

## WORLD'S CHAMPION NOW.

**The High Diving Record Broken by E. S. Ridgeway at Washington Park Yesterday.**

A large crowd assembled at Washington park yesterday afternoon to witness the high diving of E. S. Ridgeway and Miss Madeline Squires. Ridgeway's dive was a pretty thing of the kind, and it was a record breaker. When the tower was measured it was found to be not quite as tall as that from which Leuvenmark made his highest dive. Ridgeway refused to go up until it was made higher, and a box was carried up and nailed on the top of the platform. This made the total distance eighty-three feet seven inches, about three inches higher than Leuvenmark's best dive. Standing on top of the little box, the young fellow jumped into space. He turned gracefully as he came down, and struck the water square head first. In a moment he appeared on the surface, not in the least hurt.

Ridgeway has both the nerve and the skill, and will probably make even higher dives than that of yesterday. He now holds the championship, and it will take a daring plunger to wrest it from him. Miss Squires did not attempt to dive from more than half the distance Ridgeway went up. She showed a wonderful amount of nerve to throw herself at the water, and the great crowd about the shores held its breath as her body went through the air. She seemed to slip, and lost all control of herself. Luckily she landed in such a way that she was not hurt, and several strong swimmers who were in waiting soon had her upon the shore.