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TITLE.:- NEW BATHS.

Picture.:- Well they've chosen a good day for the opening of the new Baths. The temperature is 79 degrees in the shade ! The Mayor of Hastings escorts Earl Howe down the staircase of the new Baths.

I think it very handsome of Hastings to provide such a sparkling guard of honour for the distinguished guest, even though they have come on parade in undress uniform.

Earl Howe's remarks on swimming and on athletic attainments in general are forceful and convincing, --

--so are the performances of these clever divers who have been given the honour (splash) --

--of getting the first sousing (splash !) in these new baths.

This backward fall acquires a lot of confidence and practice - ah ! - ah ! don't change your mind now, madam ! It's too late ! Beautifully done !

Now for the first race ! In they go ! To show their speed and style in the first contest ever held here ! Fine forms are shown - I mean - fine form is shown ! Well under water is the coolest place to do energetic work on a hot day like this ! I'll wager they are cooler than the spectators (by the way this is a covered bath, so the swimmers needn't fear the rain wetting them in bad weather).

I wonder what the prize is ! A long drink with ice and a straw should meet the occasion. Here is the coolest way to be lazy while bathing. I don't know what they are doing but they look more comfortable than I feel !

These girls are still not cool enough, so they try the shower, and see how much wetter they can get. Now don't get fresh - or - phew ! I'm hot too !

--AND SO, FOR THE PRESENT, WE LEAVE YOU.