

UNDER SEA DRAMA.

24-year-old Jane Baldasare was up before dawn on the French coast, ready to swim the Channel a new way, under water.

To swim it on the surface is nowadays next to nothing. Jane isn't science-fiction; she's science-fact, and every detail of the strange venture was most carefully worked out. If necessary she reckoned she could stay submerged for 35 hours, swimming twelve feet below the surface. Nothing quite like it had ever been seen in the Straits of Dover, but if you want fame for swimming the Channel nowadays you must have a gimmick. After four hours or so an empty air bottle was sent down to her by mistake. With nothing to breathe she had to come up and admit failure. Better luck next time.