

Weather Report.

During August, 1882, there were 2 days during which rain fell, and an aggregate of 0.03 in. of water, 28 clear and 3 cloudy days.

The mean temperature for the month was 63.21°.

Highest daily mean temperature for the month 74°, on the 30th. Lowest daily mean 53°, on the 25th.

The mean temperature for the month at 2 o'clock P. M. was 74.32°.

The highest temperature for the month was 94°, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 30th. Lowest temperature 51°, at 7 o'clock A. M., on the 17th.

The prevailing winds for the month were from the north during 29 days, S. W. 2 days.

During August, 1881, there were 3 days during which rain fell, and 1.24 in. of water, 17 clear and 11 cloudy days. Mean temperature for the month 61.23°. Highest daily, 70°, on the 19th. Lowest daily, 51°, on the 27th.

T. PEARCE.

Eola, Gr., Sept. 1, 1882.

Learning to Swim.

The bathing—I might say the drowning—season is upon us, when many lives will unhappily be lost. As the human frame, bulk for bulk, is lighter than water, all that is needful to save life is to permit the body to sink until it shall displace as much water as equals the body's weight. Then paddle gently, as the lower animals do, with hands and feet, the head being held erect, wherever it is desired to go. This direction being carried out is absolutely all that is needful under ordinary conditions to preserve life.

Children in every instance ought to be made to tread water, from their earliest age, say in shallow slate baths, with blood-warm water, or, when convenient and suitable, in some river, pond, or in the open sea. A leather belt with ring, and a stout rod with line and hook are employed by Portugese mothers to instruct their children. The mother, rod in hand, stands on the brink. The child learns in the water. In Paris swimming schools, the same procedure is resorted to. The business cannot be begun too soon. I saw mere infants sustaining themselves perfectly in the tepid waters of Africa. Treading water is far safer than swimming in a broken sea. Every adult, man or woman, who has not practiced it, should begin. Once the conviction instilled that the body is lighter than water,

the risk of drowning is reduced to zero. The process involves no uncertainty, no delay. Very different from swimming, it can be acquired at once.—*Nature.*

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"No two men, but being left alone with each other, enter into simpler relations. Yet it is affinity that determines which two shall converse. Unrelated men give little joy to each other, will never suspect the latent powers of each. We talk sometimes of a talent for conversation, as if it were a permanent property; in some individuals. Conversation is an evanescent relation, nothing more."—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

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