.

GIRLS WHO BORROW MONEY.

Complaints in London That Bridge is Making Them Forget Modesty.

Bridge seems to have been more destructive in England, at least on the spinster side, than ever it was here. They are lamenting the disposition of young women to borrow money to pay their debts as one of the most regrettable effects of the game.

"Young girls who have suffered heavy losses at the game," said a man who was recently interviewed in London, "show no hesitation now in writing to me friends, and sometimes to mere acquaintances, for loans because they dare not appeal to their fathers or brothers. I hope I shall not appear wanting in civility when I say that I myself have been the recipient of several of these aristocratic begging letters from girls whom I have met only once or twice. As a nation, we have always prided ourselves on our womanhood, so this sort of thing comes as a shock."

Another London complaint against the prevalence of the game has been heard here. It is a protest against the long hours spent indoors that are injurious to women's health and looks. Here bridge has been discouraged most in the summer. But in Westchester and at Tuxedo women have bridge clubs for almost every day, and they sit indoors during the entire afternoons, when they might be thought willing to give up bridge for golf, tennis, driving or some of the diversions not possible in the winter in New York, when bridge is always in abundance.—N. Y. Sun.
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Always the Same.
The present King of England, when Prince of Wales, once asked a pretty woman her age. She replied:
"Just 25."
Five years later he met her again and asked the same question.
"Just 25," she again replied.
The Prince smiled and said:
"Five years ago you made the same remark."
"Ah, Your Highness," was the rejoinder, "surely you don't think I am a woman who says one thing today and another thing tomorrow."

The Music Cure.
Dr. John T. Crippen, of Waterloo, Iowa, a pioneer in the Methodist Church, will this month celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. In forty-five years he missed but one Sunday, that being on account of illness, and in the entire time he has missed but four, three of them coming in succession. He has dedicated ninety-two churches. Dr. Crippen always looks at the bright side of things. During a sickness which kept him away from church four weeks his physician had given up hope of his recovery, but he had not. His wife in all seriousness asked what songs he wished sung at his funeral, and he said if she had no choice they might sing, "When Johnnie Goes Marching Home," and Dr. Crippen's recovery dated from that moment.

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Hamilton's Great Carnival and Reunion of Old Boys.
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Tipping the Wrong Men.
Boston Transcript.
Some one in canvassing the tip subject has discovered that we tip the wrong people all the time. Particularly, the discoverer declares that it is the cook, not the waiter, who should receive this material expression of our favor, and that it is the engineer, not the conductor, who should have the extras for getting us about on time, when we travel in haste. Of course, this discovery will not result in the searching out of the men behind the man who reaches out his hand for the tip.

Still in.
Chicago News.
Green—Jones came to me with a great financial scheme a few months ago, and offered to let me in on the ground floor.
Brown—And of course you went in.
Green—Yes.
Brown—How did you come out?
Green—Didn't come out at all. There were no exits.

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Chicago Record-Herald.
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