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TITLE.:- SWAN UPPING.

Picture.:- This centuries-old custom consists of rounding-up the swans, examining them, and deciding the ownership.

When birds are sighted, the swan-masters "shoo" them to the bank, where the boats form an enclosure for the examination.

Of course, the swans don't like this restriction of their liberty, however temporary.

It does not take long for them to be seized and their beaks "nicked" to indicate whether they belong to the Crown or one of the Liveried Companies.

They are then freed once more and the swan-masters proceed on their way.

TITLE.:- PRESS GANG.

Picture.:- In days gone by when men were wanted to man the ships of the King's Navy - a rather forceful form of conscription was employed.

Parties of sailors were sent ashore to raid the taverns of seaport towns for suitable men.

Here a Press Gang interrupts a convivial party and each blow which falls on a victim's head means, emphatically, "You're in the Navy now!" They weren't given the chance to go quietly!

I'm glad I didn't live in those days - the sea always did make me - er - queer!

COMMENTATOR. :- Well! Cheerio everybody! We'll be with you again in a few days.

TRADE MARK. :- "UNIVERSAL TALKING NEWS".