

JU-JITSU FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Lady Gives Holiday Lessons in Protection Against Hooligans.

PUPIL AT SIXTY-FIVE.

Little boys who suffer from the brutality of bullies at school need have no apprehension about going back next term. All that Smith minor has to do to insure his comfort and dignity is to take a course of ju-jitsu, or so The Daily Mirror was assured yesterday by a lady who has just opened a special school for ladies and children—and Smith minor—in the West End.

MIGHT HURT A POLICEMAN.

She is incidentally an ardent suffragette, but she is not allowed by the organisers of raids on the House of Commons to take a prominent part in them, because she might carelessly hurt a policeman if he were rough with her. And she is only five feet high.

"One of my pupils is a lady of sixty-five," said this expert to The Daily Mirror yesterday. "She has taken three courses of instruction from me, and says her rheumatics are quite cured."

"She came to me first because she had a great fear of being attacked and robbed. She feels quite able to take care of herself now, but this morning she told me that she was a little nervous about having to cross one of the large London commons alone after dark one night next week."

"So she pretended to walk along, dressed in her white woollen ju-jitsu jacket and knickers, with her muff and reticule and gloves, and I sprang on her from behind and grabbed her bag as though I were a hooligan."

PROTECTION FROM BULLIES AND RUFFIANS.

"In two seconds she tripped me up without turning round, and fell on me and put two locks upon me. That is an instance of how ladies and children can be taught to protect themselves from ruffians and bullies."

"Schoolgirls are not by any means exempt from annoyance, and no girl is too young to be taught how to disable an assailant without injuring him, unless that is absolutely necessary."

"One of my young pupils, a girl who travels on the Continent a great deal alone, being a fashion artist, sent me a telegram a little while ago: 'Hurrah! I've done it. Perfectly successful. This came from Germany, and she had been taught by me because she wanted to learn how to protect herself against people who annoyed her in trains.'"

"I was anxious till a letter arrived, and immensely amused to read her account of how a German had put his arm round her waist in a train and she had grabbed his hand, twisted it, and so pushed him along the corridor to a compartment where several people were, who laughed heartily at his discomfiture."

CHILD CAN CONQUER A MAN.

"Scientific ju-jitsu is effective just in proportion to the strength exerted by one's opponent. That is why women can beat men at it. Men very often laugh at the idea of women, however skilful, easily overpowering them by ju-jitsu, but I can assure you that a woman who knows the art can utterly overcome the strongest man ignorant of it."

"Similarly, a child can conquer any man or woman who does not know how to elude the simplest throws and locks. I don't mean an infant, of course, but a child of ten upwards."

"I have been a gymnastic instructor since I was a girl. When my husband first learnt the art of ju-jitsu he used to practise on me. I got tired of that, so I learnt it, too, direct from the Japs, and I can quite hold my own with him. Our three children are all fairly expert, too."

SCREAMS FROM THE DARK RIVER.

Resident's Story of Liseeen Struggle at Inquest on Girl Found Drowned.

An open verdict of Found Drowned was returned at an inquest at Kingston-on-Thames concerning the death of Lily Hammond, a young parlourmaid, whose body was taken from the Thames at Teddington.

Edward Shale, of Hampton, said that he had known the girl for twenty months and they were engaged to be married. He saw her on Christmas Eve and she left him bright and cheerful.

Mr. Thomas R. Atkins, of Strawberry Vale, said that on Christmas Eve as he was in his billiard room, which faced the river, he heard a piercing cry. Several screams followed from the other side of the river, and then he heard a noise as if someone was struggling in the reeds and mud. He also heard the cry: "Come quick."

HOLL OF HEROES—A RECORD.

Awards for gallantry in 282 cases of life-saving—a record number—were made during the past year by the Royal Humane Society, whose annual report was issued last night.

PANTOMIME PICTURES.

"Daily Mirror" Entertainment Number with Striking Photographs on Sale To-day.

The pantomime and entertainment edition of The Daily Mirror is on sale to-day. It costs one halfpenny, and is obtainable at all bookstalls.

In the twenty pages of this wonderful edition are reproduced all the most charming scenes of the principal pantomimes and entertainments in London and the provinces.

Among its attractions are portraits of the prettiest actresses, the principal "boys," the cleverest actors and the funniest comedians who are helping to make England gay this season.

The pantomime number appeals to people of all tastes and ages. Pictures of principal "boys" may possibly interest father, dresses and scenery will interest mother, and Tommy will love the pictures of comedians.

Some of the London principal girls and "boys" whose portraits are shown are as follows:—

- Miss Julia James. Miss Poppie Dale. Miss Dolly Castles. Miss Maudie Ellinger. Miss Iris Hoey. Miss Lucy Coventry. Miss Jane Eyre. Miss Yenie Clements. Miss Maudie Thornton. Miss Lucy Calne. Miss Anita Edie. Miss Dorothy Saphron. Miss Eoete Begamie. Miss Ivy Hanson. Miss Margaret Macdonald. Miss Nellie Lemas. Miss Agnes Fraser. Miss Kitty Arnold. Miss Kitee Rayburn. Miss Daisy Kerrey. Miss Marie Free. Miss Margaret Ruby. Miss Iris Bannfield. Miss May Garstang. Miss Nelly Jerry. Miss Minnie Scott. Miss Alice Wyatt. Miss Gracie Graham.

Pictures of provincial principal girls and "boys" shown in the pantomime edition include the following:—

- Miss Mabel Green—at Nottingham. Miss Dorothy Ward—at Newcastle. Miss Peggy Grimrose—at Edinburgh. Miss Daisy Dozier—at Bradford. Miss Violet Lloyd—at Manchester. Miss Cressie Leonard—at Glasgow. Miss Ethel Ward. Miss Violet Reher. Miss Lily Hartley—at Brighton. Miss Daisy Wood. Miss Lily Black—at Liverpool.

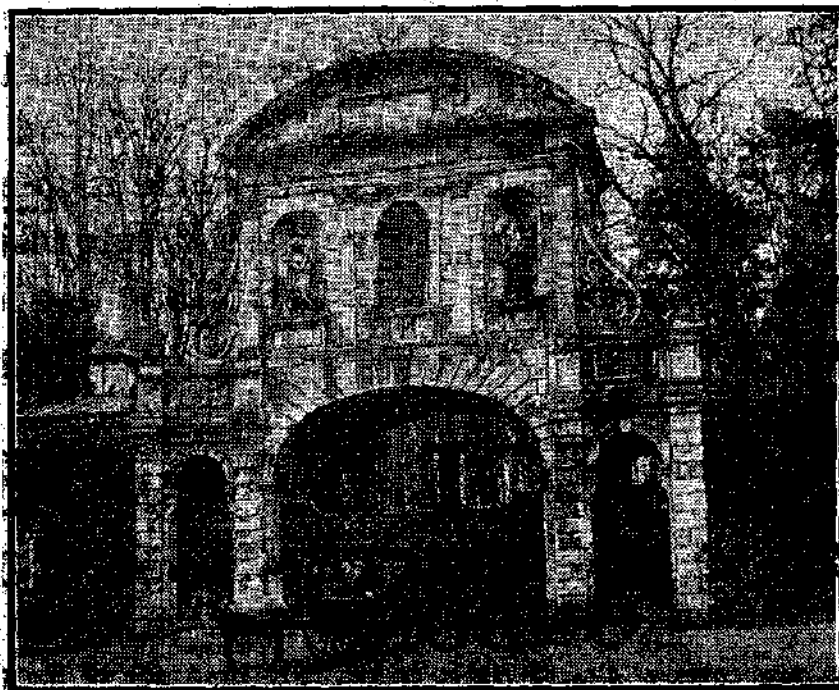
Get your copy of the pantomime edition of The Daily Mirror at once. It is splendid value for the money.

READING MAN MISSING.



Mr. Walter Lukeman, a resident of Reading, who has been missing since December 22. His friends say that if he is in any financial difficulties, they will clear him if he will return home.

SHOULD TEMPLE BAR BE RESTORED TO LONDON?



The rebuilt Temple Bar, as it appears in Theobald's Park, Waltham Cross, the residence of the late Lady Maug. It is now suggested in certain quarters that it should be restored to the centre of London.

UNPOPULAR THAMES.

Steamboat Company Loses £1,700 on First Year's Working.

PUBLIC INDIFFERENT.

London has once again demonstrated its indifference to the charms of its own river.

At the first annual meeting, yesterday, of the City Steamboat Company, which has been running a service of steamboats between Kew and Gravesend, it was announced that the balance-sheet showed a loss of £1,736.

Three reasons were assigned for the non-success of the enterprise—a winter service that did not pay, bad weather, and heavy pier dues.

The City Steamboat Company acquired fourteen of the boats which had been run at a loss by the London County Council, and though prospects of success looked hopeful in the middle of the season, the result has not fulfilled expectations.

Many efforts have been made to popularise the Thames for Londoners, but few have had more than a temporary success.

POPULAR IN THE FIFTIES.

From time to time during the last century services were established on sections of the river between Richmond and Greenwich, and in the 'fifties a ten minutes' service between the City and Battersea Bridge proved popular for a number of years.

But in later days the London County Council failed signally to attract public support, and lost something like £50,000 on the first year's working. Mr. A. W. Pickard, presiding at yesterday's meeting of the new company, pointed out that the loss on the first year was due to three exceptional causes.

Firstly, the boats were started running in the winter, and, although the fare for the journey from Cherry Gardens to London Bridge was made very low and the time taken to do the distance was one-third of that by any other way, they could not get the traffic, and gave the service up, after making a considerable loss.

£2,200 FOR PIER DUES.

A second reason for the year's loss was the bad weather. To show what the earning capacity of the boats was, on August Bank Holiday the company took over £600 in fares alone, whereas in June and July the average was only £200 a week.

A third reason was the large sum paid in pier dues, £2,200—£700 going to the L.C.C. and representing minerpense a call at every pier, and £1,500, or sixpence a call, to the Port of London Authority.

If the piers had been free, the company would have been able to pay a dividend. It was becoming recognised that the piers ought to be free, just as much as the parks and open spaces.

WILL TAXI FARES BE DEARER?

Proposal to Increase Minimum Hiring Rate from Eight to Ten Pence.

Londoners may shortly have to pay minimum taxicab fares of 10d. instead of 8d.

Lord Grimthorpe, presiding yesterday at a meeting of the F.I.A.T. Motor-Cab Company, said that the increased cost of petrol, through the new tax and the increased price of rubber, had adversely affected the dividends, a state of affairs which a twopenny minimum fare would counteract.

With the new fare the extra charge for each person in excess of two could be abolished.

THE QUEEN'S CROWN.

Her Majesty Free to Make Certain Modifications in Regulation Type.

The Queen has not yet chosen the design for her crown for the coronation.

As Queen-Consort a crown has to be specially made for her Majesty, as the State crown is worn by the King.

If, as is anticipated, the Queen chooses to have part of the Cullinan diamond inset it would be impossible to assess the value of her Majesty's crown, The Daily Mirror was told yesterday by a representative of a firm of Court jewellers.

Only a certain latitude of choice is allowed to the Queen. Thus she may decide on the shape with regard to the curving of the arches and their number. The Daily Mirror was told.

The crown must consist of a circlet of diamonds resting on a narrow ermine border, a cap of crimson velvet, four crosses and four diamond fleurs-de-lis, as in the State crown.

The diamonds will be set in platinum, but the pose of the hoops of the crown can be suggested by any crown of any period the Queen prefers, whether Hanoverian, Stuart, Tudor or Plantagenet.

In the State crown there are four arches, surmounted by a cross. Queen Alexandra chose to have eight hoops after the fashion of the crown of James I., instead of four, and the arches were not so raised.

The present State crown was made from jewels taken from old crowns and others at the command of Queen Victoria.

It has now, says Mr. William Jones in "Crowns and Coronations," in addition to one large ruby, one large broad-shaped sapphire, sixteen sapphires, eleven emeralds, four rubies, 1,303 brilliant diamonds, 1,273 rose diamonds, 147 table diamonds, four drop-shaped pearls, and 273 pearls, with the smaller of the Cullinan diamonds inset.

BURGLAR AT EIGHTEEN.

"Almost Unprecedented," Says Magistrate Who Sends Youth for Trial.

"A burglar at eighteen is almost unprecedented," said Mr. Plowden at Marylebone yesterday, when a youth of that age, named William Scott, of Camden Town, was charged with breaking and entering the premises of a piano action maker's.

A policeman said he found Scott just inside the area door with a chisel, screwdriver, pliers, and keys in his possession. His parents were respectable people and he was in employment.

Mr. Plowden: You are a wicked young fellow, and young as you are you will have to go for trial.

BRILLIANT JOURNALIST'S POST.

Mr. J. Nicol Dunn Appointed Editor of the "Johannesburg Star."

Mr. J. Nicol Dunn, for eight years editor of the Morning Post and subsequently of the Manchester Courier, has been appointed editor of the Johannesburg Star, and will take up the duties of the office early in the new year.

Mr. Dunn, who has contributed to the Press since the days of his youth, has had a distinguished journalistic career. He has been president of the Institute of Journalists, and has received the Order of the Medjidieh of Turkey and the Rising Sun of Japan. (Photograph on page 13.)

"I'M COMING, TEACHER."

Last Words of London Girl Who Died After Hard Study for Examination.

"I'm coming, teacher, I'm coming. This is so heavy," said little Doris Cripps, an eight-year-old London girl, talking, as it seemed, in her sleep as she lay exhausted on a sofa in her mother's home.

"I'll carry it for you, darling," replied her mother, intending to soothe her, but an instant later the child died.

The circumstances of her death, which the jury found resulted from natural causes, were told at Shoreditch Coroner's Court yesterday.

Doris, according to the evidence, was greatly worried over the result of an examination for which she had studied very hard, and on Boxing Day had complained of pains in her head.

She asked to be laid down, as she felt so tired, and a little later spoke her last words. An abscess on the brain was discovered afterwards by the doctors.

ENGINE JUMPS THE POINTS.

Derailed Passenger Train Stops on High Bridge at Andover.

A London and South-Western passenger train from Southampton was entering Andover Station yesterday afternoon, when the engine jumped the points and ran off the metals, the first coach also being derailed.

Fortunately the train was travelling very slowly, or it must have gone over the high bridge which spans the roadway at this point and down the steep embankment. As it was, the derailed engine and coach came to a standstill right on the bridge.

DIED AFTER SMOKING CIGAR.

Death was due to heart failure, which might have been caused by heavy smoking, was the medical evidence at a St. Pancras inquest yesterday on Private Charles Crisp, R.M.L.I., who suddenly fell dead after smoking a cigar.

Further interesting general news will be found on page 7.