

THE RACE FOR AMERICA'S CUP.



AMERICA'S CUP, the Blue Ribbon of the Sea, has inspired British yachtsmen to put forth their mightiest efforts ever since it was captured from them by the victorious American half a century ago. The attempts of Sir Thomas Lipton, Bart., to "lift the mug" are familiar to every American who takes an interest in sports, especially in yachting. It seems almost incredible that so much money, what would be more than an ample fortune even in these days of huge accumulations of wealth, should be spent with no other object than to secure a silver cup of little intrinsic value. A few figures concerning the cost of the pastime in which Sir Thomas is indulging so freely should be of interest to lovers of thorough sportmanship.



WM. FIFE, DESIGNER.



RELIANCE, THE AMERICAN DEFENDER.



CAPT. WRISCOE.
Leaving the yacht proper and coming to the collateral expenses, there is

crossed the Atlantic, would not have excited comment, but occurring as it did just before the cup races, it was a tacit admission on the part of her owner and designer that the yacht was not fast enough. While the contest decides the ques-

sentiments of an influential yachting element when it says that the truths that the larger problems of yacht design have been solved, and we owe their solution to the struggle for the America's Cup. The American type of yacht is no longer a wide, shallow hull with inside ballast and a sail plan

designed by May Manton, includes box pleats and straps over the shoulders as well as the yoke, which is cut in battlements at the lower edge. The model is made of white linen, machine stitched and trimmed with pearl buttons, but all waisting materials, cotton, linen, silk and wool are appropriate. The straps over the shoulders are novel and effective, but both they and the yoke can be omitted if a plainer waist is desired.

The waist consists of the fronts, back and yoke. Both fronts and back are laid in full length box pleats stitched at each edge, but the backs are drawn down smoothly while the fronts pouch over the belt. The yoke is arranged over the upper edges of the fronts and beneath the centre pleat, which is cut in one with the front. The sleeves are among the latest with cuffs that match the yoke.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and a quarter yards twenty-one inches wide, three and three-quarter yards twenty-seven inches wide, three and three-quarter yards thirty-two inches, or



SIR THOMAS LIPTON, BART.

founded on a great hoist of lower sails and short topmasts. The British model is no longer a plank set upon edge and kept there by a load of lead on its bottom, and propelled by a set of sails of which the main one is low and wide and surrounded by a long topmast. The managing-owner of Reliance, the defender, is C. Oliver Iselin, the leading yachtsman in America. He is now forty-six years old. He was elected a member of the New York Yacht Club in 1877, and has since become a life member. Though of Swiss

tion of superiority as racing machines between the Reliance and Shamrock III, there has long been a growing



NAT'L HERRESHOFF, C. O. ISELIN AND CAPTAIN BARR.
(Respectively Designer, Managing Owner and Skipper of Reliance.)

opinion among yachting experts that a convincing test of the relative merits of opposite theories of yacht designing, especially of boats which

descent he is tall and slender enough to be called a typical Yankee seaman, and his cast of countenance would confirm his claim to that title.

The skipper of the Reliance is Captain Charles Barr, who steered the Columbia to victory in the two previous international contests, when Sir Thomas failed to bring winning boats across the line off Sandy Hook. The designers of the defender, it is needless to add, are the famous Herreshoff brothers, who have done much to increase the prestige of America as the land of peerless boat builders. Shamrock III, was designed by William Fife, who also designed Shamrock I. Captain Wring, who is considered the most daring and capable seaman in all Britain, is skipper of the challenger, and to him and the speed qualities of Shamrock III, Sir Thomas Lipton pinned his faith to "lift the America's Cup."

San Francisco Man Goes Up in Airship.
Dr. August Greth has made an ascension from San Francisco in a dirigible balloon, or airship, which he constructed. He did not cut loose from cable connections with the ground.

Miners Perish in Grand Canyon Rapids.
In order to reach a country where Indians said rich gold gravels existed two mining men attempted to shoot the most violent rapids in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and perished in the attempt. The victims are F. H. McGaughey and Charles McLean.

Coal Discovered in British Columbia.
A large area of coal and petroleum has been discovered in Kootenay, B. C., near the northeast corner of Idaho, and within twenty-five miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

as the largest item the cost of running the steam yacht Erin, for, say, the two months she actually is in service in connection with the races. This was estimated by a man familiar with the subject at \$39,000 a month—\$60,000 in all.

While Sir Thomas Lipton repeatedly expressed his confidence in Shamrock III's ability to win back the America's Cup, it appeared that his confidence was not shared by those who were actively concerned in the management of the Shamrocks. That Designer Fife, who had a reputation at stake, and who knew the challenger as a father knows his child, had grave doubts as to Shamrock III's ability to cope with Reliance was evidenced by the fact that under his orders the bowsprit of the challenger was lengthened three feet.

So radical a change in the rig of the yacht was important, not so much because it increased the area of the head sails and changed the trim of the yacht, but chiefly because, on account of having been effected on the very eve of the cup races, it indicated that the owner and designer of the yacht were not satisfied with the trim of the



THE UNDERBODY OF THE RELIANCE.

challenger and wanted to make last-minute improvements on the sail plan as originally designed. Such a change, if it had been made before the yacht

Free Distribution of Bibles.
It is reported that, in view of the looting of Bibles that took place during the late war, the British Bible Society is to make a free distribution of 5000 Dutch Bibles bound in leather.

Child Death-Rate in Spain.
The mortality among children in Spain is extremely great. During the last six years the number of children who died under one year of age in Madrid alone was 22,205, as against 4008 in Paris during the same period.

German Fleet to Visit U.S.
Advices from Berlin state that Germany will send a fleet of her finest war vessels to participate in the naval display at Hampton Roads in connection with the opening of the World's Fair at St. Louis May 1, 1904.



New York City.—Shirt waists with yoke fronts are among the latest features of the season and are peculiarly well adapted to young girls. This one,



MISSES' SHIRT WAIST.

a "kicker." Long woolen stockings now become a necessity, and with them should be worn comfortable little shoes of soft, flexible leather. Do not take the flannels off the baby too soon, and, when put off, replace them on the least sign of chill. Many mothers do not lay aside thin little shirts and petticoats of flannel at all during the summer.—The Commoner.

Details of Dress.
It is the attention to the small details of her costume that makes a woman well dressed. Her dress may be beautiful, but if her gloves are not appropriate the effect is ruined. Her hat may be suitable and becoming, but if it is covered by the wrong veil all is lost. If her shoes are not in keeping, she will not appear as a well dressed woman.

The reason that the French woman is one of the best dressed women in the world is that she pays strict attention to even the smallest details. She has no glaring contrasts and no one part of her costume is conspicuous, all is harmony and the tout ensemble restful and pleasing.

Long and Slender Figures the Fashion.
The fashionable figure is long and slender, so Madame in Mode designs her trimming modes accordingly. Many smart frocks for morning wear have flat, hand-trimmed bodices, with the bands adorning the front of the waist hanging loose from the belt over the skirt.

Colored Handkerchiefs.
Colored handkerchiefs to accompany morning frocks are enjoying greater vogue than they have ever known on this side of the water. They are shown in stripes, checks, plaids and in all the colorings common to tub frocks.

Shoulder Collars.
Shoulder collars of all kinds are gradually growing deeper and deeper, so that now they really should all be termed capes.

Pongee Petticoats.
Pongee petticoats, with double bias



WOMAN'S WAIST.

two and a quarter yards forty-four inches wide.

Woman's Waist.
Waists with extensions over the shoulders are among the most fashionable of the season and are becoming to the greater number of figures. The stylish one, shown in the large drawing, combines that feature with a novel trimming that gives a yoke effect and is adapted to many materials. As designed by May Manton, it is of nile green lousine silk with the trimming of cream lace piped with panne a shade darker than the silk, and the tucked portion above the centre pleat of cream mousseline, but all waist and gown materials are appropriate.

The waist is made with a smoothly fitted lining on which its various parts are arranged. The back is smooth across the shoulders and is drawn down in gathers at the waist line. The fronts are tucked to yoke depth and are gathered at the waist line where they pouch slightly over the belt. At the centre is a wide box pleat that is pointed at its upper edge, and above this pleat is the tucked chemisette, the edges of which are concealed by the lace. The sleeves are tucked above the elbows but form full puffs below and are gathered into straight cuffs.

Baby's Short Clothes.
In putting the baby into his first short clothes, it is important to bear in mind that hitherto his skirts have not only served the purpose of protecting his limbs and abdomen from cold, but have prevented free movement of his little limbs. With shorter skirts comes the natural impulse to use his limbs, and baby becomes quite

ruffles have each of these closely tucked and finished with deep stitched hems.

Woman's Box Pleated Waist.
Box pleated waists are much in vogue and bid fair to extend their popularity for many months to come. This one, designed by May Manton, is made of embroidered pongee stitched with corticelli silk, but the design is suited to the many washable fabrics as well as to silks and wools. When greater elaboration is desired, the collar and cuffs can be made of embroidery, lace or plain contrasting material.

The waist consists of the lining, which can be used or omitted as preferred; the fronts and back are closed at the centre front. Fronts, back and sleeves are laid in box pleats that are stitched just a quarter of an inch from each edge. Those of the waist extend for full length, but those of the sleeves are left free at the elbows to form soft and graceful puffs below.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and a quarter



BOX PLEATED WAIST.

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