

# DIVING GAME IS NEGLECTED HERE

An Expert In the Art Contributes  
Interesting and Timely Article  
On the Subject

(By an Expert Diver)

The spring boards at the Y. M. C. A. have been put into shape and diving enthusiasts will again have the opportunity to do some practicing for the meets which are to come off in the near future.

Diving, both plain and fancy, is going to take a boost from now on, according to Mr. Tarleton of the "Y," who is an old-timer at this branch of swimming. In the past there have been comparatively few swimmers in Hawaii to specialize in this particular line, but there is no reason why Hawaii should not be as strong with her divers as she is with her swimmers. Diving from the standard A. A. U. board, which is 10 feet from the level of the water, has a peculiar fascination after one becomes educated, as it were, to this height.

Some think that this is too great a distance from the water, but with very little practice it becomes just as easy as diving from a low board. In fact, for fancy and competition diving it is easier as well as more spectacular. The very fact that you have 10 feet between you and the water gives you just about eight times as much time in which to accomplish the dive. More grace and form can thus be introduced into the dive, thereby increasing the chances of a clean entry into the water, which makes for a good dive.

## Same Old Competitors

It is really a shame that there are not more aspirants for diving honors in the local field. For the last four or five years honors have been won again and again by the same men, and while they deserve the honors it is a shame that there is not a lot more competition. One of the main reasons why there are not more is that there are very few boards suitable for the purpose in or near the city.

Since the sand drifted in front of the diving stand belonging to the Outrigger Canoe Club at Waikiki the two boards have had to be removed on account of there not being sufficient water for diving. For some time past the "Y" boards have been out of commission, which left the board at Fort De Russy as the last hope and it is so old that its time of usefulness for fancy diving is a thing of the past, which all tended to leave the divers on the diving stand without means of getting down, sort of up in the air, you might say.

According to Clair Tait, the "Y" board, which has just been repaired, is the finest he has ever used, and if any one knows it, it is Tait. So, now that everything is available, let's have some real competition in the diving game in the coming meet.