

From Surfing to Skiing Within Twenty-four Hours

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This is not the first occasion upon which I have discussed this subject. I sprang it on the Ad Club at a luncheon meeting about a year ago.

As upon that occasion, I disclaim originality in the title and credit it to the redoubtable Alexander Hume Ford, who originated it from five to ten years ago. I then scouted the proposition as a wild-eyed dream. I now advocate it as a feasible, practical project.

We all know what "surfing" is—it is riding on a surfboard on the crest of a wave, smoking in to Waikiki beach from the outer edge of the reef, a distance of a half mile or so. This is not the only place where surfing can be experienced, but it is the one place in Hawaii—and in the world, for that matter—where it can be witnessed to perfection—and that again can be credited to Alexander Hume Ford, because before he came to Hawaii and resuscitated the sport it had almost gone into oblivion. In fact, prior to Mr. Ford's coming to Hawaii, I have only the faintest recollection of having seen a surfrider, and then it was simply a man lying down on a board—never one standing erect!

Now, however, as the result of Mr. Ford's lurid imagination and his stimulation of the interest of a number of the Honolulu boys, surfriding is so firmly established at Waikiki, that there are literally hundreds of surfboards stacked in the storerooms of the Outrigger Club and of the several bathing resorts at Waikiki!

Suffice it to say, that "surfing" has once more been thoroughly established in Hawaii, at the Waikiki beach, and that Alexander Hume Ford is its prophet!