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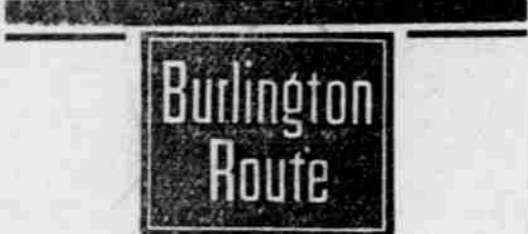
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 being made to bring to Amer-  
 ica members of the company  
 of Danish girl gymnasts which  
 created a decided sensation by their  
 exercises in the stadium at the Olym-  
 pic games in London. Several eastern  
 educators who witnessed these per-  
 formances of the Danish girls agree  
 that American school children would  
 be vastly benefited by following a sim-  
 ilar course of work, and it is their  
 desire that the fair performers be brought  
 over and allowed to give exhibitions in  
 various sections of the country.  
 The Danish girls—many of them were  
 full grown women—attracted attention  
 from the first moment they gave drill  
 exercises at the stadium, and so swiftly  
 did their popularity increase that  
 thousands of people attended the games  
 solely for the purpose of watching



ON THE VAULTING HORSE.  
 them. They received protracted ap-  
 plause from the representatives of ev-  
 ery nation.  
 Known as the "Danish Dianas," the  
 damsels were acknowledged to be the  
 best developed and most symmetrical-  
 ly formed young women ever seen in  
 any assemblage in London. They per-  
 formed the easiest as well as the most  
 difficult gymnastic maneuvers with  
 surpassing ease, grace and technical  
 finish. The sight of a squad of them

**ADMIRAL SAITO OF JAPAN.**  
 Mirado's Navy Chief Working Hard to  
 Impress Sperry's Men.  
 The forthcoming visit of our big fleet  
 of battleships and cruisers to Japanese  
 waters is looked on by some of the  
 Japs as an effort on our part to show  
 them our stock of brass knuckles and  
 blackjacks. So on Admiral Saito, Ja-  
 pan's minister of the navy, has fallen  
 the pleasant duty of arranging a  
 fleet of no less than 200 warships in  
 fighting array to parade before your  
 Uncle Samuel's blood shedding peace-



ADMIRAL SAITO.  
 makers to show America that the  
 mikado is a considerable flock of  
 "pumpkins."

It would appear evident that some of  
 the 200 warships will be in the nature  
 of emergency makeshifts, but at a dis-  
 tance this peculiarity will pass un-  
 noticed, and Admiral Saito and the mi-  
 kado will probably have a good laugh  
 over their little joke on those thick  
 skulled, impudent Yankees.  
 However, the Japanese fleet is grow-  
 ing rapidly and is a far better navy  
 than the Russians faced.  
 Admiral Saito is considered one of  
 the ablest and most resourceful mem-  
 bers of Premier Katsura's cabinet.  
 He is a merciless disciplinarian and is  
 considered largely responsible for the  
 striking efficiency of the Japanese  
 navy.  
 The admiral prides himself on his  
 ability to go without sleep and fre-  
 quently works in his departmental of-  
 fice eighteen hours at a stretch.

performing spectacular movements  
 with the precision of a body of trained  
 soldiers proved worth going miles to  
 see. These Danish Dianas when in-  
 terviewed stated that the perfection of  
 their figures and symmetrical develop-  
 ment of the muscles were not peculiar  
 to themselves alone, but that practi-  
 cally all native Danish women were sim-  
 ilarly developed because of the fact  
 that most of the exercises through  
 which they had gone at the stadium  
 were made compulsory in their native  
 land for all young girls.

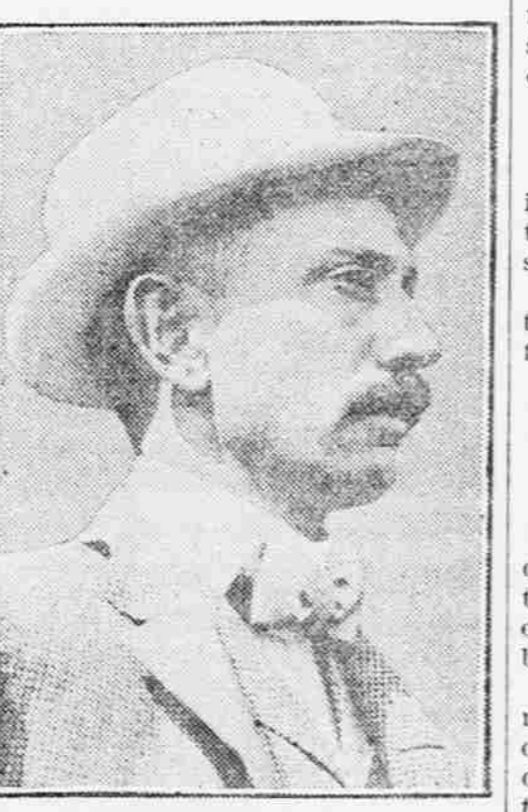
The beautiful ensemble effects of the  
 exercises were greatly enhanced by  
 fetching costumes. These costumes  
 were of spotless cream color, and the  
 girls wore amber silk stockings. When  
 Queen Alexandra saw the Dianas per-  
 form for her especial benefit in the  
 stadium, she turned to Lord Desbor-  
 ough, the British director of the games,



**THE HIGH JUMP.**  
 and exclaimed: "They are truly won-  
 derful! They are physically perfect!"  
 But as England's queen has Danish  
 blood in her veins it is only natural  
 that she should have taken great pride  
 in the display.

The great value of the Danish exer-  
 cises lies in the fact that they are not  
 designed to perfect any particular part  
 of the body or any one particular set  
 of muscles. But they aim to develop  
 the entire body from neck to feet, and  
 that is exactly what they accom-  
 plish. And beyond the process of  
 muscular development is that of giving  
 poise or balance to the body. Poise  
 or balance in this particular sense  
 does not mean merely that a person  
 stands or walks straight. It means  
 that in addition to walking, standing or  
 sitting straight a person walks, stands  
 or sits so that the lungs get their full-  
 est expansion with the least effort, the  
 other vital organs are not cramped or  
 crowded out of their natural position,  
 and the backbone is not twisted.

**JOE VENDIG, BOOKMAKER.**  
 One Man Gates Dare Not Offer to Bet  
 a Million.  
 There's just one man in the United  
 States to whom John W. Gates, the  
 millionaire speculator and horse race  
 better, does not dare say, "I'll bet a  
 million." That man is Joe Vendig, the  
 daring bookmaker and all around gam-  
 bling expert, who has been active  
 against Governor Hughes in New York  
 in the latter's efforts to stop betting at  
 the race tracks.  
 Vendig is noted for the unconcern  
 with which he wins and loses colossal  
 bets all in a few seconds' time, and it  
 is probable that if his acquaintance  
 Gates ever made to him his favorite  
 offer of betting a million Vendig would  
 snap it up in a moment and say, "They  
 tell me you're a sport, Gates, but I see  
 you're only a nervous little piker."  
 Just now Governor Hughes has the  
 upper hand of Vendig and his fellow  
 gamblers, for he and thirty-eight other  
 "knights of the stool," as bookies are



**JOE VENDIG.**  
 Known, are under indictment by the  
 Kings county grand jury.  
 Vendig, however, isn't worrying, be-  
 cause the gambler who allowed any  
 possible emergency to worry him  
 would not last over two weeks in that  
 line of business.  
 Vendig believes that the agitation  
 against betting at race tracks is a sign  
 that civilization is going backward and  
 that it violates the principles laid down  
 in the Declaration of Independence.  
 At least he says he does.

**Twain's Emancipation.**  
 An honorary degree was once con-  
 ferred on Mark Twain by a humble in-  
 stitution in a Missouri town that had  
 known him when he was playing Tom  
 Sawyer there in real life.  
 It happened that the degree confer-  
 ring ceremonies took place one lazy day  
 in June when newspapers generally  
 were suffering from a total collapse of  
 everything in the way of news.  
 One New York news editor raked  
 the land with a figurative fine tooth  
 comb and got a dry haul for his pains.  
 Then, recalling that Mark Twain was  
 getting his honorary degree that very  
 day, it occurred to him that a message  
 direct from the famous author might  
 relieve the situation in the news. After  
 much scratching of the editorial  
 idea factory he evolved this query,  
 which was transmitted to Mark Twain  
 by wire:  
 "How does it feel to be a doctor of laws?  
 Please wire answer at our expense."  
 After a wait of several hours this  
 characteristic response came hot over  
 the wire from Missouri:  
 "It feels like emancipation from ignorance  
 and vice."  
 MARK TWAIN.

**Riding a Camel in the Desert.**  
 Dr. Nachtigal, the celebrated African  
 explorer, was the guest of a rich Ham-  
 burg merchant. The merchant's son, a  
 young man of a somewhat sentimental  
 temperament, said among other things  
 that his dearest wish was to ride across  
 the desert on the back of a camel. He  
 thought such a ride must be very poet-  
 ical indeed.  
 "My dear young friend," replied the  
 explorer, "I can tell you how you can  
 get a partial idea of what riding a  
 camel on the deserts of Africa is like.  
 Take an office stool, screw it up as  
 high as possible and put it in a wagon  
 without any springs. Then seat your-  
 self on the stool and have it driven  
 over rocky and uneven ground during  
 the hottest weather of July or August  
 and after you have not had anything  
 to eat or drink for twenty-four hours,  
 and then you will get a faint idea of  
 how delightfully poetic it is to ride on  
 a camel in the wilds of Africa."

**He Gave Her a Present.**  
 When I was a young man Lady Jer-  
 sey was one of the leaders of fashion,  
 and her house was the resort of poli-  
 ticians and others. With her lived her  
 daughter, Lady Clementine Villiers, a  
 handsome and clever girl. The custom  
 had been established that all friends  
 should give the latter a present on her  
 birthday, and these presents were set  
 out in an antechamber. Among these  
 friends was Lord Brougham, then an  
 old man. He called on a birthday, but  
 had forgotten what the occasion was,  
 and had brought no present. Seeing a  
 mass of presents laid out, he seized one  
 of them and took it in as his present,  
 rightly counting that the young lady  
 would not remember that it was one  
 that already had been given to her.  
 And very proud he was of his pres-  
 ence of mind. But, then, he was an  
 ex-lord chancellor.—London Truth.

**Many Languages of Mexico.**  
 During the fiesta of Christmas or the  
 week of All Souls and All Saints, when  
 the Indians swarm down from the  
 mountains with their holiday wares  
 for sale, visitors in the City of Mexico  
 may notice the strange language that  
 the vendors use in addressing each  
 other. Even when they turn to serve  
 the purchaser their Spanish is neither  
 Castilian nor Mexican, but is frequent-  
 ly broken by peculiar syllables and  
 accents. This is merely an illustration  
 of the fact that the Indian lan-  
 guages of old Mexico have not been  
 entirely submerged by the conquering  
 Spanish, and in some of the most re-  
 mote districts of the republic various  
 and distinct languages handed down  
 from the pre-Columbian era are still  
 spoken in their pristine purity by many  
 tribe members.—Mexican Herald.

**Easy House Moving.**  
 House moving is an easy task among  
 the Lakas, a tribe living near the La-  
 gone river, in the French Congo, Af-  
 rica. This tribe, which is one of the  
 most superb examples of the savage  
 black race, lives in conical shaped huts  
 constructed of plaits of tough straw.  
 When a change in location is desired,  
 both the women and the men put their  
 shoulders to the task and carry the  
 roofs of their homes to the new site,  
 sometimes many miles distant. The  
 circular walls of the huts are rebuilt.

**Who Whips?**  
 The clergyman's little son was tell-  
 ing the small son of a parishioner of  
 the dreadful fights which he and his  
 sister indulged in.  
 "You don't mean to say that minis-  
 ters' children fight?" replied the horri-  
 fied little layman.  
 "Oh, yes."  
 "Who whips?"  
 "Mamma."—Exchange.

**A Sure Test.**  
 The schoolmaster put to his class the  
 question: "Two jars of gas, one con-  
 taining nitrogen and one carbon di-  
 oxide, are given. How may the gases  
 be discriminated?"  
 One eager little pupil said: "Get a  
 man, and let him take a deep breath  
 of both. When he gets the carbon di-  
 oxide he'll die. That's the way to tell."

**His Status.**  
 "Is that ex-New Yorker who likes  
 London so well a naturalized English-  
 man?"  
 "No," answered Miss Cayenne,  
 "merely a denatured American."

**His Only Chance.**  
 Mother (crossly)—Tommy, haven't I  
 told you you must not talk when I am  
 talking? Tommy—But, mamma, you  
 won't let me stay up after you go to  
 bed.—Sketch.

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