



"CATCH AS CATCH CAN."

RUSSIAN BEAR—HERE! I SAY, AVAST HEAVING! I WASN'T READY.—(Punch.)

the whole Naval Academy programme. There is action at the mooring model, among the signallers, at the mast in the boatshed, everywhere in the gymnasium, and on the fencing floor, but these loading machines supply the occasion for all the alertness, the exertion of strength, the swiftness and precision of movement and the grim sternness of the gun deck or the turret in the heat of battle. Lieutenant Commander Fullam, head of the ordnance department of the academy, says this is the task that tries a cadet's nerve and steadiness and his powers of endurance more than any other.

Further back from the armory, on the beach, is a shed under which are mounted as on a ship all classes of marine guns. Another section of the class is aiming, loading with sub-calibre ammunition and firing these pieces. This is real gun drill as it would be conducted aboard ship. Each piece has its cadet gunner and crew, and barring the lack of noise and the more deliberate and cautious handling of the guns this stranded battleship is in action.

Except in winter, much of the seamanship drill is aboard the vessels auxiliary to the academy and the cruising training ships. The indoor mast, with its rigging and sails, is a recent development made possible by the great height of the boatshed in the new seamanship building. This mast is seventy-two feet high and has all the rigging and the spars, blocks, halyards and sails of the mizzenmast on a man-o'-war. Com-

mander W. F. Halsey, head of the department of seamanship, says it is a great aid in the work of practical instruction. Admiral Dewey, on the occasion of a recent visit to the academy, seemed greatly pleased with its use.

The hour is gone. The next is devoted to dressing and setting quarters in order for dinner. After dinner there are three hours for study, recreation and mending; then "taps" is sounded and all lights must be turned low—too



"WHY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A BEAR!"

—(Philadelphia North American.)



THE BULL IN THE CHINA SHOP.

—(Toledo Blade.)

low for study or serious work. Talk after "taps" must be subdued, so little is left for the naval cadet but to turn in and be ready for a similar to-morrow to begin almost with the crowing of cocks in the hills about Annapolis.

Captain Willard H. Brownson, superintendent of the academy, is pardonably proud of every improvement the government is making there. The new seamanship and armory buildings are finished and in use. The imposing quarters for cadets will soon be inclosed, the foundation for the new chapel is being laid, and two or three more of the proposed buildings will be begun in the spring. The new wall is finished from the sea to the main gate, and the harbor improvements, already well under way, will be resumed as soon as the weather will permit.

SHE THOUGHT OF HIM.

She—Oh! Mr. Borem, how do you do? I was talking to Mrs. Nextore just now and I couldn't help thinking of you.

He—And was she discussing me?

She—Not exactly. She was commenting on the weather, and just asked me if I could imagine anything more tiresome and disagreeable.—(Philadelphia Press.)

ONE AND ONLY.

Roxley—I hear you are engaged to marry Miss Oldgold, the heiress.

Shortun—That's right.

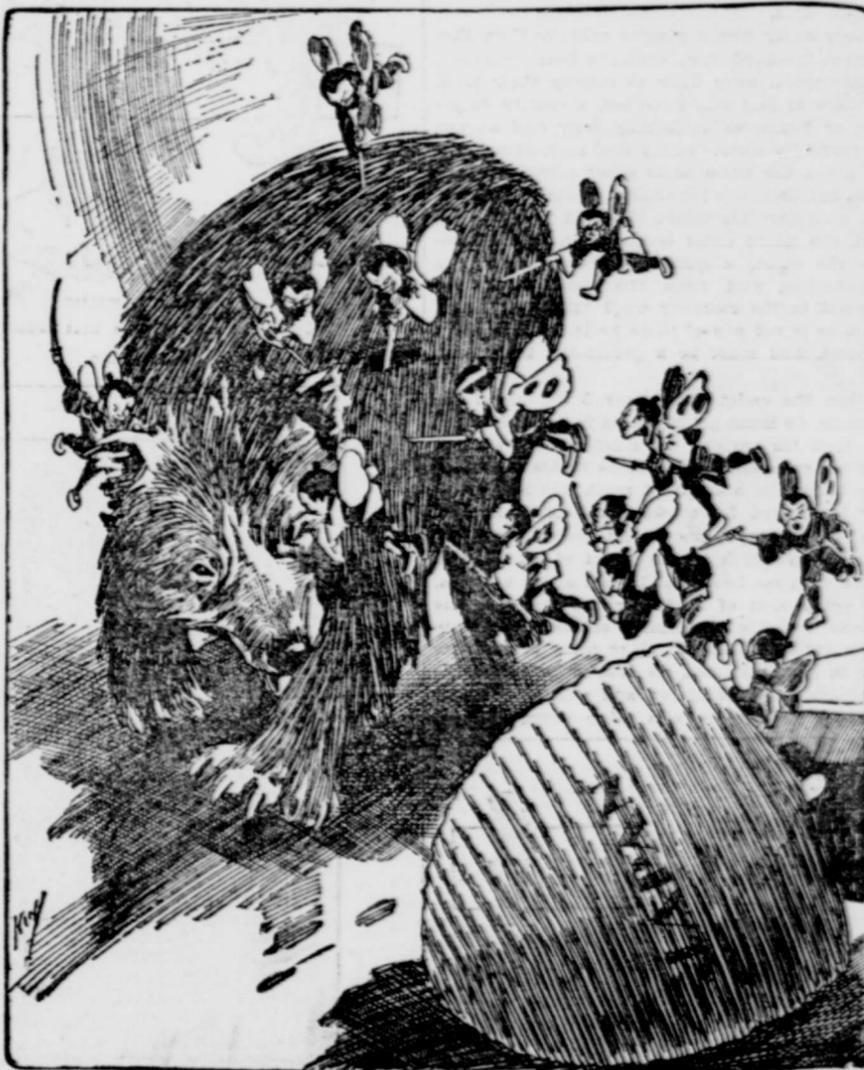
Roxley—Any incumbrances on her property?

Shortun—None—er—except Miss Oldgold.—(Illustrated Bits.)



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—(Ohio State Journal.)



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