

**4-YEAR-OLD AQUATIC MARVEL  
AND MOVIE ACTRESS**



**Josephine Ashdown.**

Los Angeles, Cal.—Little Josephine Ashdown, 4-year-old swimmer, is an aquatic marvel. She is an expert at plain and fancy swimming and high and low diving.

This baby began her career at 11 months old, when her mother took her bathing for the first time. Prof. Thos. Wilkinson of the Royal Life-saving Society became interested in her. He taught the baby to float before she left the tank. In a few months this infant had developed into an expert. She now dives from a height of 25 feet and her pet swimming stunts are "revolving" and "marching" in the water.

"If the child keeps up her practice in the tanks she will be the cham-

plon swimmer of the world some day," says Wilkinson.

When the baby is not bathing she poses as a child actress in the "movies."

"And she is as clever on the screen as she is in the tank," says her mother.

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**WHY, JOHN!**

A man purchased some red flannel shirts, guaranteed not to shrink. He reminded the salesman forcibly of the guarantee some weeks later.

"Have you had any difficulty with them?" the latter asked.

"No," replied the customer; "only the other morning, when I was dressing, my wife said to me, 'John, where did you get that pink coral necklace?'"

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**SAVED IT SOMEHOW**



Editor—Here's a story you've written about a man taking his life in his hand as he descended a fire escape. How do you know he took his life in his hand?

Reporter—Well, he had on nothing but a night shirt without pockets, so I don't know how else he could have taken it.