

Pogo Stick Racing Excites Interest Of Younger Set on Big Ocean Liners.



A Charming Pogo Jumper.

New York.

How will I amuse myself when at sea? This is a question which practically every prospective passenger inquiring concerning accommodations aboard a Trans-Atlantic liner asks. It is also one which the officials of the United States Lines have given a great deal of thought. The result of this attention has been the placing on the liners of games of many descriptions, enabling a passenger to be sure that time will not hang heavy on his or her hands.

It is a peculiar fact that persons who when on shore engage in no physical exercise at all are keen for stretching their muscles when at sea. To them the novelty of walking briskly along the broad deck of a liner is a new sport. Invigorated by several turns about the promenade deck, they will ask the steward if there is not some game on board which will permit of further exercise. They are astonished by the list placed at their disposal.

While the deck sports which may be enjoyed on the various United States liners vary according to the vessel, they are diversified enough to permit the most critical to take part.

In the Spring and Summer season more games may be played out of doors naturally, than is possible during the Winter, and at times every available bit of deck space is occupied by groups of players.

Pogo stick races are now the rage on many of the United States liners. On the *President Roosevelt* and *President Harding*, in the New York-Bremen service of the line, tourists have found this a particularly engaging pastime. Contests are held on the liners nearly every day, with the winner for the voyage being presented with a prize.

The pogo stick is generally constructed of metal. It is a hollow han-

dle, bearing steps, into which runs a plunger, operated by a stiff spring which works in and out as the jumper bobs up and down. After some practice the player is not only able to bob up and down on the stick, but to move forward in kangaroo-like hops.

When several passengers have mastered the operation of the pogo stick the fun begins. The boat decks of the *President Roosevelt* and *President Harding* have been found an excellent course for pogo races, and here for hours at a time races are held.

On a recent trip of the *President Roosevelt* a young woman passenger out-pointed all contestants in a pogo jumping contest by hopping about the deck without once losing her balance.

For half an hour, as a consequence she was declared champion of the North Atlantic and tendered a special dinner in recognition of her accomplishment. Now other passengers sailing on United States liners are endeavoring to break this record.

Though pogo jumping is exciting, great interest, many do not care for the strenuous exercise it entails. For them are other deck games, requiring skill of hand and an accurate eye. Deck quoits is very popular. In this the older passengers, men especially, who in their youth perhaps were expert horseshoe pitchers, are most capable. They are able to ring the stake time and again without difficulty, while the younger generation, who never pitched horseshoes behind the barn, stand by in awe at the oldsters' ability. Medicine ball also engages the attention of many as an exercise, as does rope skipping.

When muscles become tired, and the player fagged, there is the inviting shower, with its health giving tingle. A plunge under this, a nap on a steamer chair on deck and the passenger is a new being.

LADY ASTOR'S BEER BILL NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Lady Astor's liquor bill is regarded by the liquor interests as a huge joke—in fact so much so that they have made serious efforts to hinder its passage.

The most persistent opponents of the bill when it was first introduced in the commons now regard the amended form so harmless that some of them even went so far as to support it.

The original intention of the bill was to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to persons under 18 years of age, heavy penalties being provided for infringements. The committee in charge of the bill, however, inserted the vital words "knowingly under eighteen" and now the proprietor cannot be fined or arrested unless it is proved that he knew the consumer to be under age.

Another amendment to the bill permits persons under 18 years to

be served with beer and wines with a meal. This has earned for the bill the title "Beer and Biscuit Bill" since the latter is recognized as a meal within the understanding of the English law. What is more, it is not necessary for the meal to be ordered in the saloon, hence a boy or girl may bring a biscuit with them and be served with as much beer as he or she wishes.

The only people Lady Astor's bill seems to have pleased are the anti-prohibitionists, for they believe that it has placed a barrier in the path of total prohibition, as it has used up all the energy of its supporters in seeking to have this bill passed and there is not enough left to put through the more stringent and less evasive measures. The only prohibitionist in the house of commons spoke against the bill as being a "weak sister" which would do more harm to the cause than good.

pounds of water pressure for a number of places. Under the crushing test it showed more strength than the concrete, breaking at 4225 pounds.

There was a tensiety to the atmosphere in the pipe yard. The company has about \$10,000 worth of pipe ready for the job. The total contract required about \$15,000 worth. If it is left on their hands it means a struggle to absorb the loss, and perhaps a damage suit against the city or contractor, or both. All elements in the situation were active.

Depends On Agreement

Knowles, the manager, stated that the local plant was erected on the strength of an agreement that the city would use concrete pipe if it met the specification requirements. He said that the city's engineer, and inspector had visited the plant, seen the materials going into the concrete, and had said no word against the product until he was loaded up with two-thirds of the amount required for the job.

In fact, from more side, than Knowles, there was a disposition noticeable to suspect the presence of an Ethiopian in the wood pile, or perhaps concealed under the piles of pipe that filled the yard.

G. C. Lorenz, the contractor, denied that a switch to the clay pipe, meant appreciable profit to him. He said that the lower freight rate now over the time when he made his estimate might mean a gain of something under \$1,000 for the job, but he declared the report that he stood to make \$3000 if the vitrified pipe was used was false.

So the colored gentleman remains hidden, if indeed he be more than a figment of imagination. Still he was close in the background this morning, so close that he seemed to have materialized in some minds. If the comments of the crowd expressed their true feelings.

RYAN, HAMILTON TRIAL
TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The trial of Albert Ryan and Richard Hamilton, charged with fraud in securing transportation, will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m. in the justice court. The men were first charged with vagrancy, but the complaint was changed Saturday.

Carl Engel, W. Nine and Henry Walsh were arrested yesterday for speeding and will have hearings before Justice Emmitt this week.

ANCIENT ROMAN ALTAR FOUND IN ENGLAND

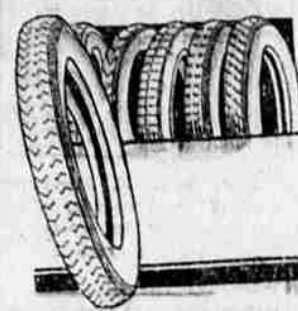
LONDON, Aug. 20.—Used for years as a jumping block in children's games, a large white square stone three feet high, near Kings-ton road, has been identified as a Roman altar, 2,000 years old.

The antiquarian, Doctor W. H. Kesteven, who made the discovery, says it is like all early Roman altars, and the depression on top shows where the offerings for the gods were placed. Carved figures, supposed to represent priests, can still be seen on one side.

GERMANY GETS RUSSIAN GRAIN

HAMBURG, Aug. 20.—Russia has exported 600,000 tons of grain so far this year, according to statistics compiled here, whereof Germany has taken over two-thirds.

Before the war Russia exported about 8,000,000 tons of grain. The entire exports for this year are estimated between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 tons.



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AUSTRALIANS TO MEET AT CANBERRA

MELBOURNE, Aug. 20.—The next session of the Australian parliament will be in Canberra, the new federal capital which, like Washington, D. C., is a city located and planned for the special purpose of being a national capital. The Australian capital was laid out by an American architect, Walter Burley Griffin, of Chicago.

Canberra is situated on a splendid undulating plateau about 2,000 feet above sea-level, a little to the north of the highest peaks of the Australian Alps. The city site is divided by three large sheets of water, supplies by the sluggish Molonglo river, and adorned by parks and boulevards. The parliament house and government buildings will face a central lake with streets laid out in octagonal form around them. On one side will be a fan-shaped residential quarter; on the other the university, municipal and industrial center. Main thoroughfares will radiate from the parliament building.

How to Avoid Bad Investments

From Statement Issued By U. S. Treasury Department

TWELVE DANGER SIGNS

Every investor should be "on guard." This applies particularly to the small investor.

1. Mining stock. The best looking mine in the world may prove a "white elephant." Mining is a very expensive undertaking and the risks are unusually great. There is a saying that "a mine is a hole where fools dump their money."

There are many good mining investments, of course, but this branch of the investment market is generally not for those who work for and depend upon a salary.

2. Oil stock. Drilling for oil is costly. The hazards are great. Oil investments are speculative and in a class with mining investments.

3. In the wake of every important discovery of invention there comes a host of schemes—"air-planes, radio, wireless." The promoters of these may have only the best of intentions, but frequently their enthusiasm is about all they have to sell. Look before you leap.

4. Investment in "real estate" situated in some distant place is sometimes as dangerous as mining stock. People have been known to buy swamps advertised as "seashore frontage." Know what you are buying before you invest.

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TESTS STAGED TO PROVE VALUE CONCRETE PIPE

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pipe will not withstand the action of chemicals contained in sewage within, or alkali in the soil without. If there is any seepage through the wall of the pipe, where chemicals find lodgement, they will eat away and soon there is a large hole and eventually a bursted sewer. They claim that on vitrified pipe such chemicals have no effect.

So the important test was a water pressure test from within. A section of pipe was sealed on both ends, and water turned in. A gauge registered the pressure. The requirements was that the pipe should not leak under a pressure of five pounds for the first five minutes, ten pounds for the next five and 15 for a final five minutes.

The first concrete tube was under pressure from the start of 15 pounds. The pressure climbed to 40 for several times and averaged at least 20 and possibly 25 pounds to the square inch for 18 minutes.

The next pipe stood fifteen pounds for 12 minutes, and water was forced from a small defect in quantity sufficient to run down the side.

Hold 20 Minutes

The third pipe stood a pressure of 20 to 25 pounds for 20 minutes. The requirement is that not more than one per cent of the material shall fail to meet this seepage test. Eight hundred pipes are going into the sewer job, so the opinion of the engineers who watched the test was that the concrete pipe more than

amply met the test.

Pressure from without was applied by a crusher. The pipe is required to stand an earth pressure of 3030 pounds. The one under pressure broke at 3775. A cross section showed that the rocks embedded had broken under the strain before the cement let go. This is a test of good concrete.

Vitrified Pipe Tested

A vitrified pipe was tested at request of the crowd. It stood 15

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