

Piano-Playing Record Broken

C. W. HEALY, OF AUSTRALIA, PLAYS A PIANO CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIFTY AND ONE-HALF HOURS AT PRINCE'S COURT, MELBOURNE, BEATING THE PREVIOUS RECORD BY TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS



HE piano-playing record of the world has been broken, on this occasion by a young Australian athlete, C. W. Healy, who, starting off on a Thursday,

at 8 p. m., to the simultaneous lighting of thousands of electric lights at Prince's Court, Melbourne, played continuously until Saturday, of the same week, at 10.30 p. m. He thus played, without a stop, for the phenomenal time of fifty and one-half hours. Healy partook of very little nourishment during the feat and merely consumed a couple of cakes of chocolate and a little soda water toward the finish to clear the head.

Great crowds assembled to witness the finish of this extraordinary feat, and wildly cheered the plucky young Australian as he accomplished it. He was little or none the worse for the great strain he had undergone, barring the loss of a little weight. He came down the steps of the band-stand unaided, and walking to his cab, drove home.

Healy, during his feat, played three hundred different tunes, over and over again, totaling over three thousand pieces. The young athlete smilingly admitted to a reporter that the feat verged on the nature of the senseless, but was no

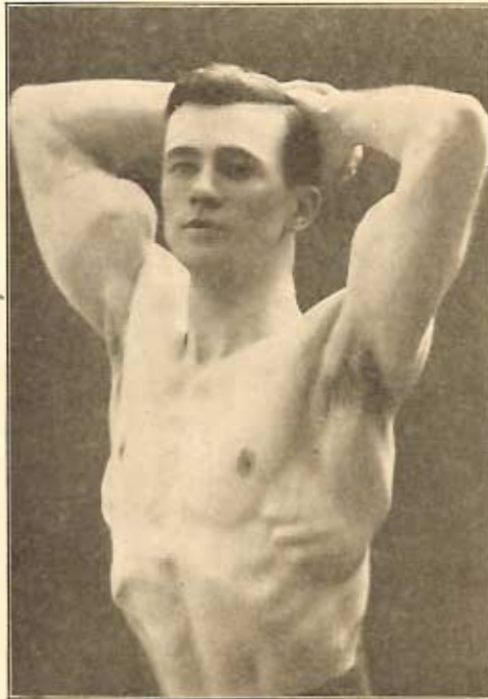
more so than most other world's records for endurance. In speaking of his unusual performance, he remarked: "I had very special reasons in attempting this feat. I wanted to upset a medical opinion, that the brain and body could not possibly stand the simultaneous strain

for that period. This is merely another example of perfect physical training — making the brain fit and clear to stand an extraordinary mental test."

Asked what training he underwent for such a feat, he replied: "Nothing extra whatever. As you know, my business is physical culture, and I study natural health laws, and live up to Nature in every point possible. I always manage to secure fresh air, good plain food, healthy athletics, etc., and

I am fit at any moment, as every young fellow should be. Just get the ideas of physical culture into your head—that is, in the true sense of the word—and I can assure you that you will always be fit and well, mentally and physically."

Perhaps many of our readers have already heard of C. W. Healy. He is a very popular and clever instructor of physical culture, with over three hundred pupils. It was Bernarr Macfadden's ideas that led him to follow the business and he has been very successful.



MR. C. W. HEALY