

ORIGINAL PIANO COST WINE CASK

Instrument Was Invented in 1726 by Italian.

By Times Special
CHICAGO, July 23.—Bought at one time for a cask of wine, the world's original piano, invented by Bartolomeo Cristofori, an Italian, in 1726, was lost for more than half a century, its priceless value unknown to its owners, according to A. G. Gulhaugen, Chicago piano manufacturer.

"Research in connection with the two hundredth anniversary of the invention of the piano has brought to light interesting information about this famous old instrument," said Gulhaugen. "It was built in Siena, originally for Ferdinando de Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany. Dr. Pablo Mocenni, a physician of Florence, purchased it at a public sale from the ducal palace in 1820 among a lot of furniture regarded as worthless in return for a cask of wine. The old piano was in the doctor's family for years. His little daughter learned to play on it. When she grew up and married the instrument came into her possession. She was on the point of throwing it out several times. Then one day Cavaliere Puliti, who was investigating the origin of the piano, saw the old instrument and noticed an inscription on it setting forth that it had been made by Cristofori. It was later bought by Crosby Brown and presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York."

GEN. ALLEN TO LEAVE TONIGHT

11th Infantry Is Inspected by Leader.

Following an inspection of the 11th Infantry, stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison today, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Allen, chief of infantry, will leave Indianapolis at 6 p. m. for Ft. Thomas, Ky., to inspect the 10th Infantry.

General Allen inspected the C. M. T. C. detail Thursday.

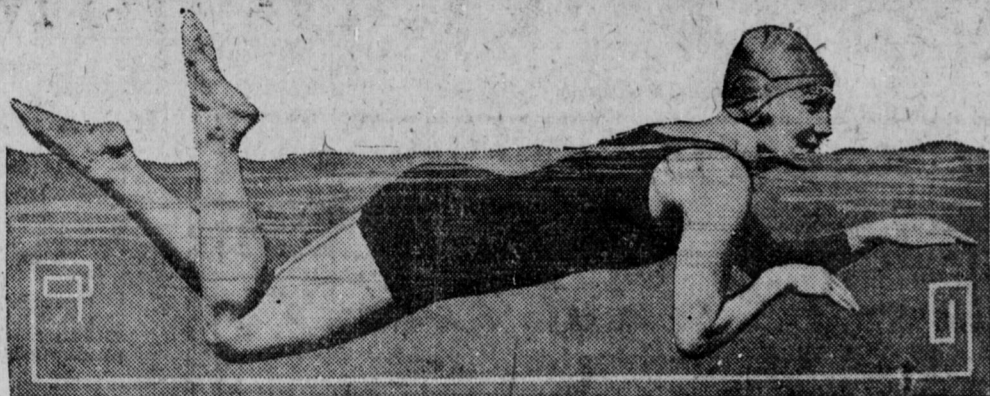
The citizen soldiers will have two dances at the fort this evening. One will be at the Service Club and the other at the noncommissioned officers' clubhouse.

Col. J. A. Baer of the general staff will arrive from Washington Saturday to inspect the camp. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Howze, corps area commander, is to arrive at the fort on a tour of inspection Sunday. As a courtesy to him a regimental parade will be held Monday.

CHAMPION LIFE-SAVER
By United Press
MOSCOW—Four thousand and six swimmers saved from the Black Sea is the record set up by Mahmud Bafram Oglu, chief of one of the lifeboats attached to the Batum port and Russia's champion life-saver. Mahmud, who is 63 years old, has been on the job of pulling people out of the deep waters for forty-three years.

The price of corn governs the salary payable to the rector of St. Botolph's, in the city of London.

HOW TO SWIM—NO 5



BEGINNING OF THE DOG PADDLE

By Lillian Carmon

Down in the Chesapeake Bay every beginner, almost, learns the dog-paddle first.

The stroke is as natural as walking on the hands and knees and hardly requires teaching, because every beginner goes into it naturally.

The beginner takes off easily, merely letting the body fall forward with the arms stretched forward. The kick will give the first propulsion and then the hands alternate go straight forward and are brought downward and backward to the side.

The plane in which the hands move is parallel to the body. When the hands go forward they skim the top of the water with a minimum of resistance.

At first a kick will come at every other stroke, but when one becomes proficient a kick will come as each hand comes back.

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DAILY EXERCISES ARE APPRECIATED

Pastor Gives Health Helps to Children.

By Times Special
NEW YORK, July 23.—"Thanks for the bicycle ride" is the way a Massachusetts minister paraphrases the "thanks for the buggy ride" catch phrase of the younger generation, when writing to Arthur Bagley, exercise director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, whose tower health exercises are broadcast daily through WEAF, WGBH, WCAP and WGR. He says he has recommended the exercises to the children of his congregation, figuring that the grown-ups will be influenced by the enthusiasm of the youngsters.

An East Falls Church, Va., man writes saying that the posture of his 12-year-old son has been greatly improved by taking the exercises daily for the past five months.

One of the youngest members of Bagley's class is a 19-month-old girl, whose mother says she enjoys the exercise as much as her parents do.

A medical scientist, Dr. Richards C. Cabot, has made it possible for doctors to record patients' heart beats on gramophone records so that they can be sent by mail to specialists for diagnosis.

SNAKE DEVOURS SNAKE

King Reptile Swallows Large Blue Racer in Cage.

By United Press

HAYS, Kans., July 21.—A snake swallowed another equally as large as a free exhibition for a college class in zoology during a class period at the Hays State Teachers' College here.

Prof. L. B. Wooster, of the biology department, placed a king snake and a blue racer of almost exactly the same size into a glass cage. He then invited his laboratory class to watch the "performance."

Without any preliminaries the king snake promptly wrapped himself about the blue racer and commenced to swallow his companion. The "meal" required about two hours in the taking.

In certain parts of Wales mountains are "moving" as a result of mining operations beneath them.

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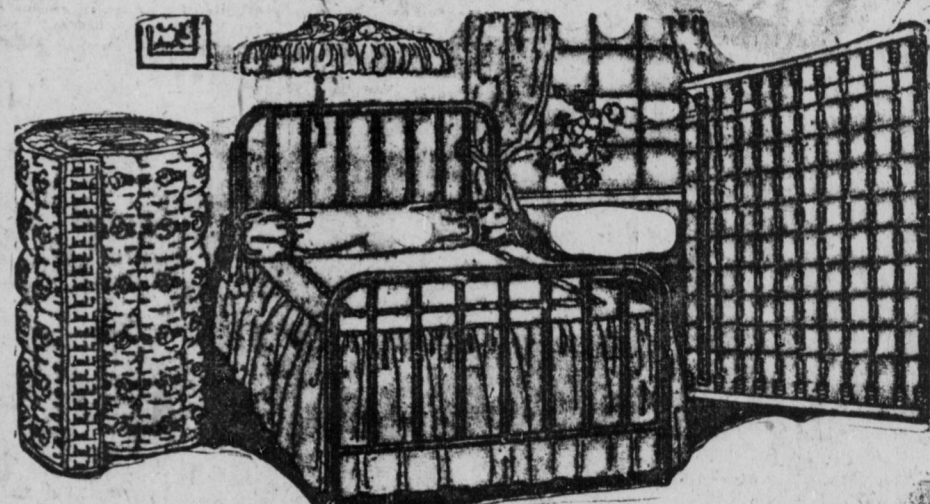
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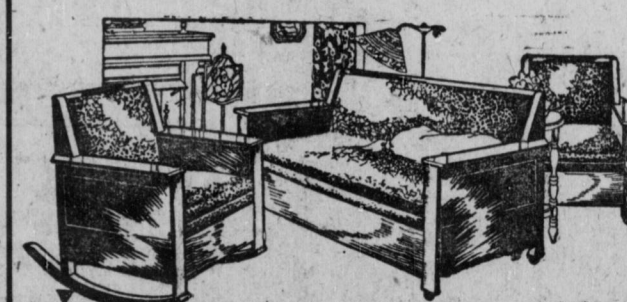
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