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sponsible for the coal supplies of St. in the offing. Nevertheless, the place, coolly informed the teacher that they likely to make a good many widewere "going to give him the best lick- awake manufacturers ask themselves Vinesht, which are brought over from such as R is, plays the part of a halfhow far aluminum is suited, in other ingland in colliers and then stored on vay house in the world's happenings. ng that he had ever had."

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BROUGHT TO NOTICE BY SPAIN'S USE OF THEM AS A BASE OF NAVAL OPERATIONS-A WATER-LESS, SUN-SCORCHED CALLING FLACE FOR THE WORLD'S COM-MERCE - MR. MILLER'S HOME THERE.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

One hears a good deal of St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, these days, but few people have anything but a very vague idea as to what manner of place it may be. To speak the truth, the island certainly has few attractions; on the other hand, it has peculiarities which at times make it seem a part of Dante's Inferno.

Long before one reaches the Cape Verde Islands, in fact, from half a day's steam distant, the high mountain neaks away off on the horizon appear misty and vague and announce the near approach to land and the proximity of the Portuguese settlements. In the meantime all around is sweltering heat, dazzling sun, and unchanged blue, the air clear to the point of a vacuum, and this intensity of light has a most preuliar effect as one gets near the islands -they seem to stand out without any relief in the way of lights and shadows, a flat, dusky yellow picture on blue canvas. Dusty brown rocks and peaks, hard and without relief, standing up against a bright blue background, with as their favorite occupation do notha perfectly clear and deep blue sea in ing. They somehow manage to exist front, a sea so clear that as the steamon the crumbs gathered from the passers rest at anchor in the bay the halfing steamers. Of town there is none, breed boys swim from the shore and dive for sliver colus in and out under the keels of the largest ocean vessels, place or filthy joint, and here and there and one can see them down to the sandy bottom of the ocean catching the coin and laughing up to the surface on the other side of the ship.

As to the island, in this case surely distance lends enchantment to the view, for though at long range and hefore landing it is not half bad by way of a study in bizarre effects-visid ochre, browns, and ultramarine bluesonce on shore it is awful - Dust and rocks, rocks and dust, here and there a small patch of tropical shrub or a half-grown tree, but all dust-covered.

The stcamers and warships lie out in the harbor, which is excellent, and is the reason of this veritable hell's mouth becoming one of the mouthpieces to civilization's speaking tubes, for the Eastern Cable company has a station here, and from St. Vincent are the movements of ocean steamers duly chronicled as they ceaselerrly come and go to take on coal. But to return to the harbor-it is very large and in shape like a horseshoe, with another

and comparatively fertile island, by name San Antonio, lying across the open front and protecting it from the Atlantic storms-the ships coming and going through the opposite corners, One goes ashore in the inevitable small boat, which bumps alongside a low coaling wharf, where the first nerson met with will probably be the also inevitable Englishman, and most likely

VERDE ISLANDS the Island in very large quantities. HEAD OF THE FAMILY. The head of the Miller family controlling this trade is also the resident British consul; he is married to a Portuguese lady and has lots of brothers and sisters at the old home in Somer setshire, a splendld country scat not far from Eath. About the only other

low houses, here and there a drinking

BELONG TO PORTUGAL.

the.

white men on the island are a few diminutive Portuguese officials, brave in uniforms and gold lace, and the employes of the cable company, the latter of whom possess, berides their maddening, clicking instruments, a rickety billiard table, a few sorry horses, which they race up and down

the sundy stretches along the shore, land is quite useless to the wheels of but ready for school work.' and a large stock of good whiskey. commerce or monitors of war. The Particular mention is made of the spirrest of the islands are more or less of its, because there is no water in this the same nature, but smaller, and some accursed ish-it has to be brought of them are more fertile than San Anacross in boats from neighboring San tonio, hence their name. Antonio-and because sometimes no Poetically, the harbor, or goaling rain fails there for as long as two years

station, of St. Vincent, Cape Verde at a stretch, then it pours and dries islands, gives one the impression of up for another two years. The Eastsome cave of winds whence issue from ern Cable company's young men just the empty rocks, in panting gusts, the manage to survive the nine months storms that rend the Atlantic, west, they live there; fortunately for three south and north, but where itself there months they are allowed a furlough in is a comparative but portentous calm. England or where else they please, and The ships that pass by day and night well they need it. appear as small birds along the steep Mr. Miller, however, is a man of mil-

sides of the two islands, and the sizlions, and water is therefore no object. zling heat, with the perpetual puffs of Indeed, he has it brought over in boat- hot air and accompanying dust, make loads, and has in consequence quite it a veritable entrance to hades. Curia luxuriant retreat and house on one ously enough, at very nearly the same of the spurs jutting out along the har- latitude and right across the Atlantic, on the coast of Brazil, lies Pernambuco The natives do such labor as there is to be done, acting as boatmen, meaning hell's mouth, but of the two stevedores, and servants-they are half places the name most certainly aptly Portuguese, half African, and speak fits St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Portuguese as their native longue, and

A STORY OF DEWEY.

One Encounter in Which He Got Badly Worsted. just a struggling T-shaped street of Letter in New York Sun.

The following anecdote of Commodore Dewey may be interesting at this a ship chandler's, and that is all. The time

tue of the coal supplies and cable sta-

society events of the station are Early in the fifties, when Dewey was usually confined to entertainments a boy, Major Z. K. Pangborn, now a given by the hospitable crew or pas- resident of New Jersey and for thirty sengers of some steamer or war boat years editor of the Evening Journal of taking on coal, but there is no diver-Jersey City, being then fresh from sity: the going of one ship is the comcollege, undertook the management of ing of the next, and there are always a district school at Montpeller, Vt. The school had been in rebellion for a two or three in the harbor. In fact, the monotony and dust are stupendlong time, and the boy Dewey was the ous. One of the company's operators leader of the anti-teacher brigade once told the writer with tears of Several previous teachers had been "rewhiskey and loneliness in his eyes, that moved," one had been stood upon his he thought he would surely go mad, head in a snowbank, and it was gener

living on under the shadeless blue in alty said at Montpelier that nobody intense heat, with "nothing to could govern that school. breathe but air and nothing to see but When Mr. Pangborn appeared at sun and nothing to drink" but impure school the first day of the session he water, and so on through the whole noticed Dewey up a tree throwing gamut of a disappointed life. Even the stones at small boys. He told him very ships stay no longer than they quietly that he must stop that. The have to, just coal, i. e., make all the reply was that the teacher could "go dirt and dust they can, and away, to" the place reserved for a certain class of departed mortals, and Dewey

did not come down. School went very Such is St. Vincent at present, the smoothly that day, but there were ino-called base for Spain's fleet of tordications that showed the teacher that pedo bouts and warships. Of course trouble was coming. So he provided in reality this is not the fact. The islhimself with a nice rawhide whip, ands belong to Portugal, and the coal which he tucked away over the door, supplies are the property of an Eng-lish firm. Cape Verds, however, is not

and then placed several places of good hickory on top of the pile in the old so far from the Grand Canaries. St. wandbox. Vincent itself could be but the scene Next day the fun began. Another

camers from South Africa, from the 'Go to your seat!" commanded the respect, to take the place of brass. Its River Platte, the Pacific coast of South teacher, who was not so big a "man" tensile strength, electrical conductivity. resistance to the corrosive effects o America, and from Brazil, all call physically as either of the boys menmoisture and acids are all important there, and the time-worn, heat-weary tioned. rocks on the African coast are after all a factor in our civilization by vir-

Dewey struck out, and the next inqualities which are likely to come up for consideration in this connection. stant the rawhide was playing catchand-go-all over him. The other "big-IN THE DEPARTMENT STORE

gest boy" entered the fight, and was As to the interior of the island, there promptly Inid low with a blow from s none, simply rocks, ever higher and ne of the hickory sticks. Dewey was, higher, till they become mountains. Ly this time, lying upon the floor The neighboring island of San Antonio howing for "quits," and the other box by this time, lying upon the floor, s equally steep and precipitous, but hay near him unconscious. The rebelthere is abundance of fresh water, and, lien was over, and Mr. Panghorn had as a natural consequence, considerable no further treable with that school. He took Dewey home to his father regetation. There is, however, absolutely no offing, harbor or anchorage and reported that he had brought him of any kind, and consequently this his son, "somewhat the worse for wear,

"Thank you," replied Dr. Dewey, "I guess George will not give you any more trouble. He will be at school tonorrow.

The father of the other boy tried to et a warrant for the arrest of the choolmaster, but there was not a mag-With tantalizing smirk. istrate in the county who would iscue

one. They said that if anybody had been found who could govern that school, he was the man for the place. Young Dewey remained at school He soon became a good scholar, and under his friend's tuition, fitted for the Annapolis academy. Years after these events he was wont to visit Major Pangborn at his home in Boston, wher the former teacher was editor of the old Athas and Bee. On one of these visits he said to him: "I shall never

cease to be grateful to you. You made man of me. But for that thrashing you gave me I should probably now is in the state prison." Dewey was al

this time a young licutenant in the navy and a chum of Major Pangborn's brother, who was also a young naval officer. The two spent much time at Major Pangborn's home, and he always speaks of Dewey as "one of his soys," and is naturally very proud of

This little anecdote shows that often happens that the worst boy i school may be made the best boy, and that it does not follow because a boy needs a thrashing that he needs more than one, provided it be well done and at the right time. It is not on record that the commodore has over been beaten since, or that he has ever been known to fight in a bad cause.

ALUMINUM AND BRASS.

Indications Seem to Point Toward Reign of the Lighter Metal.

A reduction in the price of aluminum within the last few weeks has led to a discussion by the technical journals of the possibility of its replacing brass n some of the industries. The varous discounts on sheets sold in quan titles make the actual price about 32% cents a pound. At the present time sheet brass costs from 12% cents sound. But the latter metal, if east, s 3.25 times as heavy as aluminum und if wrought 3.19. In any given artide, the size remaining the same, there would be more than three times as many pounds (or ounces, or grains). if it were made of brass than if is were composed of aluminum. Multiplying the price of brass per pound by

3.19 one gets a fraction over 56 cents. of a naval battle, for the only vestages how who was disorderly was told to The material going into a brass object, of life, always excepting the miserable take his seat. He did so, and seven then, costs about 10 per cent. more ene of the Miller family, the million-aire owners of the coaling station, for lane or street of houses already de-of the big boys joined him on his than that going into an aluminum the enterprise of a private firm is re- scribed, are the ships riding at anchor bench. Then Dewey stepped up and object of the same size. This fact is

And quickly hastened by. Once down, she ventured to inquire, "The linens, are they here?" 'Just three rooms over to theright And straight back in the rear. At last she reached the point proposed, "The linens?"-like a crash The answer came across the shop, "They're six rooms over-Cash!" Again she jostled through the crowd,

'Where are the linens kept?" she asked

"Dwnstairs," was the reply. She sweetly smiled and grabbed her train,

And faintly asked the clerk, "The linens, please?" "Upstairs," he said,

She reached the top, quite out of breath, "The linens, sir?" she said. "In the annex building, five floors up, And then walk straight ahead."

Accomplishing the long ascent, Her temper sorely tried. he sharply asked the man in charge, With wrath she could not hide; Will you tell me where the linens are, Or if they're in the store?'

We used to keep them, ma'am," he

"But do not any more." -Tit-Bits,

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