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TUB RACING.

Jolly Summer Sport Made Doubly Interesting by Choosing Girls for Judges and Racing Tandem.

By JAMES BEARD.

Perhaps no aquatic sport furnishes more , which tends to lessen the number of conentertainment to both contestants and spectators than does tub racing. Do not think that any one may jump into a tub for the first time, paddle hard and win a race. Practice is necessary. It is more than probable that a beginner will finish his race by

To step into it is to court an almost cer- | sailing tandem. tain ducking. Watch some one who has had experience. He will grasp the tub, a hand on each side, the left hand in front of the left leg, the right hand behind the right leg (see figure 1) and then let himself gradually down.

Figure 2 shows the position when seated and paddling, the tub tilted slightly for-(Some prefer to lean back a little, but I think beyond doubt it is the poorest way.) A tub race usually extends over a distance of from twenty-five to 100 yards. Longer races are occasionally indulged in, but will be found rather exhausting.

The different courses should be staked out by anchored flags (see figure 3). The start may be made from a float or Or the racers may line up for the start in

testants encourages failure. A small flag upon which has been embroidered the event will be a sufficient reward to the winner. These the girls should furnish as a just equivalent for the fun they will have in watching the races. The emswimming ashore; he will even find diffi- broidery should read; First, 100 yards sinculty in getting into the tub at all without gle; second, etc.; first, 200 yards tandem, scull; first, 200 yards tandem, paddle; first,

QUEER IMPRISONMENT.

Tall Tale of the Tribulations of s Buffalo Hunter.

Professional "yarn spinners" make a point of ignoring Mark Twain's rule that fiction must stick to possibility, while truth may succeeded in spinning a yarn which seems much more unlikely than this, which is vouched for as true:

one winter afternoon, Captain Jennings, who majesty." shallow water, each contestant being obliged was of the number, started out to kill a With his "baby troopers" the king to climb into his tub after the word Go! buffalo from a herd which was near by. getting experience in army maneuvers. deep water under the direction of a judge be found it difficult to get in good range years and have been drilled by an army or starter and commence paddling at the on account of the noise of his feet on the command. A raft or skiff must be anchored crackling ice, but after following the game | regulars, carry little | bayonet rifles | and | at the finish, and should contain three for several miles, he at last killed a very each has a tiny brace of pistols.

good enough to play with him. He has, to e sure, two sisters, but they are older. He has one advantage, however, with his sisters that many boys would like to have. They can't boss him. All he has to say to them is, "Remember that I am king," and then they have to beg his forgiveness. He is fond of the theater, which he can attend

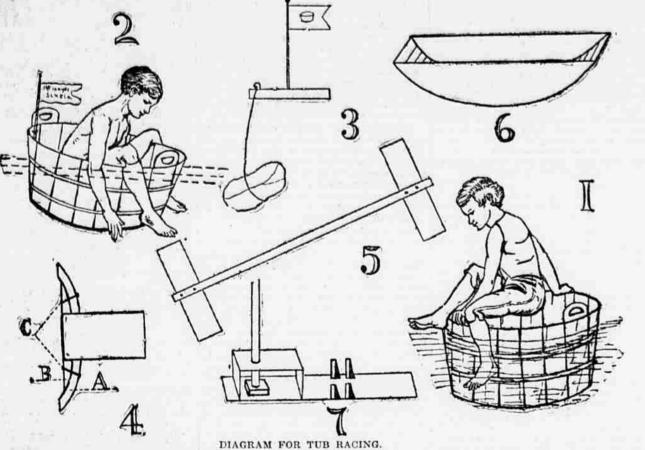
as often as he likes. The worst part of his life is that he has to be dressed up nearly all the time. The rrepressible photographer is also the bane of his existence. The child is "taken" nearly ever month, in every possible pose. It is doubtless the wearisome repetition of this wearisome proceding which makes him look so melancholy in all his pictures.

The young king is very generous and ever when quite a baby he never took his afternoon promenade without first filling his pockets with small coins, bright and fresh from the mint and stamped in his likeness. These he scattered right and left to the numerous beggars, calling out as he showered his royal bounty, "Tonia," take. Little Alphonso has always had a re-

markable appetite and he is particularly fond of that German dish, sausage. One day his governess said he must not eat of a certain dish, as it was bad for him. 'Then why did you put it before me?" was rise superior to it, but none of them have the poser propounded by the little kingly gourmand.

The young king gave a lesson in manners to a famous general, who said to him one A party of scouts from the stations on day, "How do you do, Alfonsine?" Alphonso Bledsoe's creek, in Sumner county, was over | measuring the gentleman from head to foot, in Wilson on a tour of observation for In- said, "I am Alfonsino to my mother only; dian signs. As they prepared to camp late to you and everybody else I am his

There was a heavy sleet on the ground, and His soldiers range in age from 5 to 12 words, spoken contemptuously, "Humph! Judges. If these are girls there is less large bull. Fearing that the meat might the young lieutenant colonel cries, "Present



cisions. The judges must draw an imagipary line between the two floats which mark the finish. The first to completely cross

Paddling and Sailing Tandems.

in order to avoid tipping over. A tandem consists of two tubs connected by a plank three feet long and one-half foot and now resisted all his efforts to escape. wide. Figure 4 shows the manner of connecting each end of the planks to the tubs. A is the rim of a tub; B a piece of some tough wood, cut convexly to fit on the inside, and C, two bolts which run through

Paddles are often used with tandems, but in order to keep the balance what is known as a balance pole must be resorted to. Figure 5 shows this. Its size must be regulated by the taste and strength of him who The poles average, I suppose, from six to seven feet in length, with feet (A-B) eighteen by six inches. Figure 6 shows one of the so-called feet being decked over. You will, of course, make these as light as possible. A framework covered with canvas is really best. The balance pole after practice may be handled very dextrously and enable a tubber to keep right side up in comparatively rough water. They are sometimes held under the bend of the knees, but generally four uprights, like oarlocks,

are used to hold them in place. A sailing tandem: On the connecting plank rig a step for your mast as shown in figure 7; also four uprights to hold your balance pole. If you wish to devote the tandem entirely to sailing extend the connecting plank across each tub and fasten on both sides. This will stiffen your work considerably. Then cover the tubs with the danger of swamping. You can now a king. crowd on sail without end, and if you tip

the loss of very little time.

The course for a sailing tandem must be determined at the time by the direction of the wind, for these racers, extremely seaing plank. I have seen centerboards, rudsail close hauled.

A good program for a day's racing is as follows: A twenty-five, fifty and 100 yards single tub race; 100 and 200 yards tandem scull race; 200 yards tandem, with paddles and balance pole; sailing tandem race, course to be decided by the wind. Such a the Spanish army. program should be easily carried out at any resort near the water.

Some Rules to Observe. Choose a committee of three who shall attend to the entries and have the date of

the races announced. Those wishing to compete should submit their names to the committee, together with the event or events which they will enter. If the committee finds no good reason for

his entry has been accepted. Entry fees are a mistake, for anything

objecting, it will notify the applicant that

probability of a disturbance regarding de- | be injured if left until next morning, he arms," the spectacle which follows is one skinned the animal and took out the viscera. | worth seeing. By the time he had done, night had come found himself tightly in Hour after hour rolled by in agony to the

captain. He yelled at the top of his voice for help and strained and kicked with all his might at the rawhide enclosure, but it proved stubborn to the last degree. He doubtless swore many a bitter oath, for he was of too irrascible a temperament to submit tamely. He expected his comrades to search for him, and they did, but with a great deal of caution, fearing that he had given me anything. been killed by the Indians. His prolonged absence could be accounted for in no other way. He gave up all hope of extricating himself as the hours wore away, but help which he had not thought of, was to save

extremely mortifying-at the least-to a man who had escaped Indian bullets and swam icy rivers like a beaver. We will let him relate the issue in his own words. "Well, the sun came out in the afternoon, and this softened the hide on the top so I could git one arm out, and when I got one arm out I worked like pizen until I got my

him from a death which would have been

body through." TOY KING OF EUROPE.

Why Spaniards Feared to Call Their Sovereign Alphonso Thirteenth. Alphonso Leon Maria Isidro Pascual Antonio Fernando Santiago, the little toy king | not. of Europe, has the distinction of differing canyas or light boards. This will prevent from all other rulers in that he was born

It was Senor Sagasta who first introduced ever, which is not probable, you can easily the young Alphonso to his subjects-preright your boat (?) again and continue with senting him to the nobles and senators, upon a silver tray, soon after he had drawn his first breath.

His name caused much discussion, his mother, Queen Christina, wishing to name worthy, as far as carrying sail or standing him Alphonso, after his dead father. But rough water is concerned, have a decided an Alphonso XIII, was pronounced tendency to steer their own course, in spite unlucky; the cabinet wavered between of all that hands and feet can do. A sail- Charles and Philip, but his mother finally ing tandem is supposed to hold but one carried the day. The pope, who, by the cocupant, and he sits astride the connect- way, is himself the thirteenth, stood godfather, "Bubi" is the pet name by which ders and leeboards attached, but though, of his mother calls the young king-a word course, these help, you must not expect to which, traced back to its real derivation, means boy.

Immediately after his baptism he was nvested with all the Spanish royal orders. beginning with the Golden Fleece; he is in fact grand master of all the military orders of the kingdom, and the generalissimo of

When five weeks old he made his first public appearance, driving through the streets of his capital with his mother. When a year and a half old, the king in

person opened his first parliament. His majesty's first shoes were the occasion for a pretty ceremony; they were made of white leather, embroidered in gold, and the day he first put them on the queen regent gave 300 pairs of shoes to be disributed among poor children.

He has never had any real playmates, for no boys in Spain are supposed to be

Alphonso is not afraid to speak his mind, and he decided to remain with his meat as the following story shows: One time instead of seeking camp in the darkness. when attending mass, when he was a mere So, wrapping the huge hide around him, infant, the priests were mumbling the Tandem races are popular and quite excit- flesh side out, he lay down and slept very prayers in quite unintelligible fashion, when ing, because considerable skill is necessary comfortably until morning. On awaking, the king suddenly cried out in a loud voice, isoned in the to the merriment and dismay of the conhide, which had frozen hard in the night gregation, "Habella usted mas forte 'Speak up, old chaps."

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Teacher-I hear your mother has scarlet lever. You must not come to school till she is well, as you might get the disease and belched forth their steel shells and occasion- Americans, but by a crew picked up from give it to the other children. Tommy-O, you needn't worry, teacher. She is my stepmother and has never yet

Tommy, aged 5, had been sent to a nearby store to purchase a pair of shoestrings for

"How long do you want them?" asked the clerk. "I don't want to borrow 'em," replied

Tommy; "I want to buy 'em for keeps." Two little tots were watching the clouds

near the horizon one evening when one ex claimed: "Oh, see the sheet lightning!"

Shortly after there was a smaller flash rom the same cloud, and the other cried

"Oh, and there is some pillow-case light ning!

Georgie and Geraldine had been berrying Geraldine's pail was full; Georgie's was "Why." said their mother, "my girl fa

beaten my boy! She has a nice lot of berries, while he is empty-handed." "Yes, I'm empty-handed," admitted Georgie; "but Geraldine is empty-stomached,

and I'm not.'

Little 5-year-old Flossie had observed that fish was always served for dinner each Friday at her home in the city, but she had missed it during a two weeks' sojourn in the country. "Grandma," she queried, 'don't you never have Fridays in the coun-

"Of course we do," was the reply, "but why do you ask?" 'Cause," answered Flossie, "they don't

smell like the Fridays we have in town."

It was a very hot day, and little Helen having noticed r father looking at the thermometer several times, asked him about it. "When it's away up," he replied, "the weather is hot and when it's away down it's cool." When he went to consult it again

later it had disappeared and he asked Helen

what had become of it. "Why," she replied,

"I tooked zat old fermometer way down in

ze cellar, so it would det tooler." A certain newspaper man has a little proounty in the shape of soda water, and peanuts, and popcorn and other luxuries, says especially likes about the little fellow is his hoys who delight in dirt, and plenty of it. | the gun's crew admiringly, "and he did." and dirt is decidedly becoming to him. A

"Hullo," he said to the scribe But the latter professed not to know him. "Don't you know me?" cried the little ellow. "I'm Georgie."

spick-and-span suit of white.

But the newspaper man shook his head "I don't know any such clean boys," he "The boys I like best are always nice and dirty."

Then he walked, while the boy fell behind Pretty soon he heard the patter of little "Mister Blank," cried a shrill voice, "am dirty enough now?"

He looked around. The young scamp had actually rolled himself in the gutter!

And it was weeks before the newspaper man dured to visit the boy's mother without knew, as we know today, that our skill in COOK's fear and trembling.

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ACCURACY OF AIM ASTOUNDED SPANIARDS

Peculiarities of the Jackies Who Man the Big Guns of Our Fleets-Some of Their Remarkable Shots at the Enemy.

The other day a little girl living on one of Brooklyn's streets, glanced from the window, then turned and, clasping her hands, called out "Papa, papa! quick! There goes man in blue clothes with a great rolling collar and a round cap. And he has one of

his arms tied up. Who is he?" The father saw that it was a wounded man-of-war's man brought north from Santiago for treatment. He answered his child and there was a catch in his voice as he said gently: "That is one of the nation's heroes, little one. He has fought for us and suffered for us and he helped to win our battles. He was one of the men behind the guns."

This is only one of many recent instances illustrating the changed attitude in which Jackie is viewed by the folks on shore. A few months ago these tars trod the streets singly and in pairs without receiving a cheer, a wave of the hand or even a glance except from some citizen who accompanied his look with a shrug and the some more sailors ashore. I suppose they will be in the lock-up before morning."

The magic of war and its victories has worked this transformation. Glorious triumph in combat! Bravery in battle! Sacrifice and suffering! Honorable wounds received while fighting for the flag! These have made heroes of the men whom many worthy citizens were half-inclined to despise a few months ago.

There is an old gunner's mate on the battleship Oregon who has been in the service for over thirty years. He polished and cared for the nine-inch smooth-bore guns of the old navy, transferred his affections to the wicked sixty-pounders when they were in vogue and has finally adopted as his pet and pride one of the monster thirteen-inch beauties of the Oregon. He cannot read a word, and signs the pay master's rolls with a cross, yet he knows the intricate mechanism of a breechloader as a scholar does the alphabet and he can hit a canvas bull's eye 2,000 yards away with an eleven hundred pound projectile as easily as an expert pool player can make a pocket.

The Oregon's Decisive Shots. When the ill-fated ships of Admiral Cervera's fleet poked their noses past Morro Castle in their desperate and theatrical attempt to escape from Santiago harbor, this grizzled old gunner's mate was engaged in his usual task, that of lovingly shining up the glossy coat of his thirteen-inch pride. When the cry went up that the enemy was much.' escaping and the drums and bugles and In that last sentence will be found one then quietly took his station in the turret. Presently turning to a young seaman gunyou a month's pay that I make a better shot

"Done," was the prompt reply. Ten minutes later the old gunner's mate squinted his eye along the sight, signaled the man at the training lever to ease off a little, took the range from the officer in charge of the

after the fleet-footed Colon. The rapid-fire | squirrel.

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN as its keynote one pregnant word-Practice! Practice!

When the torpedo boat Morris dropped n at the Brooklyn navy yard on her way to Cuba several weeks ago among the different members of the crew who went ashore for a short run was a young man, smooth faced and blue eyed and with a placid, calm expression such as might be worn by a youth studying theology. He was clad in the picturesque uniform of the naval sailors and there was nothing in his attire or bearing to indicate that he had, among his effects on board, a medal won for expert marksmanship with great guns. He was a seaman gunner, had graduated from the gunnery school at Washington and could place a thirteen-inch shell in the vitals of an enemy's war ship with the accuracy of a Rough Rider using a revol-

That young man had entered the service as an apprentice when he was scarcely 16. He carly attracted the notice of his superior officers, who are always on the lookout for promising material, and was sent, after learning the duties of a sailor, to the Government gunnery school. There he spent a number of months under theoretical and practical tuition in the science of gunmanship. When he graduated at the end of the course he was detailed to the Newport tor pedo school and there absorbed more scientific training. A few weeks spent in a private arms manufactory and he was returned to the service-and to his bluejacket's uniform-as a seaman gunner. Although almost fitted for a commission, he is permitted to occupy a position paying him the meagre salary of \$35 a month and rations.

There are many young men such as he in our naval service. They are to be found on every ship and there are hundreds and hundreds of naval apprentices in training for the same station. It was either the seamen gunners or men rendered expert by constant practice after our thorough system who manned the batteries of the Olympia, Baltimore and Boston in the battle of Ma-'nila bay and of the Brooklyn, Oregon, Iowa Texas and the rest of Sampson's fleet in the destruction of Cervera's fugitive squadron off Santiago. The "man behind the gun" in the American navy is no magician. He can shoot with marvelous accuracy and he can make a sieve with a rapid-fire gun of any warship affoat, but he is enabled to do it simply because he has been instructed after that fashion.

An Astonished Spaniard.

When the officers of Cervera's squadror recovered from their shock after the anni hilation of their ships, one of them-the exe cutive officer of the Maria Teresa-exclaimed to Lieutenant Commander Wainwright of the gallant little Gioucester: "Madre de Dios! you Americans shoot three shots to our one. And you hit every time. How do you do it? What is the secret?"

"It is no secret," was the reply. keep our men constantly at practice. They are at the guns day after day, week in and week out. And we train them under service conditions with the regulation charges and projectiles every three months."

The Spaniard was astounded. "You fire real shots?" he exclaimed. "It costs very

gongs hastily sounded general quarters, he of the most potent reasons for the defeat gave a few finishing touches to the muzzle, of the Spanish naval vessels during the present war. And if the details of history be carefully searched, the loss of the armada ner next to him he said: "Charlie, I'll bet and the whole series of naval disasters experienced by the Spanish flag during the at the Dago beggars than you. What d'ye past centuries can be laid to the fact that they have been parsimonious in expenditures and dilatory in training.

Paul Jones' Example.

Paul Jones, before he made his famous cruise along England's shores in the Bondivision, then gave the firing lanyard a homme Richard, took his vessel to sea and quick jerk. When the smoke lifted the practised zealously at the guns for several eager watchers saw a great yawning hole weeks. He was the pioneer of the present in the port bow of the Almirante Oquendo. American system of naval gunnery. Thirty-A cheer came from the men in the turret | five years later, when the stanch old frigate and the old veteran glanced triumphantly United States sailed away on the cruise toward the seaman gunner. The latter's that was destined to bring her everlast turn soon came. The Oquendo, battered and ling fame, her crew was composed of sharphelpless, drifted ashore in flames. The Ore- shooters-men who could hit a mark with gon, accompanied by the Brooklyn, sped on the ease of a frontiersman potting a

batteries of both American ships rattled and In that same war the only vessel which shricked after the fugitive. The eight-inch suffered an ignominious defeat was the guns rumbled an unceasing chorus as they Chesapeake, and she was manned, not by



TRAINING A RAPID-FIRE GUN.

ally a deeper roar from the thirteen-inch, the scum of the water front-beach-combers monsters would give a mightler volume to and foreigners all. Through the changing the din.

the forward turret of the Oregon echoed navy has been trained and watched and tege of 6 years who frequently tastes of his with a rousing cheer. Charlie, the young guarded as carefully as a mother does her seaman gunner, had just dropped the firing lanyard from his hand and it was seen that the fighting battery must be regarded as the the Cleveland Leader. What the scribe the Colon's conning tower was in ruins. "He told me before he pulled the lanyard corn of social amenities. He is one of the that he would fetch it," exclaimed one of These shots, absolutely marvelous under few days ago he came out of his home in the circumstances, were fired by men representing the two extremes of the service. The old gunner's mate gained his skill through years of experience; the seaman gunner, scarcely of age, was the product of modern system of training. Both were American gunners, and that term means

something these days. Training of Yankee Gunners.

Eighty-six years ago Great Britain, then as now one of the great powers of the earth, discovered that Americans could win naval battles. But the English historians gravely decided that it was, to use Hume's own words, "because of a secret art in gun-How our gallant forefathers who wisdom-the man behind the gun! nery! manned the Constitution and the United States would have laughed at that! They COOK'S gunnery comes from a system which has COOK'S

years from that time until the present hour It was after one of the latter shots that the man behind the gun in the American offspring. He is taught that the guns of apple of his eye and that their care should be his first consideration.

A visitor to one of our warships will find the various guns as spotlessly clean as a good housewife's kitchen. The gunner's gang on board each vessel is always at work scouring, polishing and brightening. The guns are taken apart at stated intervals and the intricate mechanism of the breech given special attention. It is worth a gunner's warrant to have a spot of rust discovered on the bright work of a piece of ordnance under his charge.

All this is wisely ordered. The American system of gunnery in all its details stands vindicated and upheld before the world and in future years when the history of this war is treated dispassionately a prominent niche will be reserved for that peculiar product of Yankee ingenuity and

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