

UNOLE SAM'S BIG GUN.

Largest Cannon in the World to be Placed in New York Harbor.

Will Take Three Years to Make—Will Weigh About Seventy-five Tons and be Fifty Feet in Length—A Small Fortune Will be Expended at Every Shot.

In a few years the United States will own one of the biggest guns in the world. It is to be 16 inches in diameter on the inside and will shoot a projectile larger than the body of a good sized man and weighing over 1,500 pounds.

At the war department bids were opened for furnishing the mount and the steel forgings necessary before the gun itself can be built. Some idea of the size of this gun can be gained when it is known that it will take three years of steady work to make it. It will cost a small fortune and will consume 800 pounds of powder at a single shot.

The building of this monster gun is largely an experiment. Ever since 1886 the board which has charge of fortifications and coast defenses has urged Congress to set aside enough money for building a 16 inch gun. Several foreign countries have such guns, both for use in coast defenses and aboard vessels of war. Though there has been no opportunity to test them in active warfare, it is claimed that, notwithstanding their enormous size and the force of their recoil when discharged, the result of their work will fully warrant their cost and the necessary danger connected with their use. A 16 inch gun, when discharged, is not only dangerous at the muzzle but at the breech, for the recoil, if not properly provided for, might sink the ship, gun and all.

The United States government does not intend to use this big gun aboard ship, but it will be placed on one of the fortifications in New York harbor. General Flagler, the chief of ordnance of the army, said that one well directed shot from the 16 inch gun would destroy or stop any vessel known at the present time. He says one such gun in New York harbor would do more good in case of war than a dozen guns of 12 or 13 inches in size, the largest now in use by this government on land or sea. The more conservative officers of the war department have recommended until recently the building of more 12 inch guns, but it has been demonstrated within the last year that a 12 inch projectile will not penetrate the armor now used on warships unless the shot is especially favorable.

The argument for the 12 inch gun has been that if one shot at a hostile warship did not do the work, more shots would, and that the largest vessel in the world could not stand a dozen shots from a 12 inch gun. General Flagler meets this argument by saying that while the 12 inch guns of the United States were pounding away at a foreign ship the guns on board the vessel would not be idle, and he thinks it wise, therefore to have a gun big enough to do the work quickly.

The big gun will weigh about 75 tons and will be about 50 feet long in the clear, the inside bore or barrel being about 40 feet in length. Two miles will be a short distance for its projectiles to reach, and even at that distance they will be skipping along at a speed of 2,000 feet every second. The destruction that would be wrought by 1,500 pounds of hardened steel, shaped like a minie ball, going at the highest speed, can scarcely be imagined.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Lawyer Hired by the Day.

The Contract Was For One Year and Expired Promptly.

With the name of Rufus Lockwood is recalled one of the most extraordinary geniuses that the State of California ever produced. It is many years now since Lockwood held sway in the courts of San Francisco. He was in his day perhaps the best lawyer in the State, and it was only because of utter indifference to pecuniary matters that he did not leave a large fortune behind him, says the San Francisco Bulletin.

Lockwood went at one time to Horace Hawkes, a very distinguished lawyer, and the author of the consolidation act which is now in force. Hawkes had a reputation for close figuring, and Lockwood knew it. He said: "Mr. Hawkes, I'll hire myself to you for one year from date at a salary of \$25 a day, payable every night."

"All right," said Hawkes, delighted to engage the services of the brightest mind in the State at so low a figure—for the salary was not a great one in those days—and the bargain was sealed. It was 11 o'clock in the morning. But from that time on, it is said, Hawkes never missed an opportunity of reminding Lockwood of his bondage. He would say, in the presence of others, "Lockwood, go fetch me that book;" "Lockwood do this" or "that," etc. Lockwood never said a word, but did as he was bidden, and enjoyed his triumph.

Finally it came to the day when the year's engagement was terminated. There was a most important law suit on hand, which Lockwood had made a careful study of; no one in the State could possibly have handled it as he did. Well, on the day in question Lockwood stood in court, an array of law books in front of him, and expounded his views in masterly fashion. Suddenly he looked up at the clock and saw that it was the hour of 11. Closing the book from which he was quoting, he turned to Hawkes, who was sitting beside him, and said: "Mr. Hawkes, a year ago at this hour I contracted to work for you for one year. My time is up, the contract is cancelled and I am gone."

Thus did he repay his master for the humiliation heaped upon him. Hawkes was in the greatest consternation; he could not possibly take up the thread of the case where Lockwood had left it, and he begged and implored him to proceed. But Lockwood remembered, and he turned a deaf ear to all his persuasions. He kept his word; the contract had expired.

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ARE BUSTLES COMING?

The Latest Silk Petticoat is a Suspiciously Bouffant Affair.

(By Special Arrangement with the N. Y. Sun.) The latest silk petticoat may be a forerunner of the much despised bustle. It is a billowy creation made with a deep ruffle, through the bottom of which a fine reed is run. At the back the lower half of the skirt hangs in folds. There are six folds, and through each one a reed is run which makes the skirt stand out with a certain aggressive stiffness at the bottom, though at the waist line it is very flat.



All the new silk skirts have either the fine reeds to add them in standing out, or they are lined from the bottom to a few inches above the knee with hair cloth.

A handsome home gown is of mauve silk and has a bodice of a darker tone. This bodice is very richly embroidered down each side of the front in gold and pearl shades. It opens over a full waistcoat of lisse of a very delicate shade of mauve and is studded all over thickly with crystal and sapphire jeweled trimming. The sleeves are gauffered perpendicularly from waist to elbow and finished with a moderate puff at the top. The bottom of the skirt is finished with a pair of the darker silk.



A cloth gown is capable of being made very prettily in any of the fashionable materials of the day. The sleeves and centre are its principal features. The sleeves are fitted perfectly tight to the arm, but cut so full about the hands that they hang over them like a fluted frill. The tops of the sleeves are finished with three flounces of the cloth. Each flounce is edged with a tiny frill of chiffon. The centre is of satin handsomely trimmed with embroidery and fastened with gold buttons. The revers are fastened back with the same buttons. The bow and ruche at the neck are of chiffon, to match the frills on the sleeves. The muslin gown often seen



is made with perpendicular insertions of lace on the skirt and waist. The sleeves fit the arm closely, although they are wrinkled for their full length. They are finished with a full puff at the top and a full frill about the hands, so full and deep as to almost cover the hands. The centre is made of shot silk, showing the principal color of the muslin. It is pointed back and front, the wrinkled fronts crossing each other and fastening at the upper edge with a little bow. The collar is finished with an outstanding ruffle.

Checks are so much in favor that the idea is carried out in trimmings. The plain materials are made to look checked by carrying insertion or ribbon down and across at regular intervals, thus forming squares, either large or small, as may be required. Milk is of universal use, and peculiarly adapted to children and invalids, because it contains in its normal condition a proper proportion of food elements in a palatable and easily-digested condition. These are, under normal condition, fat, 3.7 per cent; sugar, 4.7; casein, 3.3.

A Raines Law for This State.

The State Liquor League will make an aggressive campaign before the Legislature at the coming session, and endeavor to make several changes in the Brooks law. The main point for which they will contend will be an amendment to the license law, which will permit hotel keepers to serve drinks to their guests on Sunday. This is one of the features of the Raines law governing the sale of liquor in New York, and one which the State Liquor League for several years has maintained should be in the Pennsylvania statutes.

Maud Muller on a summer night went out on her bike in the bright moonlight. She pedaled around from six to ten on a trip that would flag the strongest men, but her heart was light, and her spirits gay, for it wasn't work, 'twas nothing but play. Next morning, however, she'd a pain in her head, she was all played out and stayed in bed, while her mother hustled in the kitchen below—not to ride a wheel, but to make things go. Though the morning was hot and she worked by the fire, she did not collapse with a punctured tire. Alas for the girl and the woman, see! things are not as they used to be.

If you owe a mortgage of \$1,000 that is not specially payable in gold, you can pay it in \$1,000 legal tender silver dollars and the holder of the mortgage must accept it. Pennies are legal tender to the extent of 25 cents and small silver coin to the extent of \$10.

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