

## DON'T GO NEAR WATER, SLOGAN OF SEA BEAUTY

One-Piece Suits for Real Swimmers—Where Do We Go From Here? ANKLE-LENGTH IN '60'S'

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WASHINGTON, July 10.—Following a conference with a bathing suit buyer and connoisseur, added to considerable personal observation and intensive research, we are in a position to give our readers the latest official dope on the sea-side situation.

The big buyer sat back in his sanctum and nursed an insignificant mustache and a foreign accent.

"The men's bathing suits this year, Oh, they will be about the same as usual—plain and convict stripe effects."

And he waved his hand to dismiss the utterly boring subject of what a man wears when swimming.

"Well, how about the women?"

"Ahh!" The authority beamed. His mustache assumed an angle indicating joy and pep.

He informed us that he had just bought a velvet bathing suit which was a triumph and which, in addition to its other charms, might be worn in the water.

The cost of this trifle, named *Carry Me Home*—Carry for short—was \$30.00 and there was a man to go with it to protect the bather's hands from the heat.

*Carry* was produced for the education of the reporter, and the buyer, who was now fully warmed up to his discourse, confided the momentous secret that scurfs of rubber to match bathing caps will be worn this year.

His authority prophesied that bathing suits will be worn in the mountains as a novelty next season.

NO 'KICK' IN SUITS MERELY.

But there is not much kick in talking about bathing suits in a store, or even in looking at them on blonde wax models. A nearby beach yielded more authentic information as to what is actually being done in the various beach circles.

One-colored life guard treated to grape juice,升了 up more than one would think possible.

He almost wept over the new order that forbids guards at that particular beach to flirt with the girls.

He said that it made harder to protect human life, because the girls all said he was an old crawfish, and that it would be a poor guard who wouldn't let him rescue the sun more.

The guard admitted that conditions are worse at several New York beaches where policemen have been given pistols and authority to use them if necessary, to keep girls in one-piece suits and stockinged knees out of sight.

One-piece affairs were barred at his beach, the guard said, but there was no law against fancy costumes, and he pointed out a young woman clad in a purple suit that was almost an evening gown.

In fact, it was more than an evening gown, for it had all the low neck characteristic of a woman's full-dress uniform, and the shortness of skirt made it a bathing suit.

The man tugged lightly down to the sand, setted a red rubber handkerchief around as much of her shoulders as possible (the buyer said they would be wearing 'em) and proceeded to look unconsciously for the benefit of more fully attired bathers.

NOT CREATED FOR SEA DUTY.

Obviously her berthed and fluted costume was not created for sea duty.

The life guard said it reminded him of a girl who took a strictly bath suit into the water and got out.

The suit had depended mainly on glue and dry weather to keep it intact, and had to rescue the young swimmer with a raincoat.

The dry land bathing suit is the most striking type this year, but it is not the most usual.

Girls are rule put on a bathing suit in order to get into the water, and suits are getting more practical to meet the needs of the athletic young women.

The one-piece suit, unhampered by skirts and superfluous material, is rapidly gaining approval, though it still shocks some people and is barred at a good many beaches.

When police headquarters and beach superintendents are reconciled to the bath suit, will presumably change again—that is, if its past can be taken for the future—for the bathing suit has always been a steadily changing institution based on the principle of novelty and shock.

No one has, apparently, written a complete history of this important garment, or even a treatise showing its influence on the world.

One of the bathing suit's happy past few scenes stand not in relief.

One of these is a description of the German baths at Baden nearly a century before Columbus started out to make America famous.

The report is by a Roman gentleman who traveled to the baths for gout and who was so surprised at what he saw he would be altogether surprised.

He wrote a letter to a friend about it, and years later it was published as an example of what awful things the Europeans used to do.

What the Roman visitor saw was very like an aquatic cabaret.

The ladies floated about in the water wearing Greek draperies and wreaths of roses.

They flirted and exchanged shafts of wit with the large audience which was always gathered on the shore to applaud.

Gentlemen on the sidelines flung roses and coins into the water to the prettiest girls, and the mermaids, the debutantes of the middle ages, dived for them and quivered pleasantly among themselves for the favors.

Men who came in where the ladies were taking the water wore garments something like linen dusters.

DINER SERVED WHILE BATHING.

At dinner time tables bearing meals were floated out so that the bathers could get the benefit of the medicinal waters while enjoying a dinner party.

After dinner there was a gap in the bathing suit's career.

By 1860 men were beginning to wear one-piece suits as the practical thing for swimming, but the women were all sewed up in blue serge from choker collar to ankle-length bloomers and a knee-length skirt besides, for extra protection.

Even at that it was not considered quite proper for ladies to appear in public in bathing suits, especially if men were bathing nearby.

The radicals of the day took great pains to demonstrate that these enveloping bathing suits were modest and suitable and insisted that eventually the public would get used to them.

But as soon as the public stopped talking about the ultra-fashionable bathing suit of 1860, beach styles skipped along

## Planes Will Carry Mail to Alaska



Route of New York to Nome flight.

The war department has announced complete plans for an experimental airplane flight from New York to Nome, Alaska, and back.

The expedition, composed of four machines of the DH-4B type, manufactured by the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company of Mitchel Field, L. I., took off.

The immediate purpose of the experiment is to show the possibility of aerial mail service between inland cities of the United States.

At a point where people could continue to be shocked.

Bloomers got shorter, necks got lower, sleeves vanished, until the one-piece bathing suit women evolved.

With the bathing suit can go from a one-piece affair is a question which a conservative-minded person would hesitate to answer.

The Annie is already a masterpiece as to conservation of material and strictly businesslike cut.

Maybe, like the human race, the one-piece bathing suit is a finished product.

## NOW, GIRLS, BE BRAVE FOR THIS

Lover Capable of Forgetting Sweeties in Dreams!

Marine Club After Larger Membership

A membership drive is being planned by the Marion club.

Under the direction of Robert Bryson, a committee will be organized for carrying out the campaign.

A manager will be appointed in each ward and township in Marion county.

Each club member is given a special number, and will be asked to get at least one new member on the application blank bearing the corresponding number.

Woman Wounds 2 Men

NASHVILLE, Ind., July 10.—While

Sen. Richards and Christopher Fleener were quarreling over the building of a house, they were both shot and severely wounded by a shot from a double-barreled gun in the hands of Harry E. Denny, alias Denny, wife of Christopher, shortly after noon Friday.

The shooting occurred at Townsend-Freeman farm, one mile north of Tiverton, this country.

Fleener is foreman of the farm and Richards has been employed to erect a fence.

Late this afternoon Sheriff Clinton Moore and Constable William Mobley arrested Mrs. Fleener.

She is held under a \$5,000 bond.

The two men are in serious condition.

Workers for Blind to Meet.

The Indianapolis Workers for the Blind will hold a meeting at the Indiana School for the Blind this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members, including the public service commission for an increase of rates.

WISHES PHONE RATE RAISE.

The Sandbank Telephone Company, Tipton county, has filed a petition with the public service commission for an increase of rates.

At 1 o'clock in the morning the chief of the household Capt. Mattel to sail toward the coast.

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