

AMERICAN AND SPANISH FLEETS.

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MONITOR MONTEREY.

Preparations for Her Long Cruise to the Philippines.

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"I think that Congress will now agree that docks are the crying necessity at this time," said a prominent naval officer, "in view of the fact that as commanding officer of the Yale, he has been scouting for the enemy's fleet at Martinique days before its arrival at Martinique."

"That the lesson was well learned is shown by the fact that Japan immediately placed contracts with the Armstrongs of England for the construction of battleships of great speed. In order to get the speed desired, eighteen knots, with the protection and armament specified by the Mikado Government, it was necessary to make the ship of great displacement. Two of them, the Yashima and Fuji, which are now on their way to Japan, are of 12,450 tons displacement each.

"These vessels are really the perfection of the armored cruiser type. What would we not now give for such vessels under the command of Admiral Sampson? Two of them, with the New York and Brooklyn, would be able to destroy or drive away Admiral Cervera's squadron. This Government, in building the Iowa, obtained a type in some respects similar to the armored cruiser, but her speed is only sixteen knots, and under present conditions is but thirteen or fourteen.

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R-I-P-A-N-S TABULES. A gentleman long connected with the artistic advertising department of the Youth's Companion, Boston, relates that he had his attention called to R-I-P-A-N-S TABULES by a business acquaintance who expressed a high opinion of them.

SACRAMENTO MARKET. The week opened quietly in local produce circles. Cherries are coming in more freely. Wild Blackberries are on sale at 12 1/2c per lb. Feedstuffs remain firm. The late rain will cut the hay, but was of great benefit to growing crops of grain and alfalfa.

A Quick Meal. What is there so essential to the good housewife who does her own cooking, as the STOVE—be it for wood, coal, gasoline or coal oil? Give her a stove that will bake and cook well and half the labor of cooking is done. We have a stove that will do all that and save the price of itself in six months, besides, in the matter of fuel.