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## LIVES SIX DAYS IN GLASS CASE

British Scientist Makes Daring Experiment in Interest of Aviation.

### WAS HERMETICALLY SEALED

Question Involved Was Would It Be Possible to Calculate Quantity of Oxygen Necessary to Airmen at High Altitudes.

London.—Six days sealed up in a glass case is a daring experiment bearing on aviation which has just been carried out by a middle-aged British university professor, Joseph Barcroft, F. R. S., reader in physiology at Cambridge university. The question involved was whether it would be possible to calculate the quantity of oxygen necessary to an airman at high altitudes.

The case in which Mr. Barcroft was shut up for six days was specially erected in a quiet room in the physiological laboratory. It was about seven feet high and about ten feet broad. The floor, walls and roof were made of glass, hermetically sealed and divided into two compartments—one fitted with a lounge chair and table and the other with a simple bed.

At the foot of the bed was a pedaling apparatus consisting of a frame of a bicycle, from which the front wheel had been removed, and a small back wheel with a frame attached, to enable Mr. Barcroft to get some exercise and cause a certain amount of work to be done.

During his six days in this case Mr. Barcroft spent his time in work relating to the experiments, in taking exercise on the bicycle and in sleeping. He was kept under observation day and night to insure his personal safety, college students and others taking their turn to keep watch.

Nitrogen was continually introduced into the chamber and the air became gradually rarer in oxygen until it approximated that at an altitude of 16,000 feet, when Mr. Barcroft, who has had experience in mountaineering, experienced considerable inconvenience from sickness and sleeplessness, and also an indispotion to take any food.

At the close of the experiment some blood was taken from Mr. Barcroft's arm. The oxygen the blood contained was separated and it was found to agree with the expectations of the experiment.

Mr. Barcroft confesses to having felt rather shaken up after his release from the glass case but did not look much the worse for the experience.

The experiment is regarded here as thoroughly successful and a scientific report of it will be laid before the next meeting of the British association, where Mr. Barcroft will be president of the physiological section.

### LISTS 'DONT'S' FOR BALLROOM

Britisher Says Good Waltzer Can Carry Cup of Tea on Head Without Spilling It.

London.—If you really are a good waltzer, you ought to be able to dance with a cup of tea on your head without spilling any, says Paymaster Commander A. M. Cree in his "Handbook of Ballroom Dancing."

The paymaster's voice is one of many raised in London against the so-called floppy antics.

And he has a word of warning for the women—they should never hang their chins on their partners' shoulders, but keep their heads steady and not let them go bobbing about in anxiety about a possible crash with other couples.

"If the bump is coming," says this dancing authority, "let it. You must trust yourself absolutely to the steering of the man."

Other dancing don'ts include avoidance of dipping the shoulders, rolling the body and pump-handle action with the arms in the one-step.

### Children's Bravery Saves Father From Mad Bull

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—John Battistoni, a farmer of West Mountain, near Stissing, was seriously injured by being gored by a mad bull. He owes his life to the bravery of his three children, the oldest nine and the youngest not quite seven, who all grasped pitchforks and going bravely up to the animal prodded it with the sharp tines until they drove it away from their father, who was lying prostrate on the ground, unable to defend himself against the attack.

### Hens Scratch Up Gold.

Redding, Cal.—James McCoy heard there was money in chickens. He got a flock and let them loose in his backyard, formerly part of old gold diggings. In three days the chickens scratched up \$100 worth of nuggets. Mr. McCoy doesn't do any digging himself; he just picks them up. "These birds have got the goose that laid the golden egg beat all hollow," Mr. McCoy told the reporter.



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