

"HALF AROUND THE WORLD" TEST FOR AMERICAN TORPEDO BOATS

Fleet of Five of These Little Vessels Is to Be Sent From the Atlantic Seaboard to the Philippines to Determine Seaworthiness and Steaming Qualities.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States Government is about to make the most thorough and severe test of the seaworthy qualities of torpedo boats which has ever been attempted by any nation.

Both boats were built by the Herreshoffs, the famous designers and builders of "cup defending" sailing yachts.

The proposal to send the American torpedo boats to Uncle Sam's new possessions in the Orient is the result of the success which last winter attended the sending to the far East of a flotilla of torpedo-boat destroyers.

On board a torpedo boat officers and men suffer alike, and the most serious phase of their work is the difficulty of sleeping on a vessel which, if it maintains any speed, quivers in a most discomforting manner.

The Barney and the Biddle are sister ships, both built at Bath, Me., and are 157 feet in length, 18 feet breadth, and 115 tons displacement.

The matter of dining on a torpedo boat presents almost as many difficulties as sleeping on board a torpedo boat.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR

This store is clearly entitled to the distinction of being the store where you can desire the most costly things, as well as those who can afford them at prices that are Absolutely the Lowest. Remember that!

For Early Shoppers Christmas-Tree Candles—twelve of any color—35 in box—regular price 50c—now 35c

GRAND Six Barrels

The Best Stock of Toys and Games. Magic Lantern—Painted red—size 11 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.—complete with 30 pictures—\$1.00

Dress Goods From World's Fair, Manfrs. Bldg., French Section.

THE finest fabrics produced in the world—extreme novelties—styles that baffle description—ideas that are decidedly French.

Additional Dress Goods Bargains. The Following Goods Are Not From the World's Fair. All-wool solid-colored Challies, in the new brown leather, gray, slate, tan, green, cream, white and champagne—guaranteed pure wool—27 inches wide—regular 45c—quality on sale while the lot lasts—25c

Profit by This Great Sale of Manfrs. The \$55,000 Worth of Coats, Suits

If you would share in the great values this sale affords, come Monday—Arl... \$30.00 Fur-Lined Coats \$17.50. \$35.00 Fur-Lined Coats on Sale for \$22.50

\$15 Covert Coats \$8.95. \$25 Long Ulsters \$15. \$18.00 Tan Covert Coats \$9.95. \$30.00 Long Ulsters \$19.75

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INRUSH TIDE ON DECREASE.

Commissioner General Sargent Says Some Steamship Companies Defy the Law by Bringing Diseased Aliens.

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TRUNK LID CLOSED ON CHILD.

Boy Nearly Smothered While Trying to Hide.

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Orwego, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The tragedy so touching and so ghastly in the "Mistletoe Bough" was nearly re-enacted recently at Candor, ten miles from here, when Paul, the son of the Reverend Robert L. Clark, was nearly smothered to death while trying to hide from his playmates.

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New Furniture Section--3rd Floor.

WE have a choice collection of Art Furniture suitable for holiday gifts, such as Parlor Cabinets with full mirror backs, birch, imitation mahogany finish.

Lace Center Pieces.

ITALIAN Lace Centerpieces—all handmade—the handsomest designs we have ever shown at a considerably less than half their value.

Basement Toy Section.

WE have arranged in our basement section a popular price toy sale and show a large line of toys and dolls—all clean and perfect.

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Men Will Appreciate House Coats and Lounging Robes for Gifts

SOMETHING that adds to a man's comfort is always appreciated by him, and he never feels quite so much at ease as when he dons his slippers and house coat and reclines in a nice easy chair.

WE offer for your selection an unusually attractive line of House Coats—made of all-wool two-toned Scotch fabrics in solid cloth effects—colors are Oxford, browns, greens, blues, tans and reds—very special values at \$4.95 and \$3.95

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