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Getting Ready to Make a Great Navy—Our Noted Navy Yards—Interesting Relics of Historic Conflicts—The Life of a Warship—Patriotic Pride.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The navy yard is one of the stock sights of Washington. The correspondent puts in a day there soon after his assignment here and as a rule never goes near it again. The average congressman visits it once for his own sake and occasionally thereafter to show it to visiting constituents. The visitors who really enjoy it are the tourists from the great interior, nine out of ten of whom never saw an ocean vessel in their lives or a cannon larger than the ordinary fieldpiece which country towns utilize for the Fourth of July and other patriotic occasions. And how they do enjoy it! The little receiving ship and its neatly uniformed recruits fill them with admiration. They swell with pride over the captured can-

GATEWAY TO THE NAVY YARD.

con, look with curiosity on the guns ranged to illustrate the progress of the country and are speechless with astonishment at the wonderful machinery which bores out the rifled cannon—machinery which seems to move so easily and yet requires so many thousands of horsepower.

Ponderous Stillness.

The ride to the navy yard is quite a pleasure in itself. The cable line on Pennsylvania avenue turns south on East Eighth street and terminates at the entrance to the yard. The visitor is at first charmed with the magnificent gateway which looks monolithic, but is not, and is really awed by the sentinel, who is impressive in blue and white and stands as stiffly as if he had swallowed one of the rammers. The general silence about the place is almost oppressive. The rules governing the yard amount to quite a code, and in addition to stringent regulations against loud talk or swearing or unnecessary noise there is an explicit instruction to every one as a duty to hold no conversation whatever except in the line of duty. Even in most of the workshops there is comparatively little noise, everything running with what might be called a ponderous smoothness. The one exception is in the great hall where the rifled cannon are manufactured. It is the nature of man to respect power whether in the machine or the human being, and I know of no other place where everything seems to move with such resistless force.

Overhead the great train car, with its monster tentacles of iron hoops and clamps and girder loops, moves backward and forward with an energy which seems as if it were beyond control, and yet the engineer who sits in the iron cage attached can stop or start it with a touch of his finger. I shall not weary the reader by describing the long guns of steel and nickel, weighing ever so many tons, which are so easily raised and lowered by the machinery of this train car, nor the great augers, if I may call them such, which bore out the guns, seeming to move with the most gentle persuasiveness and yet tearing off the delicate shavings of steel and nickel with a power which really fascinates the beholder. Nor shall I attempt a description of the process for various reasons. It would take me at least three months to master the subject and probably another month to put it into simple English, after which the ordinary reader would require three months or so to understand it, by which time some of us would be dead or prostrated with brain fag.

Uncle Sam's Navy Yards.

The noted navy yards and stations are at Norfolk, Brooklyn, Mare island, near San Francisco; League island, near Philadelphia; Portsmouth, N. H.; Boston, New London, Conn.; Port Royal, S. C., and Seattle, the last three being regarded as mere naval stations. There are a training ship and torpedo station at Newport, R. I., and minor establishments elsewhere. The Naval War college at Newport, R. I., was formally opened a few weeks ago by Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo. The general result of all the work done at all these places and in the various shipyards is thus summed up by Mr. McAdoo at the close of the fiscal year 1894: "The United States, while it does not possess a great navy in the number of its ships, has within its limits colossal plants, both public and private, and great armies of skilled workmen, led by contractors, designers and inventors of marked ability. It is therefore essentially and substantially capable of national defense, and, if need be, of offense, operations." The general summary of every naval report of this year is that we are just ready to make a great navy and to make it quickly.

History is taught at this navy yard by object lessons, and the lessons are fascinating indeed. First is the progress in ordnance making shown by the old guns ranged in their order from the oldest pieces hammered out by the blacksmiths of colonial times and coming down or up through all the changes wrought by the Revolution, the second war with Great Britain and the Barbary, Mexican and civil wars. Some of the old guns look like mere unwieldly lumps of metal, bearing a ludicrous resemblance to the toy guns which boys sometimes manufacture of lead on the Irishman's principle—"take a hole and pour the lead around it." The old mortars which fired hot shot into the cities of the Barbary coast look like big kettles with somewhat raised sides, and to the ordinary civilian eye it would seem impossible to give any designed direction to a shot from one of them. The Algerines had captured various pieces from the French and Spaniards in the century before we went to war with them, and it was our good fortune to capture some of those pieces, which are here to excite the pride of visitors. The queer old inscriptions on them can still be ciphered and indicate that one was regarded as a terror to the foe, another a destroyer, and so on.

Historic Matters.

Every avenue and square in the yard bears a historic name. The first avenue is named for Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, the second for Commodore Lewis Warrington of the war of 1812, the third for Commodore Charles Morris of the same war, the fourth for the immortal Commodore Hull, and so on. The list of commandants of the yard is also full of interest. The first appointee, Captain Thomas Tingey, took the place Jan. 22, 1800, held it 29 years and died in office. A melancholy interest attaches to the record of Captain Beverly Kennon, who was appointed by the first President Harrison, and two years later was killed by the bursting of the Peacemaker on the Princeton at the time when two members of the cabinet and various other persons were killed. The sixteenth commandant was Captain Franklin Buchanan, appointed in May, 1859, who went south when the civil war began and became famous in the Confederate navy. Rear Admiral Dahlgren was the twenty-second and died in office in 1870. The present commandant, Captain J. A. Howell, is the thirty-third and took the place Feb. 2, 1893.

A Hero's Saber.

Our navy department is rich in relics and memorials of many kinds, but the only ones kept at this yard are the old guns mentioned. By somebody's awkwardness the United States failed to become the owner of one very interesting relic, which was, however, a few weeks ago presented to the Annapolis Naval academy, and that is doubtless as well. This is the famous battle saber of Captain Samuel Chester Reid, who commanded the brig-of-war General Armstrong and won the astonishing victory at Fayal, Azores, in September, 1814. With this saber Captain Reid, in a hand to hand fight, killed the first lieutenant of the British frigate Rota and wounded several others. The blood of that combat was never washed off the saber and is still slightly visible. At the ball given to Lafayette in New York in 1824 Captain Reid wore this sword for the last time, it is believed, after which it was laid away as a precious memorial. His son, Colonel Samuel C. Reid, tendered it as a free gift to the United States, and in March, 1890, Senator Voorhees of the committee on the library offered a joint resolution providing for the acceptance of the sword and the striking of a memorial gold medal to be presented to the son. The latter part of the resolution was opposed so vigorously that the matter was delayed some three years, when Colonel Reid grew indignant and withdrew the offer. A year later he presented it to the academy. It is the judgment of our naval historians that the injury inflicted on the British forces at Fayal resulted in such delay that they did not reach New Orleans till after General Jackson had had time to prepare for them. Otherwise, says Cooper, it is likely the city would have fallen without a blow and possibly the whole history of the west have been changed.

Life of a Ship.

Of the floating memorials of the heroic age of our navy there are few indeed, as it is a melancholy fact that the

SOME ANCIENT ORDNANCE.

life of a ship, so to speak, is generally very short. The old sailing frigate Portsmouth is still afloat as a training ship, with a crew composed mostly of apprentice boys. With her black hull low in the water and square gun ports for the old style battery and high masts, she is an oddity indeed among our modern ships. Yet naval men here say that with none of these modern improvements and obliged to trust to wind and tide the old wooden vessel is still almost as comfortable as any of the new ones, for there is no smoke or dirt from engines and boilers, and in warm weather her decks are much cooler than those of a steamer. The Constellation after many years' service as a practice ship has gone to Newport as a receiving ship, where she will be roofed in, and her high masts, which made her for years the fastest sailing warship in the world, will be seen no more. The once famous Jamestown now lies at Hampton Roads dismasted and dismantled as a floating quarantine hospital. As to the often sung and celebrated Constitution, everybody knows that, like a famous old warhorse or race horse, she is kept for the good she has done and to gratify American pride and sentiment—that most honorable pride in the nation's past, without which no nation can have an honorable future.

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Rapid Playing In Primary Grades—Play Slowly If You Hope to Play Fast.

One of the faults of piano pupils in primary grades is too rapid playing. Once acquired, great difficulties will follow. This is the fault of the teacher. It is surprising how few teachers fully appreciate the necessity of slower practice or playing. The foundation of runs and passages of velocity is slow practicing, and the beauty can be obtained in no other way. "Play slowly if you ever hope to play fast." It is an easy task for a teacher to start out with beginners on the slow movement, but decidedly difficult to make fast players over into slow players. Pupils find it irksome to play every note slowly and surely after having played them as fast as the fingers could work. It is not safe to allow a pupil to play otherwise than slowly during the first three grades, except a few pieces that are especially well learned, and after this only by degrees.

Scales and exercises are the most important for beginners, and they should be taught without notes, to allow the pupil to watch the position of the hand and movements of fingers. If any finger is found weak, it must do twice the work of the stronger ones, so as to acquire an even touch. In four months a pupil of ordinary ability should play and understand fully all the major and perhaps also the minor scales, and yet not one out of ten accomplishes this much. Whose fault is it? The teacher's without doubt.

To know how to teach scales and to exercise the greatest strictness are two excellent rules. One word in regard to teaching: A thorough knowledge of the teaching art is requisite, and certain fundamental rules must be upheld. No person is any more fitted to teach music on the foundation of having learned the notes and "a few pieces," than one having mastered A B C and read a few books is fitted to teach school. With few exceptions all pupils commence their lessons with local amateur teachers, with whom they study until a "final finish" is necessary, then, going to a high school or conservatory of music, are greatly surprised to find they must begin at the foundation again in order to be "finished off."

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The Fashionable Buckle.

The dainty shirt waists are in a measure responsible for the buckle craze, which just now affects the maidens of Gotham. The shirts require a belt, and the belts require a buckle. The silver buckles are the most popular. They are long and narrow or round and much ornamented. Some are of filigree, while others are plain or oxidized. Buckles of black enamel inlaid with silver or gold are effective upon a delicately tinted ribbon belt. The gold buckles are beautiful enough to warrant the price at which they are sold. One represents a gold hoop, around which a snake has twined its body. The eyes are glistening emeralds.

Plain gold buckles have the owner's monogram engraved upon them. Among the newest silver buckles are those inlaid with pale blue enamel. Delicate buckles of tortoise shell are also seen this year inlaid with gold or enamel. The buckles which adorn the tennis belt are sure somewhere to show a racket. A new buckle to be worn with a yachting gown is of Roman gold shaped like an anchor, with bronzed cords coiled about it. A dainty buckle attached to a white ribbon belt was formed of a wreath of blue enamel forgetmenots.

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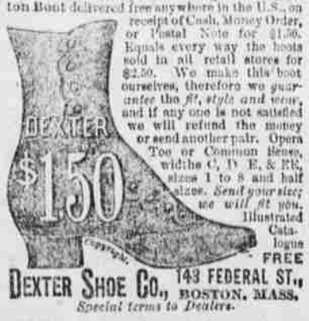

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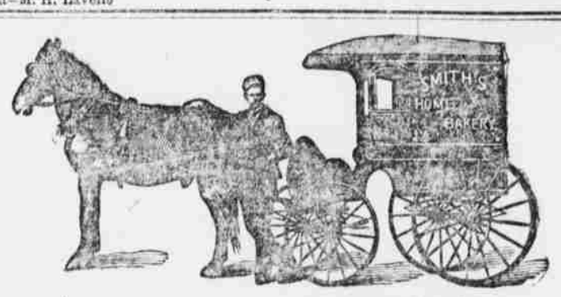

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