FIRST TIME THE TORPEDO WAS USED IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.

Brushnell's Invention Did but Little Damage at That Time but It Can Wel be Claimed as the Father of All Modern Submarine Warfare.

It is a long step in the development of invention from a tiny tea-kettle buzzing on the grate with the force of its escaping steam, to the modern locomo-tive with its powerful driving wheels and train of freight cars. The improvements in submarine warfare have had quite as wide a range and as in-teresting a history from the primitive herring kegs charged with gunpowder nerring kegs charged with gunpowder to the modern submarine torpedo boat which dives under water, and carrying its deadly charge in any direction re-quired, sends the mightiest man-of-war with all its turrets and barbettes spinning into the air

And as the idea of the locomotive was first taken from the domestic ket tle, so that of the torpedo was developed from the common beer or herring keg. The "Battle of the Kegs" is little known but one of the most decidedly interesting in American history. It was one in which the British were worsted after that famous ferrying party in which Washington crossed the Delaware and was one of the most amusing and facetious incidents of the entire Revolutionary war. It was also the first real battle in which the torpedc ever figured, if a keg charged with gun-powder to be exploded by contact, and floated down the stream towards which the British lay, could be called a tor-And yet such was the first torpedo and the father of all modern sub marine warfare.
"The Battle of the Kegs" was fought

"The Battle of the Kegs" was fought Jan. 7, 1778, in the Delaware River, when four Britishers were killed and several others wounded. The Kegs would have been given a better account of themselves only that for some reason the British merchantmen that were anchored in the river moved close to shore, otherwise the kegs would have played haves to the British shipping. played havoc to the British shipping whenever the kegs came in contact with any obstruction it promptly went skywards and the repetition of this then strange phenomena, so terrified the British Admiral that he ordered some boats to be manned and a picked and suppress this strange uprising of water and stones and fames. One witty Quaker, who viewed the scene from shore remarked that "The infernal regions must have opened their windows in order to enable the King's troops to essene from the meals of the street of the st troops to escape from the merciless fire of Washington's sharpshooters." As soon as the detachment pulled their boats over the floating buoys to which the kers were attached, they exploded ng four men and wounding several

The Hon. Francis Hopkinson, the father of the author of "Hail Columbia" and of "Columbians all the Present Hour," and who was himself a national bard of no small fame, thus com-memorates the incident in these stir ring stanzas:

The soldiers flew, the sailors, too, And scared almost to death, Sir, Wore out their shoes and spread the

Running till out of breath, Sir.

"Arise, Arise!" Sir Erskine cries: The rebels, more's the pity.
Without a boat are all affoat
And ranged before the city."

The royal band now ready stand All ranged in dead array, Sir, With stomach stout to see it out And make a blood day, Sir.

Such feats did they perform that day,
Among those wicked kegs, Sir,
That years to come, when they get

They'll bay and boast and bray, Sir

The unusually sober, and dignified Philadelphians were like Indians around a ghost dance that day. When the alarm of the first explosion spread the whole city was in confusion. The British soldiers ran from their shelters to their assigned places of muster and heit diers ran from their shelters to their assigned places of muster and both city and river was filled with such an appalling and unearthly noise that it really seemed as if the bottomless pit had burst its crusted roof and spat flame and sulphur into the skies. The surface of the water was placid save for some blocks or floating ice which however, concealed the buoys, and such a thing as a possibility of explosive beneath the water was at the time as unheard of as the ticker or the telegraph.

The kegs were charged with gunpow. der and had a wad of wood separating the explosive and a charge of stones and scrap iron overhead which was just far enough below the surface to effect concealment and at the same time to do real injury as well as make a grand spectacular demonstration when exploded. A spring lock set off this crude torpedo of 120 years ago. The inventor was one David Bushnell, and the season why more have we der and had a wad of wood separating and the season why more havoc wa not then accomplished, was, he says himself, because the pilot in the Delaware was imperfectly acquainted with that part of the river in which the shipping lay. These kegs being placed under cover of darkness were floated too far from the ships, the distance at night having greatly deceived Bushnell and his friends. They set them adrift with the ebb of the tide but much too distant, and they did not arrive until after being caught in the ice, thus exploding after the ships had raised anchor and in most cases in widely dispersed directions causing less damage the revolutionary leaders intend-

However, Bushnell's invention was George's Man-of-War Cerberus. While this vessel was lying at anchor some of the seamen observing a line towing stern, and thinking it a mere fishing line commenced vigorously hauling in, iceling confident that they had nothing of less dimensions than a baby whale at least, on the hook end. When the sailors had about fifteen fathoms of the line hauled in they were astonished to find that it was buoyed up at regular intervals by little bits of stecks. The necessity of these devices in fishing were not apparent to the Englishmen but nothing daunted and with a hear-haw the British tore kent towing haw the British tars kept towing anticipated whale. Suddenly the he anticipated whale. Suddenly the effrain of the seamen ceased and they cound a machine which was much too ceavy for two men to haul up. "It can not have been a whale," though they, 'though it may be the very devil himelif," as they pulled the peculiar conribusing on board. It weighed upwards of five tons, and all hands were alled to get the weather the property of the weight of the constant of wards of five tons, and all hands were called to ret it upon deck. Commander Symonds who commanded the Cerberus was a little apprehensive that it was "another trick of those damned rebel Yankees" but nevertheless feeling it a rich find that was destined to be gazed on for ages in the British Museum, he, like a brave disciple of Drake seum, he, like a brave disciple of Drake and Cook, ordered the strange nugget to be examined with a mixture of feel-ing begotten half of fear and half of fatal curiosity. The whale instantly took breath, shooting a volume of flame and smoke into the Captain's face, killing three men and throwing a fourth into the water. One of the ship's boats was also blown from the davits. There was consternation upon the deck of the Cerberus and for two days at least the British sailors flut-tered in quite as awful terror as haû the the Philadelphians. Commodore Symonds at once sat down to solemnly write a heavy report to the British Admirality not to haul in any more whales "filled with that kind of combustible that burns though in the wa-

Captain Symond's report concludes thus—"The mode these villains must have taken to have swiftered the ship was to row off on the stream a con-siderable distance leaving one of their infernals on shore and floating the oth-er end at the distance of the line. From he quantity we have got aboard, near which was upwards of 15? fathoms more, there must have been nearly 300 fathoms in all. They at the length of this line put the other in the water and left it for the tide to float down. As the ingenuity of these people is singular in their secret modes of mischief, and as I presume this is their first essay I have though it indispensably my duty to give you the earliest information of the circumstances to prevent the like fetal earliers to prevent the like fetal earliers and the content of the circumstances to prevent the like fetal earliers in the content of the circumstances. vent the like fatal accident happening to any of the advanced ships that may possibly be swiftered in the same

Such was the first use and the first official report ever made upon the tor-pedo in submarine warfare.

Man Is Condensed Air.

Liebig, the greatest chemist of the century, writes: "Science has demonstrated the fact that man, the being who performs the greatest wonders, is formed of condensed air and solidified and liquid gases; that he lives upon condensed as well as uncondensed as well as uncondensed air; and that, by means of the same mysterious agent, he moves, the same mysterious agent, he moves, or causes to be moved, the heaviest quaint little egg-men to accomplish weights with the velocity of the

"But the strangest part of the mat-ter is that thousands of millions of these tabernacles of condensed air are destroying each other in pitched bat-ties, using implements which are but other forms of condensed air, the ma-terial of which they themselves are formed or composed.

"Chemistry supplies the clearest proof that man is—to all appearances, at least—composed of materials iden-tical with those which compose the structural being of the ox or the dog, or even the lowest animal in the scale of creation."

The Oldest City in the World.

Damascus is probably the oldest city in the world, and is estimated to be about 4,200 years old. It is supposed to have been founded by a great grandson of Noah, and for many centuries was famous for its manufacture of jewelry, silks and swords. In the Mid-dle Ages a Damascus sword was more highly prized than any other; but the Damascene method of tempering steel and the famous swords are no longer made. In point of age Jerusalem comes next to Damascus amongst the oldest cities in the world, it having been a Jebusite city in the days or Abraham 2.900 years ago. Athens is the oldest city in Europe, being about 3,453 years old. Rome is the next oldest, and after that comes Marseilles, founded by a colony of Greeks when Rome was still a small village. London and Paris have neither of them been in existence two thousand years. site city in the days of Abraham wo thousand years.

Wife (time, midnight): "Hark! Husband! Wake up! I hear the rustling of silk and the clank of chains." Husband!

chains."
Husband: "You do? Horror! Then
the reports are true. I was told the
house was haunted."
Wife (much relieved): "Oh, is that
ail? I was afraid Fido had broken
loose, and was tearing my new ball-

Dramatist—They're yelling for me in front. I've never made a speech in my life; what shall I say?

Leading Lady (had a bad time of it)
—Say you've a wife and three kida dependent on you; throw yourself on their mercy, somehow.

The New State Guard

Governor Hastings is giving all the time possible to the considera-tion of the most practicable scheme to form a provisional national guard in the absence of the military which has so long and effectively protected the interests of the State from disturbances of its peace, but was unable to give any information as to the policy that would be pursued in establishment of the proposed rd. "Before I will be ready to guard. Before I will be ready to make a substantial move in that direction," he said, "I will likely have to make a trip to Washington and consult the United States au-thorities." The Governor seemed thoroughly imbued with the idea that the State should not remain long without protection of organized militiamen, but as the new guard would doubtless be made subject to a call from the National Govern-ment, if its services were needed for its defense, nothing will be done by the Governor in the matter until he shall have fully interchanged views with its proper military rep-resentatives resentatives.

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What is a Battleship ?

A battleship is a ship designed to fight in line of battle, and is distinguished from a cruiser by its heavy plating and slower armor Battleships are classified with respect to their tonnage and the number of guns they carry, battleships of the first class being of greatest tonnage and largest number of guns. The United States battleships of the first class vary in tonnage from 10228 to 11,585. The loss of the Maine left the navy with but one second class battleship, the Texas, with a tonnage of 6,315. The Vizcaya, of the Spanish navy, which recently paid a visit to New York, is an armored cruiser of 6,890 tons. In the United States navy there are two armored cruisers, the New York and the Brooklyn, the former of 9,125 tons and the latter of 8,840 tons.

Others Will Applaud Him

It is not to be presumed that Admiral Dewey was disrespectful to the German Consul at Manila in his manner of refusal to allow German trans ports to enter that harbor with provi-stons and other supplies. The Ameri-can Admiral is too brave a man to be discourteous even to a subjugated enemy or an antagonistic neutral. He was threatened by a representative (doubtless puffed up by conceit in his little authority holding) of a great war nation, and like a true American gentleman, informed the Consul from Germany that if he attempted to carry out his threats the American squadron would simply "shoot his cruisers," and there the episode end-The German home authorities will doubtless applaud the bravery of the Yankee Admiral.

A Shrewd Woman.

A Virginia woman who owns little land has gone into the business of raising sheep. She spent \$25, paying \$3 a head for ewes, and then turned her flock into her pasture land. She raised what she could care for on her land, selling the rest as soon as they were of marketable age. She gave only about one hour a day to them, and paid a boy fifty cents a week to keep the sheep-shees clean and the fodder cut up. She has been in the business about five years. The first year she came out \$40 ahead on first year she came out \$40 anead on her experiment. At the end of the fourth year she had a flock of sixty ewes, all she could keep with her pasturage, and in wool and mutton she found she had a clear yearly income of \$450.

The Truth for Once.

"Goshdurn you and your old grocery!" shouted the man who had backed up against the fresh paint. "Didn't you see that sign, 'fresh

paint!" asked the grocer.
Of course, I did, but I've seen so many signs hung out here announcing something fresh that wasn't that I didn't believe it." Another New Trick

sharper has put up a new trick on farmers, and he has been operating successfully. He claims to be an agent for the U. S. government authorized to buy horses for the army. He visits the farmer, buys two or three horses, gives a check for an amount larger than the purchase price, gets the difference in cash, and disappears with the horses. The far-mer presents the check for pavement, and finds he has been swindled. man who will be taken in by a trick so transparent as this scarcely serves a better fate.

A return presented in the Dominion Parliment gives the Indian population of Canada as 99,364, and they are scattered through all its provinces Nearly three quarters of the whole number belong to some religious denomination, the Catholics numbering 41,813, the Anglicans 16,139 and the Methodists 10,203, the rest being divided among other Christian bodies. Of those not registered in known religious sects about 16,000 are pagans, probably keeping up some form of native worship, but making no particular display thereof and olding statistical tabulating. eluding statistical tabulations. From an industral point of view the Canada Indians make quite a respectable showing, their earnings last year footing up about \$2,500,000.

It should be remembered by those who are in the habit of shooting any birds that come within their reach, that the killing, wounding or trapping of any bird of song, cat-bird, robin, wood-pecker, blue-bird, yellow-bird or any other bird not a game bird is inditable as a criminal offence, and any person convicted of such an offence is subject to pay costs of prosecution and a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, and to be imprisoned. One-half the fine goes to the informer. This is an excelle law and should be rigidly enforced. This is an excellent

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meinnati, Ohio, to Mrs. Pinkham:

"For a long time I suffered with chronic infiammation of the womb, pain in abdomen and bearing-down feeling. Was very nervous attimes, and so weak I was hardly able to do anything. Was subject to headaches, also troubled with leucorrhoza. After doctoring for many months with different physicians, and getting to which I had toring for many months with different physicians, and getting no relief, I had given up all hope of being well again when I read of the great good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound was doing. I decided immedi-ately to give it a trial. The result was ately to give it a trial. The result was simply past belief. After taking four bottles of Vegetable Compound and using three packages of Sanative Wash I can say I feel like a new woman. I deem it my duty to announce the fact to my fellow sufferers that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable remedies have entirely cured me of all my rains and entirely cured me of all my pains and entirely cured me of all my pains and suffering. I have her alone to thank for my recovery, for which I am grate-ful. May heaven bless her for the good work she is doing for our sex."

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