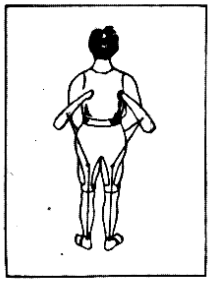
Corner for the Juniors

SWIMMING DEVICE IS NOVEL

Fins Attached to the Heels of Wearer Are Manipulated by Cords—Assists the Novice.

A novel swimming apparatus has been invented by two California men. It may be used to assist a novice or an expert may rig himself up in it to achieve great speed or cover greater distances than he can do unaided. A jacket made of some buoyant element, probably with strips of cork in it, has



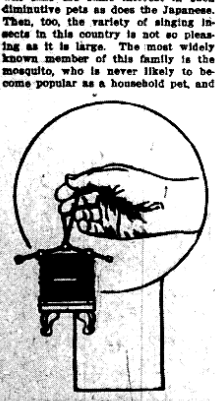
Fins for the Swimmers.

two wings, or fins, attached to the back, over the shoulder blades, where wings usually sprout. These fins have a swivel motion and are operated by cords attached near their tips and running down through eyelets in the suit to anklets, or heel fastenings. There are springs at the swiveling connections of the fins which keep those objects normally raised above the body, but when the swimmer kicks his feet backward he draws them down and they act as propeller blades, sending him through the water with much greater velocity than he could obtain with his arms and legs alone.

CAGES FOR SINGING INSECTS

Tiny Houses, Constructed in Japan, for Little Bugs That Have Tendency Toward Music.

In Japan people keep singing insects in cages, as we do canary birds, and have them hanging about the house. They are supposed to bring good luck. In Tokyo and other cities some of the shops are devoted entirely to the sale of these bugs and their cages. The practice is beginning to show signs of becoming a fad in this country. It is doubtful, however, if the American will take the same interest in such diminutive pets as does the Japanese. Then, too, the variety of singing insects in this country is not so pleasing as it is large. The most widely known member of this family is the mosquito, who is never likely to become popular as a household pet, and



Cage for Singing Bugs.

egos a cage as small as that shown in the illustration would be too roomy for him. A kind of cricket is the insect most often domesticated in Japan.

STREET GAMES FOR CHILDREN

Something New is Being Played by Little Girls of Great City of London—Ball is Used.

The children of the street are ultra-conservative in their games. After attendance years London Bridge continues to fall upon my fair lady; the crop of cats, peas, beans and barley grows as beautifully as ever.

The game has brought a new game which is played by little girls in every park. A rubber ball is bounced on the pavement and caught to the accompaniment of intricate hops and skips. In its simplest form the game is to bounce the ball on each flagstone and catch it on the spot without touching the [illegible]

[illegible] the latter children a form is [illegible] constantly around [illegible] hopping, skipping [illegible] one foot. In [illegible] variation is one [illegible] in which; on the [illegible] ball is bounced [illegible]