

**NAVAL MISHAPS.**

**We Make Too Much Fuss and Sensation Over Trifles.**

We have a good navy, and we do not appreciate it. As a matter of fact, casualties to our new armorclads and cruisers have not been particularly frequent when their size and their number are considered. In this country every trivial mishap is caught up and exploited by the sensational newspapers, but nothing is said of similar accidents in foreign navies. Barring the destruction of Admiral Kimberly's fleet by the Samoan hurricane in 1889, which no skill or foresight could have prevented, our naval service for many years has been remarkably free from really serious disasters.

There is nothing in our records to compare with the capsizing of the British frigate Captain with half a thousand men in 1870, or the fatal collision of the British ironclads Vanguard and Iron Duke in 1875, or that of the German ironclad Kaiser Wilhelm and the German cruiser Regente, on March 10, 1895, with 420 officers and seamen.

The list of minor accidents to foreign naval vessels in the past few years would be too long to enumerate. But the stranding of the British ironclads Howe and Anson, the flagship Amphion and the cruiser Sultan were far more grave affairs than any such accidents which have occurred to any of our own heavy vessels within this period. We have had our fair share of troubles, perhaps, but no more than that.—Boston Journal.

**SHE OBEYED ORDERS.**

**Couldn't Be Blamed if Some of the Callers Refused to Give Their Names.**

They had been discussing that everlasting servant problem, which can always be depended upon to furnish a topic for conversation when three or four women are gathered together. Each had told of her experience with her "help," when one of them said:

"My new housemaid is the greenest girl you ever saw in your life. Her ignorance is a perpetual source of wonder to me. The day after I got her I went out shopping and told her if any one called during my absence to say I was out and ask his name. These seemed simple instructions, but I thought she would need them.

"When I returned, I asked if anybody had called.

"Yes, mum; they did," she replied.

"Who were they?"

"They wouldn't tell their names," she answered.

"Wouldn't tell their names!" I exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, mum; but I think one of them said 'bananas' and the other 'rags.'"

"I demanded further particulars.

"I tried to tell them you was out and ask their names. You hadn't been gone very long when one of them came. It was the man who called 'bananas.' I remembered what you said, mum, and I went after him and told him you was out. He asked me if I wanted any bananas, and I told him no; that you was out, and asked what was his name. But he wouldn't tell me. It was the same with the other person who called. He called 'rags' and only laughed at me when I ran after him."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Teach Spelling From the Blackboard.**

A revival of the old-fashioned spelling school has been tried in some localities, but only to prove that it does not, as a rule, reach the poor spellers. They stay away from it—they are not wanted in a spelling match. The spelling school was for the glorification of the good spellers. It did something, no doubt, for depraved brain cells before such mysteries were ever heard of in connection with spelling books—before physical inertia could be charged to weak valvular heart action, and ugly tempers to microbes, and all the rest. The spelling school belongs to a past dispensation, says my friend, but it suggests what might do much for orthography, if the blackboard were made a conspicuous feature and the attention concentrated upon the reading and writing of sentences, of which the following might be an example: "Mr. Wright, the wheelwright, does not write rite rightly," with helpful stories occasionally like that of the teacher who wrote upon the board the three words, "Boys, bees, bear," asking the children to construct and write a sentence in which these words would be used intelligently, one boy giving at once, "Boys bees bear when they goes in swimming."—Jane Marsh Parker in North American Review.

**Argentine Railroads.**

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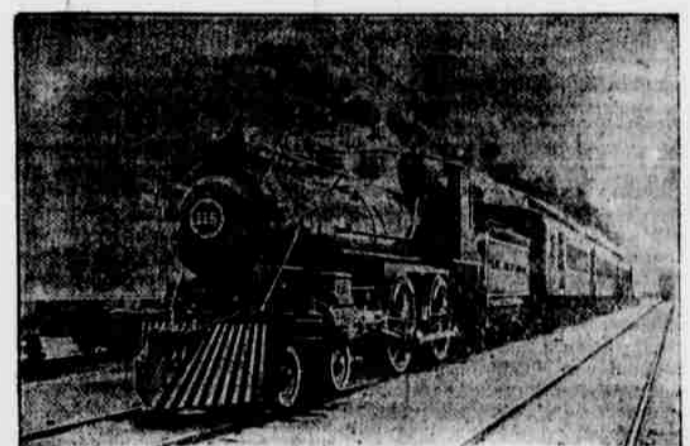
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