

SWIMS ACROSS BAY

Young Girl Makes Half a Mile in Record Time.

Six-Year-Old Covers Long Distance at Dover in Nineteen Minutes—Cuts Her Way Through Waves Like an Expert.

Dover.—Visitors to Dover and prom-
anaders on the harbor piers were
astonished recently to see a little
girl, barely more than a baby, take the water with all the ease
and aplomb of a channel swimmer,
and proceed to swim half a mile
across the bay in the record time of
19 minutes.

And the sight was in truth a re-
markable one. The diminutive swim-
mer, looking the merest speck on the
sunlit waters, cut her way through the
waves with a businesslike, sturdy
breast stroke that would have done
credit to a Wolf or a Holbein.

Swimming by her side with watch-
ful eyes was Mrs. Jack Weidman, the
channel swimmer. But the little
channel swimmer needed no guardianship
record-maker needed no guardianship
Instead, the little girl finished her
half mile as fresh as a cricket with-
out aid of any kind, and this although
the sea was anything but smooth. By
some people it would have been con-
sidered choppy.

The plucky little girl who achieved
this novel performance is Freda Pick-
sett, a six-year-old pupil of Miss Jar-
vis, sister of the English champion
swimmer.

The part of Dover bay covered by
the child is that which lies between
the Prince of Wales pier to the Prom-
enade pier, a distance of half a mile,
which she covered in the extraordi-
nary time of 19 minutes.

The child's parents belong to Mar-
ket Harborough (Leicestershire). Jack
Weidman is enthusiastic about her
prowess.

Little Freda is a merry-looking
child, just over three feet high, and
slightly built.

In a chat which I had with the lit-
tle swimmer she said: "I love the wa-
ter and always look forward to my
swimming lessons. I swim at Mar-
ket Harborough and go over to Leices-
ter once a week for my lessons from
Miss Jarvis.

"I wanted to do this swim from pier
to pier, but when I was out a little
way I felt lonely. Then Mr. Weidman
came along.

"He has swum with me in the bay
for several days past, and I feel all
right so long as he is near.

"He is so big, you see," added the
girl, "and he takes me on his back
when I feel tired."

Asked if she meant to try and swim
the channel when she grows up, the
little fairy responded with enthu-
siasm.

"I should like to," she said, "but I
should want Mr. Weidman to come
with me."

Little Freda mainly relies on the
breast stroke in her swimming, and
her head is well out of the water. She
changes to the side stroke at times,
and when she is tired she turns on
her back and floats.

She was so merry as could be
throughout the swim. When she had
got about half way and was asked
how she felt, she laughingly replied:
"I feel fine."

CATS AGENTS OF DISEASE

Massachusetts City's Health Board Believes Household Pets Caused Epidemic.

Springfield, Mass.—Officials of the
local health department believe they
have traced the source of infantile
paralysis to the house cat. The health
inspectors have discovered several
well-developed cases in cats and will
send several of the affected animals to
Boston for observation.

The disease was epidemic in various
cities two years ago, and the number
of cases reported in Springfield ap-
proximated the figures of New York
and Philadelphia.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 14.—To pre-
vent a spread here of infantile paral-
ysis, now prevalent in Los Angeles and
other northern ports, the board of
health of San Diego has declared a
quarantine, restricting children from
attending public places.

WERE LOST ON BERRY HUNT

Washington Attorneys Are Finally Found With the Aid of Blood-Hounds.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Wilbur Toner
and Frank Crowe, local attorneys, lost
in the Blue mountains, were found on
Salmon river, fifty miles from Walla
Walla. They were trailed by blood-
hounds. The young men, almost ex-
hausted, were making their way slow-
ly down the river through the wildest
country in the range.

Toner and Crowe left their camp
to hunt huckleberries. After they had
been absent 36 hours other members
of their party notified the police.
They had wandered 25 miles from
their camp. Sheriff M. Toner, father
of one of the men, led the searching
party.

Returns Fat Wallet and Gets Dime.
Germanstown, Pa.—Leonard Cholerton
found a pocketbook containing \$251,
found on a street car and re-
turned it to the owner. The man
thanked the boy and gave him a dime
for his honesty. Young Cholerton
walked home so that his profit would
be five cents.

OLD FAD IS AGAIN REVIVED

England and America Follow France in Digging Up Inexpensive and Entertaining Practice.

Boston.—A quarter of a century ago
our mothers and our fathers had their
pictures taken "en albumette." It was
a fad that caught the country and had
a brief reign. Some persons ac-
quired considerable skill with shears
and screen and lamp and made the
most outrageously amusing shadow
paricatures of their friends. Many
had albums in which they glued their
pictures.

Everybody soon forgot these gal-
eries of albumettes. Now the fad
has been revived and it is quite the
proper thing to entertain one's friends
with albumette parties at which prizes
are awarded for the cleverest outline
pictures produced.

England, copying France, has taken
up the albumette fad with a vim, and
America, not to be outdone, is mak-
ing new collections in shadow pic-
tures.

The fad has much to recommend it
as a diversion for the summer months.
It is an inexpensive form of enter-
tainment and it provides much amuse-
ment.

Shadow sculpture gets its name
from a French minister of finance
whose parsimony in public expendi-
tures aroused the resentment of the
people. Outline pictures of him in
black cardboard were hawked about
Paris streets in 1758, and not long af-
terward he lost his portfolio.

IN PLEA FOR GUADALOUPE

Henry Beranger, French Senator, Sees Great Future for Colony in the Antilles.

Paris.—Henry Beranger, the French
senator representing Guadalupe, the
French island colony in the Lesser An-
tilles group in the Atlantic, has issued
a public appeal in behalf of that is-
land, which he has just visited.

Senator Beranger foresees a great
industrial and agricultural future for
Guadalupe, but he declares that the
island is now too heavily burdened with
taxes.

He points out that in the last ten
years the population has increased
from 150,000 to 220,000, and Guada-
loupe has maintained her output of
sugar, the coffee production has
tripled and the production of fruit
flavorings has steadily mounted.

What Guadalupe needs, says Sen-
ator Beranger, is a chance to work by
herself and for herself. She needs to
be freed from excessive taxes levied
by the mother country and the great
variety of fiscal charges which stife
the efforts of planters and fishermen
and which together constitute a bur-
den which discourages the admirable
enthusiasm of the islanders to develop
into a successful and brilliant colony.

FISH HIRES SAFE CRACKERS

China and Silver is Locked Up at Newport Villa and Combination Cannot Be Worked.

Boston.—Safe-breaking experts em-
ployed by a firm of manufacturers
here have been summoned to New-
port to open the family safe at the
villa of Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Fish left their
estate at Garrison's, N. Y., they sent
on their most valuable china and sil-
ver, with orders that it be locked in
the safe. This was done, but upon
the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Fish the
combination could not be worked.

Locksmiths were called, but so
knowledgeed that they could not open
the safe without the use of explosives.
This drastic method Mrs. Fish would
not permit, fearing the concussion
might destroy the china and silver. It
was then that Mr. Fish decided to call
upon the expert safe breakers, who
are now on their way to Newport.

DOG SAVES BOY, IS KILLED

Canine Drags Child From Front of Auto, but is Crushed to Death.

Cincinnati.—To save his master,
five-year-old Clarence Whitney, the
youngster's pet dog gave up his own
life under the wheels of an automobile.
The boy was crossing Madison road
near the home of Senator Forsaker,
and did not see an automobile
driven by Miss Margaret Payne,
of Carlisle avenue, rapidly ap-
proaching. The dog seized his mas-
ter by the trousers and tried to drag
him out of the path of danger. The
machine was so close that the animal
was unable to get the child entirely
out of the road. The lad was struck
by a glancing blow that knocked him
down, but did not cause any serious
injury. The dog was caught under
the wheels and crushed to death.

BOLT TRACES TREE ON MAN

Lightning Kills Two in New York—Freak Lightning Draws Picture on Victim's Back.

New York.—Five deaths, two as a
result of lightning, and numerous pro-
prietaries were the tolls claimed here
by the excessive heat. The two men
killed by lightning had sought relief
from the heat under a tree in the
Bronx when a bolt demolished the
tree and caused instant death to the
men. The clothing was torn from the
back of one of the victims and a pic-
ture of the tree under which he was
killed traced on his back. Two other
men and a six-months-old infant com-
plete the list of dead.

AIDED IN DEATH OF WOMAN

Man Surrenders to Police, Declaring That His Conscience Has Been Troubling Him.

New York.—Evan Evanson of 1425
Bain avenue, Bath Beach, an elderly
man of impressive appearance, called
at police headquarters in Manhattan
and asked to see the person in charge.
If there were any one on duty so late
at night and it was not too much
trouble.

Least James Dunn, who lately has
grown a little sensitive to criticism
of the difficulties which persons who
desire to surrender for crime or give
testimony against criminals are said
to have experienced, sent out word
that Mr. Evanson was to come right
in.

"Fifteen years ago," said Mr. Evan-
son, "I was responsible for the death
of a woman, Margaret Lens in
Brooklyn. My conscience troubles me
in my old age and I wish to surren-
der."

The telephone helped to find two
detectives in Brooklyn who were will-
ing to come over and take charge of
him, and Mr. Evanson was locked up
in the Adams street station over
night.

When he was arraigned before
Magistrate Dodd, Assistant District
Attorney Lee, who had been looking
up the death of Margaret Lens, told
the magistrate that the health de-
partment books showed that Margaret
Lens died July 30, 1898, of Bright's
disease and that Coroner DeLaSha had
so certified.

"I know that," said Evanson. "I
am not exactly a murderer. But I
want to tell the grand jury how I am
responsible."

Magistrate Dodd committed Mr.
Evanson to the Kings county hospital
for observation for five days.

FORTUNE FOR ILLEGAL SON

Father Advertises for Kin, Now Fifty-two Years Old, Whom He Plans to Give \$50,000.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The following ad-
vertisement in the newspapers tells
a remarkable tale of an old wrong,
with the attempt of the father to right
himself after fifty years of silence:

"In the spring of 1850, a few miles
from Lancaster, a boy named Caroline,
who a short time after died, but the
child lived. If any one can give any
information about this kindly write to
E. J. Nyholm, 478 North Third street,
Philadelphia.

Mr. Nyholm is an insurance broker
and at his home he told the story of
an aged and grief-stricken old man
who in his declining years desires to
give the child of whom he is the father
\$50,000. He has not seen the child
since 1858, when it is thought that
the young man went to Lancaster,
being somewhere in the farming sec-
tion at that time. The father intend-
ed to marry the mother of his off-
spring, but went to the Civil war, and
when he was mustered out he found
she had died during his absence.

PIN IN LIVER 20 YEARS; DIES

Operation Apparently Successful, But Brooklyn Girl's Strength Fails—First Case of Kind.

New York.—Miss Kathryn Roche,
Brooklyn, died in the Prospect Heights
hospital, and a surgical examination
into the cause of her mysterious ill-
ness revealed the fact that for 20
years a small pin had been in her
liver.

No similar case has ever come to
the knowledge of New York surgeons.

Twenty years ago Miss Roche was
taken to Seasey hospital. It was then
thought that she was suffering from
an ordinary stomach malady and the
doctors sent her home. A recent op-
eration was apparently successful, but
the vitality of the patient was not
sufficient to carry her through the
reactionary period.

MOVING HABIT DIVORCE PLEA

Minneapolis Man Says His Wife Has Changed About Twenty-nine Times.

Minneapolis, Minn.—If a man is
compelled by his wife to move twen-
ty-nine times in the seventeen years
of his married life, is it ground for
a divorce?

W. P. Crawley of this city believe
it is, and has asked that the court
grant him freedom. In his petition
he declares that the "moving habit"
formed by his wife has become un-
bearable; that she "beat him up"
with a broom, and that he gave all
his earnings to his wife, who spent
them, forcing him to borrow from his
brother to provide for his needs.

Weds His Grandniece.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Stephen Erwin,
seventy-five years old, a wealthy resi-
dent of Dutchess county, has married
his grandniece, Miss Alice See, twen-
ty-two years old. They had never
seen each other until a few days ago.

Cleveland to Bar Leaders.

Cleveland.—Because the faces on
public square benches had become
familiar through hot days and nights,
Police Chief Kohler has ordered habit-
ual loafers barred from the city's
downtown breathing places.

Supposed Body in Dummy.

Chicago.—A horrified crowd ran to
the front of the Y. W. C. A. building
on Michigan avenue after the body of
a woman hit the sidewalk with a dull
thud. They found a dummy dressed
in an old skirt and jacket.

PERSIAN WAS FIRST

Sulfragee Died in Persia Half Century Ago.

Authorities Murdered Kurret Ul Ayne Secretly Because She Taught Women to Put Away Their Veils—One Execution.

New York.—In these days, when so
many English women are seeking
martyrdom in modified form to win
glory for the cause of women's en-
franchisement, it is interesting to re-
call the story of the first real victim
in this modern crusade.

The death of Kurret Ul Ayne oc-
curred in the late fifties, before the
toe-in of woman's equality had sound-
ed in the western world, outside the
United States. Kurret Ul Ayne was a
Persian woman of high birth and
great intellectual attainments. Her
poems had made her name widely
known. She was the daughter of
Mullah Salaeh Barrakani of Gaswin,
and she bore the title of Zarrine Tadj,
or "Crown of Gold," because of her
brilliance, and of Kurret Ul Ayne, or
"Consolation of the Eyes," because of
her beauty and charm.

About 1846 Kurret Ul Ayne became
interested in the teaching of the Bab
who at that time had aroused Persia
with the declaration that the day had
come for the unity of all mankind.
The Bab was already imprisoned by
that Mohammedan fanaticism which
could not comprehend the lofty char-
acter of his noble message, but Kurre-
t Ul Ayne corresponded with him
and was quickly a convert to his phi-
losophy of divine and human brother-
hood. She was deeply interested also
in his declaration that the seclusion of
the Oriental women is a great
wrong, and that men and women are
equal for "the soul has no sex."

Prof. E. Brown of Cambridge uni-
versity of London thus praises this
remarkable pioneer of woman's rights
in the Orient: "The appearance of
such a woman as Kurret Ul Ayne in
any country and any age is a rare
phenomenon, but in such a country
as Persia it is a prodigy—nay, almost
a miracle."

The gentleness and womanly charm
of Kurret Ul Ayne proved irresistible
to all who approached her, and it was
decided that the only way to quench
her influence was to end her life. One
evening she visited all the ladies of
the household and said good-by to
them, announcing that she was going
on a long journey. Then she went to
the fountain of the courtyard next
her apartment, bathed, as she loved
to do in the running water, perfumed
herself and put on a white dress. She
had scarcely finished when there was
a loud knocking at the outer gate. "It
is for me," she declared, "I am ready."
The Kalanter himself had come to
take her away. It was necessary that
the execution should be carried out
secretly, for Kurret Ul Ayne was so
widely loved that a revolution would
have arisen had it been known that
any evil threatened her.

She was carried to the garden of
the khans, where the Kalanter gave
her in charge to his nephew, who took
her to the Serdar Aris Khan. She was
to be strangled with a handkerchief,
but when the first man came to ful-
fill the hateful office she looked at
him gently and exclaimed: "What a
pity that so young a man should
sell his soul with such a crime." He
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SUE FOR RICH COAL LANDS

Heirs of Former Owner in Various Parts of County Attack the Mighty Girard Estate.

Shenandoah, Pa.—The heirs of the
late Benjamin K. Yost in various
parts of the county commenced suit in
the Schuylkill county court for the
recovery of 410 acres of valuable coal
lands located on the Broad mountain,
north of this town. This tract of
land is claimed by the Girard estate
and has been in litigation for forty
years. Recently prospectors found
rich veins of coal, and the suit prom-
ised to be one of the hardest fought
cases in the history of the county.

BIRTHSTONE LIST IS REVISED

National Retail Jewelers' Association Make an Official Announcement.

Kansas City, Mo.—The American
National Retail Jewelers' association
here, after endless requests from
numerous sources, decided officially
upon the following revised list of
birthstones: January, garnet; Feb-
ruary, amethyst; March, bloodstone
and aqua marine; April, diamond;
May, emerald; June, pearl and moon-
stone; July, ruby; August, sardonyx
and peridot; September, sapphire;
October, opal and tourmaline; Novem-
ber, topaz; December, turquoise and
lapis lazuli.

LEAVES MUCH TO CHARITY

Hatchcock, N. J.—Several hundred thousand dollars is left to religious and charitable institutions by the will of John G. Lyle of Tenafly, N. J., which has been filed for probate here.

Mr. Lyle was for years a partner of
the firm of Lord & Taylor of New
York. The bulk of the estate, which
aggregates many millions, is left to
the widow.

MARE SWIMS OUT TO RESCUE

One Whisper From Owner and Fannie Heals for the Upturned Boat—Brings Two Back to Shore.

New York.—When A. W. Appleton,
the owner of Camp Warren on South
Beach, S. L., took his gray mare
Fanny down to the water for her
usual morning bath, they had not long
splashing about long before the mare
saw that some 150 feet off shore some
one was clinging to an overturned row-
boat and making feeble signals of dis-
tress. Mr. Appleton lost no time in
climbing on the mare's neck and
whispering to her what the trouble
was.

She seemed to agree with him that
something would have to be done im-
mediately, and swam off toward the
overturned boat. As they drew near,
through the waves Mr. Appleton saw
that the man was all but unconscious
from exhaustion, and that they had
some time to spare. In a few min-
utes he had lifted the half-limp fig-
ure to the mare's back and held him
there, while Fanny, swimming as she
never swam before, carried her double
burden to shore.

Under the ministrations of the peo-
ple in Camp Estelle the man was soon
righted and able to introduce himself
as George Richards, sales manager of
a New York rubber company. He had
been fishing, he said, and the choppy
sea was too much for him. His boat
was overturned, and he had been hang-
ing on for 20 minutes before Mr. Ap-
pleton and Fanny reached him.

TWO BOYS KIDNAP A SERVANT

Youngsters Ride Into Town, Place Miss in a Saddle and Carry Her to Farm.

Muskogee, Okla.—Though house-
wives of America have discussed and
worried about the servant problem, it
has taken Will Edwards, a youth who
lives with his aunt, Mrs. Lee-Edwards,
on a farm near here, to solve the ques-
tion. Mrs. Edwards needed a girl ser-
vant and could not find one.

"That's easy. I'll get you one," her
nephew told her.

Young Edwards then enlisted the
services of a friend, Charles Martin,
and the two came in to Muskogee on
their ponies. On the street they pass-
ed Minnie Simpson, 15 years old, the
boys saw that she was good-looking,
and decided that she would make a
first-class maid for Edward's aunt.
Will took her on his saddle and to
his aunt.

Mrs. Edwards was greatly pleased
at the new girl, but Minnie's mother,
who was planning to place her in a
convent, asked the police to find the
girl. They did, but she was pleased
with her new home and refused to
leave. The officers arrested Edwards
and Martin on a charge of kidnaping
the girl.

The boys are in the Muskogee jail,
and laugh at the efforts of the offi-
cers to convict them on a charge of
kidnaping, awaiting a preliminary
hearing.

THEFT WEIGHED ON HER MIND

Converted at a Revival Meeting, She Asks Forgiveness of the Storekeeper.

Devil's Lake, N. D.—Remorse for
having stolen an apple from the Qual-
ity department store of this city 20
years ago, when she was a schoolgirl,
caused a St. Paul woman, who signed
her name as "Mrs. F. C." of Dayton's
Bluff, St. Paul, to send the local
merchant a letter asking forgiveness.
The owners of the store say they
know who the woman is, but refuse to
disclose her identity.

"More than 20 years ago," says the
St. Paul woman, "I was a schoolgirl
living in Dakota, and you were run-
ning the store at the trading point,
now Devil's Lake. While on my way
to school one day I saw that no one
was looking and I took a big apple
from a basket in front of your place
of business. I was converted last Fri-
day night in a revival meeting being
held in one of the churches in this vi-
cinity and I want to make my wrong
right both with you and my maker."

FELINE IS RAISING RABBITS

Tabby Some Time Ago Stole a Pup and Reared It—Takes Care of Kittens Also.

Fargo, N. D.—Fred Haffner's house
cat of abnormal maternal instincts
again has created a sensation along
Second avenue south. Three years
ago the feline stole a puppy—no one
knew where—and reared it with her
kittens.

Several days ago dogs broke into a
rabbit coop in the vicinity and killed
the older ones, leaving eight tiny rab-
bits. These were placed in a box and
carried into a shed where the house
cat had kittens.

Tabby immediately adopted them as
her own. Since then she has been
working overtime rearing both fami-
lies. She seems to care more for the
rabbits than the kittens. The bun-
dles also have taken to their foster
mother.

Dog Brings News of Drowning.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Price, a big New-
foundland dog, dripping wet and car-
rying the cap and coat of its 12-year-
old master, John Redick, turned up
at the boy's home. The father followed
the whining animal to the Allegheny
river, where he learned that his boy
had been drowned. The dog had been
chained to a log and struggled fran-
tically to save his master, but could
not break loose until too late.

FAIR TRIAL WAS IMPOSSIBLE

During the Days of Witchcraft Unfortunates Were Brought Into Court to Be Condemned.

When the witchcraft delusion of
1692 seized the province the people
would not wait for the workings of
the established tribunal of justice. It
was too slow to suit them. No doubt
they feared that it would be "reaction-
ary" or inclined to be too respect-
ful to the letter of the law. So they
cried out for a special court to hustle
along the trial of the witches, and
Governor Phipps meekly yielded to
the clamor and named seven judges
to conduct the trials.

It was distinctly a popular court,
and was controlled absolutely by the
popular will. Not a one of the seven
judges was a lawyer. Two of the
judges were clergymen, two were phy-
sicians and three were merchants.
The common law was thrown aside,
rules of evidence were ignored, and
the judges and juries were left un-
trammelled by any "quibbles of the
law" to follow their own feelings and
the popular will.

Says Washburn in his "Judicial His-
tory of Massachusetts": "The trials
were but a form of executing popular
vengeance. Juries were intimidated
by the frowns and persuasions of the
court and by the outcries of the
multitude that crowded the place of
trial to render verdicts against their
own consciences and judgment." He
cites one case, that of Rebecca Nurse,
in which the jury actually had the cou-
rage to bring in a verdict of not guilty.
Whereupon "the accusers raised a
great outcry and the judges were
overcome by the clamor." The jury
was sent back, returned with a ver-
dict of guilty, and the woman was
accordingly executed. Thus promptly
and effectively did the popular will
succeed in bringing about the judicial
decision it wanted.—Boston Herald.

NOT A COMPLETE SUCCESS

Workings of Brother Bogus' Conscience Evidently Were Merely in the First Throes.

"Ever since I was done converted
last week," remarked a certain col-
ored citizen in a chastenedly triumph-
ant tone, "muh conscience gnaws me
when I think of what a sinner I was
befo' I seed the blessed light. I was
false to de Lawd and untrue to muh
feller men, and muh conscience
gnaws—"

"Do it gnaw yo' enough, Brudder
Bogus," grimly interrupted old Brother
Gumpshun, "to make yo' pay me back
dem fou dollars yo' borried off me
yeah befo' last?"

"W'y—w'y, sah!—yo' knows how
close de times is, dese days, and—
well, sah, here's hafter dollar, dat
I'll pay yo' now, and—"

"Hub! If dat's de best yo' kin do,
sah, yo' conscience ain't gnawin'—it's
dese uh-nibblin'!"—Satire.

Had to Have Pie.

A New York woman, who thinks she
knows the public taste because of her
experience in the boarding house busi-
ness and as the manager of a summer
resort hotel, thinks that the statement
made by a Chicago baker that "pie
has ceased to be popular with the
masses of this country" is "all wrong."
"It may be true for Chicago," she said,
"but in this part of the world pie is
still popular. Two years ago we had
a little strike in the kitchen of our
seashore place and the pastry end was
the hardest to get right. For four
days we had no pie, but furnished in-
stead more expensive desserts. But
we had a regular pie strike among our
guests, and pie we had to have.