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THE SWIMMING CLASSES.

The work of the Norwich Y. M. C. A. of teaching youngsters how to swim is an endeavor in the right direction.

This is shown by the total of twenty-five drownings in New England on Saturday and Sunday last, deaths which could have been prevented by a little attention to the art of swimming.

There is no good reason why 50 per cent of the boys should not learn to swim in a large per cent of the girls.

Swimming is a healthful as well as a cleanly exercise. It is only recently that a 13-year-old girl swam for three hours in Boston harbor, and she was capable of doing much more.

It is a muscle building feat and gives self-assurance where self-reliance is often most needed.

No boy who has the time should neglect to take advantage of the lessons the Norwich Y. M. C. A. are now giving free, as it means power to save others from drowning as well as one's self.

A SUBMARINE BOAT'S FEAT.

The Salmen, a submarine boat built by the government, has made the longest sea voyage attempted by such a craft.

She sailed from Quincy, Mass., to Bermuda, to test her sea-going qualities, and made the trip in 36 hours, at an average speed of ten knots an hour.

It is not to be understood that this course was made beneath the water. The submarine tests were made previously. It is expected to be disclosed with what speed the submarine craft could reach her destination in case of emergency.

This point seems to be settled by the test between Boston and Bermuda. It is the longest trip on record made by a submarine boat, and it certifies to the practicability of this kind of craft at sea.

This long run has established the seaworthiness and efficiency of this kind of boat, and is a good beginning of what may prove to be a very interesting series of seagoing experiments.

THE FIRST PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.

The city of Haver, Vt., has the honor of having established the first public playground in that state, and it is the gift of a public spirited citizen, as it should be.

The usefulness of public playgrounds for city boys under the surveillance of a competent director has been established. What is expected of this new one is stated by the press as follows:

"There have been numerous complaints of delinquents in the streets, for instance. The youth have been found mutilating property, breaking bottles, and committing other offenses. What is expected is that these things would be avoided by the establishment of a recreation field—a place to play other than in the streets. Under proper instruction the children would be taught how not to destroy property, how to play, and how to get along with their fellows. The crop of corner loafers, seen in the next generation would be materially diminished. This is an incidental result of early training in this direction."

These results are desirable. The cities of the country need fewer corner loafers and more good citizens.

TO STOP AERIAL MONOPOLY.

It might be wise on the part of the government to take the initiative in recommending the use of the air for purposes of traffic. While the proposition of the editor of Human Life may be a little premature, it has in it food for thought. He frames up a bill which he leaves for public endorsement that has for its purpose the appropriation by congress of \$1,000,000 to be paid Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, for all of their patents and devices for airplanes or flying machines. The motive of this proposition is to keep the air open to safety free from monopoly and to place at the disposal of the inventive genius of the country all of the ideas of the Wrights and to encourage and promote aerial navigation.

The purpose of this measure is all right, for it is apparently in the interests of the people; but the stage has not been reached for that. Some will tackle the problem in this liberal and far-reaching manner.

At the international aviation meeting in London last week the monopolies made all the records for height, speed and control.

It has not yet been determined which is the safest and most practical craft and Uncle Sam doesn't want to invest in anything but the best.

THE SUPERIOR RACE.

While the white race assumes to be the superior race, it must be admitted that it does not well play its part.

Ever since the fight at Reno it has been shown that it has the most sensitive perception and is quickest to do violence to peace-loving and well-behaved black men.

A Chicago man, writing to The News, says:

"It shows that the white American is usually the cause of race conflicts in this country. I wish to say that I happened to be in the 'black belt' when the whites fought Johnson's winner and heard the wretched cheering of scorned people. No injury or harm was done anybody, especially the white people. Any white man who is also a white man in the heart of the 'black belt.' Yet offensive colored persons have been beaten and captured in strictly white neighborhoods."

The race which respects law and order and the rights of the individual comes pretty near being the superior race. In this matter the whites have done nothing to show superiority of mind or muscle.

The spirit of the sporting world has been shown to be narrow and contemptible. Only the principals have acted like men.

Heavy thought for today: Who says "let busy and discontented men" be the order of the season to start a picnic, but the fellow who starts a bank account may feel better the day after.

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WHY NOT?

Attention, Company! What has become of the anonymous correspondents who used to shower letters upon The Courier calling attention to the shocking condition of the famous old New Haven turnpike, commonly called by the later generation the Berlin road? Why stop abusing Commissioner MacDonaid? It must worry him to be so soon forgotten. The fact is that from Campfield monument in this city to the New Haven streets show up (except in passing through Meriden and Wallingford centers) there is today an almost perfect roadway. It is smooth, easily graded, oiled almost all the way to a dust-holding quality, and delightful to travel upon. Why not send in a few letters in praise of the present condition of the road?—The Hartford Courier.

This is a pertinent inquiry.

The reason why is not difficult to find, for the chronic kicker seldom knows how to praise. He concentrates his energy upon the condemnation of flaws, and never wastes any of it upon praise. The knicker assumes that doing things right is what the state highway commissioner is paid for, and assume the heat of blaming him when things are exactly what he is expected to do. He is deserv'd or not. If they should praise instead of blame him, the commissioner would wonder what had happened. He might even lose his smile.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

King George V. is now that there is \$108,322 1/2 a month in it for him.

The piazza of the summer cottage is about as popular as the hammock these days.

An electric fan makes a church a little comfortable, but it doesn't draw a crowd.

The electric fan sneeze is the precursor of a cold, just as surely as is any other sneeze.

A Maine boy has died after eating ice cream, and no one can tell how it came to kill him.

Wellman, a sensationalist has national fame, but as a bird-man he is regarded as a joke.

Windsor wants to be added to the Vermont cities. It sounds cited if one pronounces it quick.

No one appears to care whether a kiss is antisepic or not. It is seldom referred to as a mist.

The use of the silk hat for dress purposes has fallen off in England 60 per cent. The shiny tile must go.

When a man gets a house by the shore at this season, he is surprised by the ready increase of his friends.

The ice is going out of the refrigerators this season as if the ice barons were holding open the furnace doors.

The man in his shirt-sleeves at this time of the year is just as apt to be a loafer as a deer. Shirt-sleeves are queried.

The Cubans do not know a good thing when they have it; but when good government gets them they will realize its worth.

The man who looks over his last year's coal bills now can see where some of the surplus he would better suit him and his purse.

The young bloods who reach home about daylight do not realize that their forebears made a success of going to work at that same hour.

It is more than probable that the writer who called the Reno ringfest "ain't last whirl," is mistaken. Sin takes a whirl many times every day.

Reno calls attention to the fact that it is a city of churches. That's nothing. Some cities might just as well be without churches if measured by their influence in public affairs.

A Vermont young woman who was knocked over by a horse and run over by the carriage, while on the way to a dance, did not let the accident interfere with her terpsichorean enjoyment.

Republicans of South Dakota, in convention at Sioux Falls, declared themselves in favor of tariff revision. Surprising how many people do not like the tariff law, and therefore must be classed among those who do not understand it.—Wall Street Journal.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

BLUE BLOOD

"This demand for blue blood in live stock of all kinds is being overworked," said the horse doctor. "No one has a greater admiration for good stock than I have, but things have come to such a pass that a man is afraid to own a horse or a dog unless he has his pedigree in a frame to carry around under his arm. There was when I refused to believe that a horse could be any good unless his lineage was beyond reproach, but I was young then. I saved up a lot of money and invested it in a beautiful bay horse, whose ancestors had distinguished themselves on the track. I spent most of my time for six months fussing with that horse, and the rest of the time was devoted to bragging about him. Then one day when I had him out for exercise, hitched to a light racing sulky, an old man came along in a milk wagon, driving a spike-tailed brute with a ewe neck and one eye missing, and drove around me in circles. From that day to this I have always insisted on something besides pedigree when I am sizing up a horse."

"I used to be a game-chicken crank," said the insurance agent. "Unless you have suffered from that species of insanity you can't realize what a grip it gets on a man. For several years I devoted all my thoughts and most of my money to fighting birds. I used to send to all corners of the country for hens and roosters to improve the strain, and all the satisfaction I ever got out of it was in bragging about them to my neighbors. One day a strange rooster dropped into my yard. He had a melancholy air, as though he had just come from his mother's funeral. Several of the neighbors happened to be present at the time and they urged me to turn loose my old bewilderer of a game rooster, and I did so. Well, even now it humiliates me to recall what followed. The bewilderer rooster just about ate up my blue-blooded bird. I was so disgusted that I went out of the chicken business."

"I had a similar experience in the dog line," remarked the dentist. "I used to own a little brown dog that was a family pet. One day when he was following me downtown a big yellow mongrel, about the size of a hayrick, jumped on him in a shameful manner. The owner of the mongrel seemed to think it a great joke, and it made so mad that I wrote to a friend of mine in Denver, who reared fighting bulldogs, and asked him to ship me a killer by express. In a few days the dog came. 'What's the use of finishing that story?' interrupted the sports blacksmith. 'You're making up that bulldog yarn as you go along. That fighting dog came, you were going to say, and the mongrel camped on it and chewed its ears off until the police interfered. Such a yarn as that gives credit to a trained fighting dog. The mongrel dog never lived that could stand up and scrap like a gentleman with a trained fighting dog. It may be that some old scrub pety-mouth Rock licked a game rooster at some period of the world's history, but you may bet your green umbrella that the game bird had the inflammatory rheumatism or some other disabling disease. A scrub horse hitched to a milk wagon may have trotted rings around a track-trained blooded nag, but, if so, the latter had left his legs in cold storage. 'Such yarns remind me of the back district baseball team,' continued the sports blacksmith with warmth. 'Go into any crossroads village at this season of the year and you will find a baseball team, and all the village sports are ready to bet that it can whip any professional team out of its boots. Now and then this bluff is called. A professional team has a day off and drops into Funkyville and plays the local orphans and runs up a score of about 850 to 0. And the village sports can't afford to shave for the next five years, for they've all gone broke betting on their Willie boys. A scrub animal of any kind has just about as much chance against a thoroughbred as the rube ball player has against a professional.'—Chicago News.

FARMER SEEKS FOURTH WIFE.

Well-to-do Delaware Man Starts for California—Visits 200 Women.

Seaford, Del., July 12.—James H. Furbush, a wealthy farmer of Wetphalen, Md., who is seeking a fourth wife, started yesterday for California. He says he will return a married man. Although he has had many unpleasant experiences in the matrimonial line, Furbush, who is 50 years old, said he was not discouraged. He has just been seeking a fourth partner in life. Accompanied by two daughters and a son, Furbush has called on more than two hundred women in all parts of the country. Despite this he has not made a selection. He is worth over \$50,000 and says if he can find an affinity anywhere between 18 and 48 years old he will present her with \$5,000 on the wedding day and support her in Seaford in luxury.

PARENTS SMOTHER 90 BABIES.

Coroner Seeks Law Making It Crime to Take Infant to Bed.

Des Moines, Ia., July 12.—The fact that ninety babies have been found dead in bed during the last year in Des Moines induced Coroner Iver G. Newlen to seek a law making it a crime for parents to sleep in bed with an infant child under two years of age. Newlen points to the fact that one baby died in this city in Des Moines during the last year, and it is to reduce this mortality that he advocates a new law. "I am satisfied that of the babies found dead in bed with their parents a large percentage were smothered."

GIRL RIDES BEAM 12 STORIES.

Cashier Wins \$25 by Taking Up Doctor on Dare.

Des Moines, Ia., July 12.—On a dare, Miss Ella Jellison, aged 18, cashier in Higgins' pharmacy, rode to the top of the Equitable building, twelve stories high, on a steel beam drawn up by a derrick. Not content with this feat, she returned to the ground in the chains which had hoisted the beam. Miss Jellison attempted the feat as a result of a wager by Dr. Oliver E. Lynch, who offered her \$25 if she would attempt the flight.

Canada's Gratification.

The announcement that the Dukes of Connaught will come to Canada as

CONFLICTING ORDERS GAVE TWO TRAINS THE RIGHT OF WAY

Coroner's Inquest on the Wreck of July 4 at Middletown, Ohio.

Hamilton, Ohio, July 12.—That conflicting orders giving two trains the right of way over the same track at the same time caused the wreck of July 4 at Middletown was admitted at coroner's inquest, the United J. Smith, train dispatcher for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway at Dayton. After trainmen and operators had told Coroner Burnett of the orders they received that day and the coroner had declared his belief that Smith was to blame for the 21 deaths, the latter took the stand. "We were rushed with trains that day," Smith said. "I sent the Big Four passenger train on from Dayton to Cincinnati. Then, after they started, I figured I could save time in getting the freight to Dayton; so I tried to send an order to Carlie to have the Big Four stop at Post Town and let the freight pass."

The Trade of the Islands.

Trade of the Philippines improves, and it ought to. With the arrangements which we have made to favor the islands they should gain considerably. After a temporary lull, they seem to be on the march. A recent report of the bureau of insular affairs tells us that "Last year the imports amounted to \$21,084,319, as compared with \$20,186,120 in 1908, and the value of exports was \$4,824,237, as compared with \$2,601,072. The United Kingdom is the only country showing a decrease in trade with the Philippines. The increase in imports from the United States amounted to \$1,334,435, and the gain in exports to this country was \$2,000,000. One part of this report is of special interest to American cotton manufacturers, who are still far behind in respect to trade with the Philippines. Imports of cotton goods in 1908 amounted to \$7,964,276, of which \$2,442,814 was credited to the United Kingdom and only \$732,719 to the United States." Here is where we should take the trade away from every other nation, and if we work the busi-

German Misgivings About Persia.

The Persian cake probably will soon come to be divided. At least, one gains

this impression from the English press, which almost daily produces alarming news from the country of the shah. What is it that Russia and Great Britain are still waiting for? Is it Germany's permission?—Tagliche Rundschau, Berlin.

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