

A VERITABLE LITTLE DUCK.

Miss Beckwith's Five Miles Swim from London Bridge to Greenwich.

A young girl named Agnes Alice Beckwith, daughter of the professor of swimming at Lambeth baths, yesterday accomplished the difficult feat of swimming from London Bridge to Greenwich. The distance is rather more than five miles, and the time was remarkably fast—namely 1h 7m. 45s. Mr. Beckwith has been connected with the Lambeth baths for nearly a quarter of a century, and for fourteen years held the proud position of champion swimmer of England.

MISS BECKWITH DIVED from the rowing boat at nine minutes to five, and at once commenced a rapid side stroke, which she maintained to the finish. She was attired in a swimming costume of light rose pink flama, trimmed with white braid and lace of the same color. The water was very smooth and the tide running about three miles per hour. Swimming about a couple of yards in the rear of the refresher's boat, Tunnel Pier was reached at 11 minutes past five.

She seemed almost as fresh as when she started, and to all appearance was capable of going considerably further.

GERMANY ON THE OCEAN

Her Bid for the Naval and Commercial Supremacy of the World.

The openly-avowed policy of the German Government in building up a navy corresponding to the vast military strength of the empire, and capable of competing with the great maritime powers of Europe, involves issues of the very greatest importance to the whole commercial world. To the government and people of England this policy involves the most momentous consequences. Against Germany as a mere military power, that government can afford to be indifferent. With her vast fleet she is all but impervious to the colossal military strength of the continental nations.

The Heroine of Newport. Ida Lewis' latest exploit in pulling out from Lime Rock light-house in the lower Newport harbor Thursday, and rescuing a man from drowning, recalls the earlier achievements which have given her the title of "the Grace Darling of America."

The Horrors of Civil War.

The following extract from a letter addressed by the Carlist General Castella to Colonel de Olayo is handed to us by the London Carlist committee for publication. The writer had command of the fortifications at Villareal during the recent engagement. "I have during my life witnessed some very sad scenes of war, and I thought I had seen the summit of human misery in the retreat of the army of the east (in 1870), of which I commanded the rear guard.

I saw in a side street, between two burning houses, a woman lying stretched out on a mattress, surrounded by little children half naked, who were uttering piercing cries. The atmosphere was unbearable. The flames all but licked the paths; the burning ruins were falling down on all sides quite close to them; and this family, abandoned in confusion, were about to be either roasted, or crushed.

AN ARGUMENT FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.—The following is a characteristic incident in the life of Deacon Bolles, who was an eminent type of the age in which he lived, for personal and private worth, both as a man and Christian. When the Baptists of Hartford began to hold public service, an over zealous member of Dr. Strong's society called upon him and asked him if he knew that John Rolles had started an opposition meeting.

Halo Around the Sun. Newspapers printed in Syracuse, Utica, Seneca, and Troy, N. Y., Rutland, Vt., and Laconia, N. H., make mention of a remarkable halo which was seen around the sun on a late Sunday.

With the aid of a smoked glass these various bows were distinctly to be seen, but to the naked eye the spectacle was oppressive. The bow in the east and south were in opposition to the ring about the sun (like the ordinary rainbow), but only a small part of either of the arches were visible.

NO REST FOR THE WICKED.—A merchant belonging to Buisen, near Cologne.

says the Frankfurter Zeitung, whose five editors and publishers are in prison for offenses against the press,—was recently summoned before the German tribunals for having during his sleep, uttered some words which reflected on the character of Prince Bismark. He was sleeping in a room at a tavern, and when he awoke the master of the establishment told him he had insulted the imperial chancellor.

—He was a lodger in an unpretentious Brooklyn boarding house, and for several days the landlady's daughter, a sentimental maiden of 35, had teased him to write something in her album. He at last consented, and penned the following: "As the hostility to dogs diminishes, the quality of hash improves." An explanation was added in these words: "I never could make rhymes, Miss Giles, and when I write poetry I have to express in prose."

—The good old days when four or five hand fire engine companies came out and mated each other around while the house burned down will be lamented by every true fireman.

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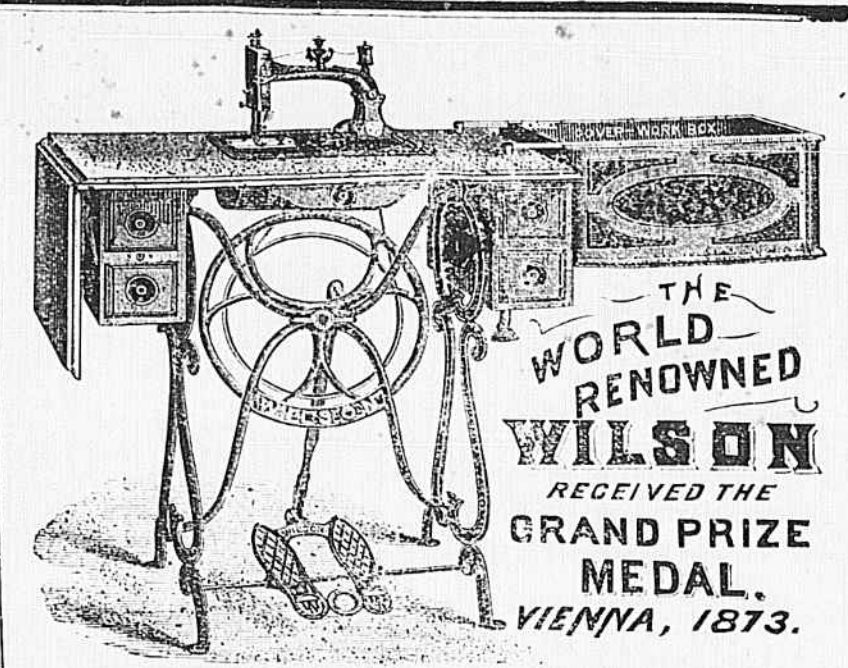
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