

Times may have changed, but human pleasures remain about the same. Everyone likes to swim and to relax in the shade on a tropical ^{shore.} ~~beach~~. This is the basic reason for Miami Beach.

Probably the first ^Dcabana to be built in Miami Beach was erected by Dr. Gillespie Enloe in 1901. There is little doubt ~~but~~ that Dr. Enloe's cabana fitted the original meaning of the Spanish word -- a "shack" or "hut" by the sea. Dr. Enloe would rent the cabana from time to time to mainlanders for picnic vacations.

Apparently there was quite a demand for bathing facilities, even in those days, for many Miamians used to sail over for a swim. So it ~~wasn't~~ ^s long before Miami Beach had its first bathing pavilion -- Smith's Casino.

The ~~P~~ancoasts built the Miami Beach Casino, at 23rd Street, in 1912, and two years later Hardie's Casino was erected.

Swimming pools with their cabana clusters were part and parcel of the early luxury hotels and now, of course, are a "must" for every hotel with resort pretensions. Even the city has two public swimming pools, despite all that beach out there.

Today it is as easy to go swimming at Miami Beach as ever, and much more comfortable. The cabana has fresh water showers, even a telephone. In the early times there ~~was~~ ^was no telephone, and brackish water from a pitcher pump took the place of a shower. Still, it was fun.