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"When the eagles homeward fly" might be the newest topical song, suggested by the current of gold returning to America.

The kind fate which permitted a Spanish Anarchist to be blown up by his own bomb at Madrid set a precedent which might be happily followed wherever there are dynamiting Anarchists.

CHOLERA continues to rage at Mecca. It does not increase at Atlanta, in southern France. It is reported to be decreasing in Russia. There is hopefulness in the two latter statements. But there is no excuse for relaxation of vigilance.

It is given out that the Governor of South Carolina has purchased \$500,000 worth of whiskey and beer with which to stock the state dispensary. It would seem to be a good time for the Governor of North Carolina to pay his respects to his fellow Executive.

ILLINOIS distillers are assisting the attorney general of that state in making war upon the whiskey trust. Whiskey drinkers throughout the country are also making war upon the trust by being actively engaged in the endeavor to reduce its supplies. The latter, however, may be said to be engaged in a friendly warfare.

It will be gratifying news to all to learn that the construction of an electric line to Lakeside is assured. There are few breathing spots equal to Lakeside Park in the coal region and when the road is completed thousands will visit the place daily where there are hundreds now. It is contended that to operate the road to Lakeside in the winter would not pay. That may be so, but the experiment must be tried first. However it was not contemplated to operate the road between Delano and that place in the winter.

This question is now being discussed by a number of correspondents of a leading New York paper. Whatever the decision arrived at, one thing ought to be clear—that if the men don't love such women they ought to do so. A sensible woman who marries a man who neither tells nor spins, and whose whole life is one long loaf, is not an object of congratulation. On the other hand, there is no reason which should make a wife any less lovable because she has not simply folded her hands and refused to help herself. There is nothing more sublime, nor more promotive of the sympathy of a true man, than the spectacle of a tender, refined, woman going forth into the rough world to do work which will relieve her family of some of its burdens. Such women suffer much, but they are purified by suffering, and their character is elevated and rendered more lovable in the eyes of every true, generous spirited man.

The members of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association had a splendid time at Reading this week and in leaving the city with their ladies carried away kind remembrances of Berks county hospitality that will not fade soon. People sometimes poke fun at Berks county's dumb oxen and fat people, but the satire makes room for genuine admiration when visits such as the newspaper men enjoyed this week are made to Reading. There is no prettier or better governed city in the state, and it is filled with good natured people and pretty girls. The newspaper men will hereafter be proud of "Aunt Barrietta." To Cyrus L. Fox, the secretary of the Board of Trade, the members of the editorial fraternity and their wives and lady friends have much to be thankful for. The treatment accorded them was kind and the hospitality generous. Mr. Fox is a newspaper man and knows how to cater to the fraternity.

The season of drowning accidents is upon us, and it is probably useless, in the opinion of the Lancaster Examiner, to give the sage dame's advice to her boy when he went to the pond—to hang his shirt on a hickory limb and not go near the water. Accidents generally happen both classes—those who cannot swim at all, and those who are experts. The fairly good swimmer is conservative and judiciously wise. So every boy who goes out a bathing should be able to swim a little, but not too well. Larger boats may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore—that is within the periphery and depth of a bath tub. But as already intimated sage advice is about as ill paying employment as pouring water to a duck's back to drown the animal. A certain number of accidents are bound to happen between the sea and the shore and the most popular bathing resort.

**THE AMERICAN NAVY.**

It Is Not as Powerful as We Have Been Told.

An Interesting Chat with Rear Admiral James E. Jouett—The Cruiser Stand Too High Out of the Water—The Puritan.

(Special Washington Letter.)

"It is very true that our navy is deficient in battleships," says Rear Admiral James E. Jouett, retired. "The British naval officer who recently said in New York that our ships stand too high out of the water and that in a light they would make good targets for the enemy to fire at," merely uttered a truth which the officers of the American navy are perfectly familiar with. The New York editor who printed that remark and wrote an editorial upon the subject has been severely criticised throughout the press of the country, so I have observed; but the original statement and the comment made upon it are worthy of the consideration of our people.

"Do you mean, admiral, that we are not provided with battleships with which we might cope with the navies of foreign nations?"

"I certainly do. Of course you know I am regarded as an old fogey, and consequently I do not have anything to say about these matters. My own opinion, however, is that we have been building our cruisers upon models which might be greatly improved. It is true that they attain great speed and that they are great improvements over vessels of the old navy, but they stand so high out of the water that their resistance to wind and wave prevents them from attaining that degree of speed which cruisers ought to have. I cannot say that I admire the white squadron, excepting those ships which were built upon the Bouch models."

"But we will have some battleships, will we not, admiral?"

"Oh, yes, we will have some battleships one of these days, and they will be good ones, too. When the Puritan is completed I would be willing to take that vessel and enter into an engagement with all the vessels from foreign countries which have recently been visiting our shores. The Puritan is to be an iron, low-free-board, coast defense monitor with two steel barbette turrets. She was commenced by John Bouch at Chester, Pa., in 1875, and is now in course of completion at the United States navy yard in New York. I understand that this battleship is very nearly completed now and is only awaiting her armor. Her length is to be 395½ feet and her breadth 60 feet. Her draft is to be 18 feet and her displacement 6,000 tons. It was originally intended that her maximum indicated horse power should be 7,800. This magnificent battleship will stand only about thirty inches out of the water, and she will be able to steam at the rate of fourteen knots an hour at sea. The difference between this battleship and the cruisers of which we are so reasonably proud, so far as fighting purposes are concerned, will be very great indeed. The Philadelphia, Chicago or Atlanta might be struck by the gunners of the foreign vessels at a distance of three miles or more; but it would be almost

impossible for the best gunners in any navy even at a distance of one mile to strike a vessel as the Puritan. Shooting at an object so near the water line with the great guns of the modern navy would be almost equivalent to shooting across the street with a revolver at the thin edge of a sheet of tissue paper. It would almost be impossible to strike her.

"The Miantonomah is a very good battleship of her class, and in a few years more we will have some very formidable battleships." But at present the criticism made by the British naval officer and commented upon by the New York papers is just in every way. You must remember that the recent naval display at Hampton Roads and New York was in no sense a display of strength of the navies of the world. The foreign nations which participated in the naval review in honor of the discovery of America sent vessels which were merely of the same class as our own. They did not make any attempt to display their strongest vessels for our humiliation upon our own shores."

These statements of Admiral Jouett.

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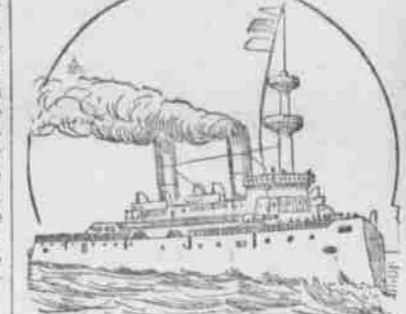
Under date of December 30, 1893, Hon. William E. Chandler, secretary of the navy, addressed a letter to Hon. J. Warren Keifer, speaker of the house of representatives, concerning the importance of completing the iron-clad monitors Puritan, Amphitrite, Monadnock and others. In that letter Mr. Chandler said: "If the nation is to gain its position as a maritime and naval power, reasonable provision should be made, not only for offensive cruising vessels, but also for harbor defense, by means of iron-clads. Such defense can be accomplished more effectively and economically by double turreted monitors than by any other form of armored vessels."

In writing that letter to the speaker of the house of representatives, the secretary of the navy transmitted a report from the naval advisory board in which scientific reasons and arguments were given to sustain the recommendation of the secretary of the navy. From this letter and the accompanying reports which I have found upon the files of the house of representatives, it appears that over ten years ago the secretary of the navy and the leading engineering officers were fully in accord with the views which are expressed above by Admiral Jouett. While we have considerable reason to be proud of the improvement which has occurred in our navy in recent years, it must be a source of sin-

gular regret that congress, by a mistake in the idea of economy, has thus long delayed the completion of our line of battleships. But year after year the secretaries of the navy have requested liberal appropriations for this work, only to be answered with specious pleas for economy, while the statesman have proceeded to vote money away in the river and harbor bill, for the improvement of out-of-the-way creeks and almost unheard-of streams.

When the Puritan was commenced by John Bouch, the only contract which the secretary of the navy was permitted by law to make contained the following shameful clause: "It is expressly understood, however, that the government is not to be involved in liability, and that the contractors are to do their work, if they do it, waiting for and accepting for their pay such appropriations as may be made by congress therefor." In other words, any American shipbuilder who might be rich enough and patriotic enough to build warships for the country might do so, and depend upon the generosity of congress for his reimbursement. It is disgraceful to our nation that such legislation should ever have been enacted. But it was the law, and John Bouch undertook to prepare a navy for the republic. The above proviso in ship-building contracts will be conceded by every business mind to have been an outrage upon the national honor. No nation can ever hope to build a navy in such a haphazard manner; and it was Secretary Whitney whose administration made it possible for the government to make honest contracts, and thereby to develop the nucleus of a navy. That is all we have to-day; a nucleus.

In an official report to the secretary of the navy concerning the Terror, Puritan, Amphitrite and Monadnock, Commodore Shufeldt said: "In thickness of turret, deck and bow armor, the Puritan is superior to the other ships; so that it will appear that the president of the naval advisory board of officials agreed with Admiral Jouett in his estimate of the new monitor. 'This marine monster is to have two electric search lights of 20,000 candle power each, so mounted as to have clear sweep of the horizon of at least two hundred and fifty degrees, and both lights are to command all approaches to the ship, each light being provided with its own engine and dynamo. In the two turrets of the Puritan will be mounted four 10½-inch, steel, breech-loading rifled guns; each of them possessing the strength and dimensions necessary to utilize a charge of 275 pounds of powder, with a projectile of 550 pounds weight. These immense death-dealers are to be loaded, elevated and run out of their port holes by hydraulic power. The armor on the turrets will be 14 inches thick, except in front of the guns, where it will be 10 inches, with a wooden backing of white oak, 11 inches thick. Even if this ship were struck squarely upon the turret with the heaviest projectile of modern times, it could not be penetrated. But the chances are as one in a million that the vessel would ever be struck squarely in the center of a re-



THE PURITAN.

Mr. G. W. Cook, St. Johnsbury, Vt., writes: "I had a severe attack of the Grip, which left me in a terribly weak and debilitated condition. Last winter I had another attack and was again very badly off, my health nearly wrecked. My appetite was all gone, I had no strength, felt tired all the time, had disagreeable running noises in my head, like a waterfall. I also had severe headaches and severe sinking pains in my stomach. I took medicines without benefit, having heard some good words of Hood's Sarsaparilla, I concluded to try it, and the result is very gratifying. All the disagreeable effects of the Grip are gone, I am free from pains and aches, and believe Hood's Sarsaparilla is surely curing my catarrh. I recommend it to all." GEO. W. COOK, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

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volved target. Any missile which might strike the moving surface of the turret, save in the exact center, would glance harmlessly away into the water. This is a very brief description of the battleship to which the admiral directed my attention; but, it is sufficient to show her power.

SMITH D. FRY.

The Duke and the Inventor.  
The reported invention of a bullet-proof "plastron" recalls the anecdote connected with the duke of Wellington and a somewhat similar invention. The inventor, having obtained an interview with the duke at the Horse Guards, was requested to put on the armor, which was stated to be of some light material worn beneath the clothing. The duke having expressed his approval of its appearance, the inventor, highly pleased, dilated on its perfect qualities warmly, until the commander-in-chief quietly asked one of his staff to order the attendances of a file of the guards with a few rounds of ball cartridge. Needless to add, the inventor made a hurried exit, and nothing more was heard of this invaluable armor.—Broad Arrow.

**NEWSPAPER WAIFS.**  
AGENT—"Well, Bobby, what do you want to be when you grow up?" Bobby (remembering private sessions in the woodshed)—"An orphan."—Texas Sittings.

TEACHER—"Karl, can you tell me the symbol of colors—green, blue and red, for instance?" Karl—"Hope, modesty, and—socialism."—Fliegende Blätter.

"JOHNNY, what is a kiss?" asked the teacher. "It's a thing which you can't describe with yer tongue, but yer can express it with yer lips."—said Johnny. —Harper's Bazar.

He (famously)—"Do you think your father would ever consent to our marriage?" She (carefully)—"I don't know. Papa is just like all other men—so I suppose he makes mistakes sometimes." —Brooklyn Life.

Preamble for concentrated incoherence of statement nothing can surpass the following sentence, which occurred in an account of a burglary given in a newspaper: "After a fruitless search, all the money was recovered except one pair of boots."—Tid-Bits.

**PICKED UP IN EUROPE.**  
PORTUGAL is the most illiterate country in Europe.  
WINE is frequently used instead of water in Spain in mixing shoe blacking.

An enormous gorilla in the Berlin aquarium takes a bath every day, and when eating uses a knife, fork and napkin.

GRANULATED cork and bitumen pressed into blocks is used for paving the streets of London, elasticity being the chief recommendation.

The average length of life is greater in Norway than in any other country on the globe. This is attributed to the fact that the temperature is cool and uniform during the entire year.

In Paris they first utilize rats to clear the flesh from the bones of carcases, then kill the rats, use up the fur for trimmings, their skins for gloves, their tail bones for tooth-picks and their tendons and bones for gelatine wrappers.

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