

Enamelware Cement. For mending enamelware pots and pans where a hole has been made or the enamel has been chipped off, the following is effective: Equal parts of soft putty, finely sifted coal ashes and sifted table salt. Mix all together and pack it into the hole. Place the mended article on the stove with a little water in it until the cement gets hard. It never fails, and it becomes as hard as the enamel itself.

From "Poor Richard." When you incline to have new clothes, look first well over the old ones, and see if you cannot shift with them another year, either by scouring, mending or even patching, if necessary. Remember a patch on your coat and money in your pocket is better and more creditable than a writ on your back and no money to take it off.

Garden Gains. Hiram—"Sol Sodbuster claims to have discovered the best way to make money with his garden." Henry—"What's the system?" "This summer he is going to put a house in it." "But isn't he going to raise anything?" "Yes, just as soon as he can he is going to raise the rent."—Youngstown Telegram.

Salt as Cleaner. To clear willow furniture scrub each piece well with a coarse brush and water that is strongly saturated with salt, then dry with a soft cloth. Salt not only cleans willowware, but prevents it from turning yellow. Straw matting may be most successfully cleaned in the same way.

Cheerfulness. What, indeed, does not that word cheerfulness imply. It means a contented spirit, it means a pure heart, it means a kind and loving disposition, it means humility and charity, it means a generous appreciation of others and a modest opinion of self.—Thackeray.

At the Summer Resort. "Do you know the name of that handsome young man over there?" "No, ma'am. I'm a new arrival here myself." "Dear, dear, how embarrassing. I was engaged to him last summer and for the life of me I can't think of his name."—Detroit Free Press.

Economies. "Why don't you try to look more neat?" "I'm economizin'," replied Plodding Pete. "I jes' heard about de money a railroad kin save by not washin' de car windows. Jes' imagine de expense dis nation could cut out by boycottin' soap!"

Hint to Budding Authors. "So you got your poem printed?" "Yes," replied the determined author. "I sent the first stanza to Uncle Know-It-All's column, with the inquiry: 'Can any one give the rest of this poem?' Then I sent in the complete poem over another name."

In Search of a Public. "It was Eve who caused the departure from the Garden of Eden." "I don't altogether blame her," replied Miss Cayenne. "How could she enjoy her beautiful new fig-leaf costume with no women about to envy it?"

What Adam Never Knew. "Adam made a failure of de fruit business," said the old dake, "but mebbe ef he'd never tackled it we never would 'a' knowed de juicy sweetness of de Georgia watermelon!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Proof of It. She—"Men aren't any brainier than women; they have only fooled us into believing that they are." He—"Well, doesn't that show that they are?"—Boston Evening Transcript.

More American Supremacy. Fresno county, California, produces 94,000,000 pounds, or about 60 per cent of the California raisin crop, and nearly twice the quantity produced by Spain.

Extreme Optimism. Another form of optimism is the belief that the seeds you plant are going to grow up to look exactly like the fancy pictures on the envelope.

Daily Thought. Only for the cheerful does the tree of life blossom; for the innocent the well-spring of youth keeps still flowing, even in old age.—Arnold.

For Clergymen Only. Ministers would meet with more success if they knew as much about this world as they think they know about the next.—Lippincott's.

Real Jewel Cases. A smart corset salesman writes me from Louisville that he tells people he sells jewel cases.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

U. S. FLEET AT VERA CRUZ SPEEDS TO SEA AND MEETS INVISIBLE FOE

Graphic Description of a Hurry-Up Test—Eight Big Warships Maneuvered So as to Encircle Enemy for Crushing Broad Sides—New Signal System Evolved by Admiral Fletcher Is Tested.

Vera Cruz, Mexico.—Put out to sea and intercept a hostile fleet approaching from the east, was the signal that came to the New Jersey from the flagship at eight one morning, says Junius B. Wood, in Chicago Daily News. Instantly the big battleship was alive with action. Captain Jayne, who had been chatting on the quarter deck, hurried forward to the bridge, the officer of the deck close

Swinging a fleet or a squadron of eight or even a division of four battleships into action is a feat which requires days of drills even by men whose lives have been a study and practise of the science of warfare. This week was to try out a new scheme of tactics and signals evolved by Rear Admiral Fletcher. Naval battles of the future will be between fleets. The old days when ships locked masts and hammered each other until one sank or burned or its decks were swept clean, live only in paintings. The engagements between single ships will be occasional. The real battles of the sea will be between fleets—16 to 60 hurtling shell and deadly exploding fulminate. The Japanese knew how to maneuver by fleets and picked off the Russian battleships one by one and wiped out the czar's fleets.



Warships En Route to Sea.

The Third division ships, which weigh 17,000 tons each and with good marksmanship could put a shell in an opposing ship six miles away, are becoming obsolete and are doomed to retirement. The Second division ships weigh about 18,000 tons each, and might do as much damage at eight miles. They will last a little longer. Then, just arrived from the shipyards, are the New York and Texas, each of which weighs 27,000 tons and can shoot farther. Their days are numbered, just as surely as are those of the New Jersey, which went into commission only six years ago.

There was a New York once before—now she is rechristened the Saratoga and classified in the naval register as a third rater. In 1893, when she sailed from the yards at Philadelphia, she was the pride of the American navy. She had a siren, which was another novelty in those days. As she headed down the Delaware somebody turned the steam into the siren. Several hundred staid Quaker

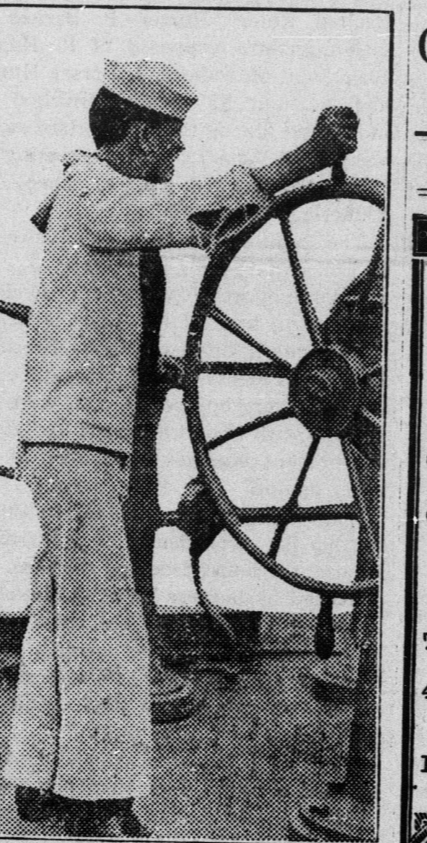
at his heels. A messenger ran below for the navigator. The bugles sounded assembly, officers hurried to the bridge, and others below to the fires and engines.

The anchor chain, like a big black iron snake, was sucked slowly in by some invisible power. A swirl of sand and mud showed where the giant teeth had held the bottom of the bay. On each of the "chains" at the sides two boys were heaving the leads and shouting the soundings. Others were frantically waving flags or hoisting long strings of pennants, signaling to nearby ships. The big ship was slowly getting under way.

On the other ships of the Third division of the Atlantic fleet was similar activity. The flagship Virginia, with Rear Admiral Beatty, steamed out in the lead, with the Georgia, Nebraska and New Jersey following in the column. After them came the Second division, under Rear Admiral Boush on the Louisiana, which was followed by the Michigan, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Grimly and silently they moved out to sea 150,000 tons of floating iron and steel, eight delicately adjusted engines of destruction, in a line more than two and a half miles long and as straight as if they were beads on a string.

The order from the commander-in-chief had come as a surprise. The fires under the boilers had been lit, and some order expected, but nothing was certain. It might be a welcome order to go home or one to go to an even more desolate port. But it was to go out and attack. That was all. The fleet to be attacked might be the two tiny gunboats of the Mexican navy or a European power's display of dreadnaughts. Sailor-like,



Steersman on U. S. Warship.

City horses ran away as the ear piercing shrieks rent the air and half a hundred persons were injured. She never injured that many again, in her entire career as a battleship.

In a few months the present New York will be outshone by the Nevada and Oklahoma, weighing 27,500 tons each, and now building are the Pennsylvania and No. 39 of 31,400 tons. Every ton costs close to \$1,000.

Fleet tactics have kept pace with the growth of battleships. Naval authorities say that the commander who can "wind up" his enemy's fleet—get it into the center of his encircling battleships or overlap it so that his broadsides can rake the others one at a time—will always win. That is why the American navy is maneuvering, having target practise, going through drills whenever opportunity offers.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher's system which is now being tried out prior to being officially adopted by the navy—is designed to reduce to a minimum the number of signals necessary to put a fleet through the evolution. In the smoke and excitement of battle the fewer signals to watch and interpret the better.

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