

SANDOW'S BIG BABY.

Weighed Eighteen Pounds the Day He Was Born and Is Already a Gymnast.

News has come from England that Sandow, the strong man, is a father, and, moreover, that his baby, who is a boy, weighed eighteen pounds on the day of his birth. That is a son of whom a strong man may well be proud.

Sandow was at one time an object of adoration to an immense number of women in this country. They used to feel his swelling, quivering muscles and dwell with hungry eyes upon his magnificent development. His admirers outnumbered even those of Jean de Reszko, although they were perhaps of an inferior social class.

The marriage of their idol must have been an event of great interest to them. Were they surprised or disappointed to hear that he had not chosen one of his pushing American admirers? That is a question rather difficult to answer, but it may be imagined that there were many contemptuous criticisms of the woman who became the consort of this modern Valcan.

She was a very quiet and rather shy English girl. Her features were attractive and her figure was tall but slight. She was a Miss Blanche Brookes, the daughter of Warwick Brookes, a well-known photographer of Manchester, England, who had met the strong man in a business way.

Since his marriage Sandow has led a quiet and happy domestic life. He has almost ceased to be an object of adoration by bold, bad women, and has been less in the public eye. His helpmeet seems to have justified his choice, to a large extent, by presenting him with a baby worthy of his reputation as a strong man. The disgruntled admirers can hardly offer any criticisms on this point.

The baby is reported to show strong evidence of becoming an athlete and gymnast of great powers. He pushes heavy weights off bed and tables, and holds on to his parents' fingers with an iron grip. He can also put his foot in his mouth, a feat which his muscular father is totally incapable of performing.

Already he is giving his father a considerable amount of exercise in walking him up and down, and if he continues to increase at his present rate he will tax the great man's powers to the utmost.

THE TWO MOST REMARKABLE BABIES OF THE MONTH.



THIS IS SANDOW'S NEW BABY—WEIGHED EIGHTEEN POUNDS AT BIRTH.

For the present, however, Sandow is well able to handle the infant. At his performance he lifted a 500-pound weight with his middle finger; he lifted two men concealed in the sphere of a large bar-bell above his head; he suffered three horses to stand on a plank placed on his chest, supporting himself only on his feet and hands.

The Roman column was another feat. It consists in being seated on a horse and throwing one's self backward over the tail and picking up a man or a dumbbell. This tries the muscles of the back most severely. Sandow's height is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches. The dimensions of his muscular developments in America—they have since in-

creased somewhat—were: Neck, 18 inches; biceps, 10 1/2 inches; forearm, 10 1/2 inches; wrist, 23 inches; chest, 48 inches, distended 62 inches; thigh, 22 1/2 inches; calf, 18 inches; weight, 103 pounds.

Sandow's record weight for finger-lifting is 600 pounds; for stone-lifting with one or two hands, while standing on two chairs or other supports, and raising the weight from that position, is 1,500 pounds; while with a leather collar round the neck 4,800 pounds is his record. He can raise a dumbbell of 340 pounds, and slowly, too, to arm's length above his head. Sandow is no advocate of a strict diet, nor for violent exercise; the pupil should never get disgusted with his exercises; but he is most especially insistent in the necessity of persistence, regularity, and the order of precedence and sequence in practicing this or that exercise being maintained. One of the most convincing examples of the enormous strength of his hands is exhibited in his tearing in two three packs of cards placed together.

TWINS ARE FASHIONABLE.

American Girls Who Have Married Abroad Establish a New Birth Record.

Isn't it odd, yet is it not a tribute to American motherhood, that so many American girls who have wedded European husbands have become the mothers of twins?

Although twins have until now been exceedingly rare in the reigning families of Europe, there being no instance thereof on record in that of Great Britain, but two in that of Prussia and one in that of Wurtemberg, yet twins are somehow becoming the fashion, which is naturally a source of concern to the taxpayers of the old world, who are called upon to provide for the maintenance of their monarchs and of the latter's relatives. The extent to which they are coming into vogue is shown by the fact that those insurance companies in London which make a specialty of insuring people against twins have within the past few weeks been compelled to double the rate of the premium because of the sudden increase in the demand for policies, and of the surprising number of payments which the companies have recently been called upon to make.

The companies, whose present rate of insurance is two per cent, comprise among their customers a large number of the British nobility, among whom twins were formerly almost unknown, a double birth being considered as bad form, plebeian and distinctly vulgar. The change is ascribed in the Old World to the advent of the American girl, and to what are prop-

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erly known as the international marriages. So many of the daughters of Uncle Sam, wedded to members of the European aristocracy, have given birth to twins, that the latter have now come to be looked upon as the almost inevitable consequence of a union between a transatlantic heiress and a scion of the English aristocracy.

The Duchess of Manchester, nee Yznaga, Mrs. Arthur Paget, daughter of the late Mrs. Paron Stevens, of New York, pretty Lady Grey Egerton, who prior to her marriage was known as Miss May Cuyler, of New York, the Hon. Mrs. Burke-Roche, daughter of Frank Work, of New York; Lady Gantley, daughter of William Henry McVicker, and the Countess Ginocci, daughter of J. Kinney, of New Jersey, besides about a dozen other titled ladies of American birth have given birth to twins.

In view of this, it is not surprising under the circumstances that the betting in London and in the country houses where shooting parties are now in progress should be in favor of the young Duchess of Marlborough giving birth to twins.

In royal houses, and in noble families where there are peerages and entailed estates to descend to the eldest son, the advent of twins is a matter of considerable

gravity. Thus should the Duchess of Marlborough give birth to twins, the elder becomes at once heir to all the property and honors, to the numerous titles, English as well as foreign, to the hereditary pension of \$20,000 a year, and to the magnificent palace and estate of Blenheim, whereas the younger, who has perhaps arrived only a minute or so after his brother, has nothing to which he can look forward, save a mere pittance of perhaps \$3,000 per annum and the purely courtesy title of

"Lord," prefixed to his Christian name. An instance in point is that of the present Earl of Durham, of Jockey Club fame. By arriving in this world a couple of minutes prior to his younger brother, Fred, he secured to himself the inheritance of the earldom, as well as the entailed property, yielding an income of \$400,000 per year, whereas Fred has had to remain content with a beggarly allowance of \$10,000, and the commonplace prefix of "Mr." to his name.

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