

END OF OLD WAR SHIPS.

THE VESSELS OF THE CIVIL WAR FAST DISAPPEARING.

What Becomes of the Boats That Fight No More—New Cruisers Taking the Place of the Wooden Ones—Changes in Recent Years—Some Famous Hulks.

Of the nearly 700 steam vessels which were recorded upon the navy register in 1865, at the close of the civil war, there now remain only the Lancaster, Pensacola, Hartford, Richmond, Keokuk, Froquois, Wabash, Minnesota, Franklin, Yanke, Monocacy, Michigan, Palmetto, Diana, besides the thirteen single turreted monitors. This entire fleet carries fewer guns than were carried by three of the original ships of the navy—the Constitution, the Constellation and the United States—in the year of 1815.

Four of the oldest warships, old timers that were familiar to the navy yard hospital nurses, and which had been condemned by the government, lost their opportunity of ever again having their wounds healed at the navy yard, and were sold to the highest bidder for old junk. And so one after another of the old war vessels is disappearing, and in a few more years the new cruisers, commerce destroyers, battle ships, ironclads and torpedo boats will have displaced them all.

It is likely that whenever visits Cow bay, a picturesque arm of Long Island sound, will have its center of attraction at a place that will suggest to him a marine junk shop. It is a place where the business of breaking up old ships is carried on. It is the place where the last scene of the eventful history of very many of the war vessels has been enacted, and where the old Brooklyn and the Quinnebang will have their weary and rotten bones laid away to rest. That is, they will be torn or blown to pieces.

THE BOOKING CLERK IN ENGLAND.

The booking clerk is late again. It is a remark often heard when the first train in the morning is due out and no one appears to meet it. The passengers begin to get impatient, and at the last minute the clerk is seen rushing to the office door, and in a few seconds the window is up, and the click of the stamping press is heard going at lightning speed. It is surprising how many people can be booked in a minute if they will but ask politely for their ticket and money. The passengers begin to get impatient, and at the last minute the clerk is seen rushing to the office door, and in a few seconds the window is up, and the click of the stamping press is heard going at lightning speed.

BARONUM WAY OF GETTING AN AD.

One morning the newspapers announced that a certain baron was entertaining for the safety of an agent of Barium's big show, who had gone to Africa to seek attractions for it in their native lands. News had been spread, it was said, that he had been heard from in a predicament from which escape was practically impossible. It was a very sad piece of business, indeed.

NOT USED TO ELEPHANTS.

A few days ago a man was to exhibit at Versailles, Ind. The cases were taken from the cars at Osgood, and they attracted the usual amount of attention during their overland passage to the exhibition grounds. At one country house a comely young woman was gazing with open mouthed astonishment and wonder at the "varnished." As the elephant, with his dangling trunk, shuffled past her amazement knew no bounds, and she frantically shouted to the keeper, "Say, mister, are you going to back 'em in all the way to Versailles?"—Chicago Times.

IN NO HURRY.

Mr. Testy (meaningly)—I don't want to interrupt your conversation with my daughter, but the car—last car goes by at 12.

THE BROWN BARRED GATE.

As I passed out the brown barred gate, I saw a shadow steal by me. His head was hid, and but to be. Within his creeping footfall's way Made unthought nervous horrors play Upon my keen nervous mind. I say I hated him, yet he had him stay.

ASKING FOR A LETTER EVERY DAY.

"There is a letter every day," said the man at the general delivery window of the postoffice, "who comes every day to ask if there is a letter for her. She never gets one. She comes up and looks through the window in a frightened way. Then she asks nervously:

"Is there a letter for me?" "I know her name, you know, from hearing her pronounce it so often."

"Nothing (said) I answer kindly, for I feel sorry for her. She walks off and stands in a meditative way. Coming back she says:

"You are quite sure there is nothing?" "Quite sure."

"It's Browne, you know, with an E—Browne."

"Yes, I know."

"And Mary Stevens Browne, with an S?" "Yes."

"I thought you might have forgotten it."

"Oh, no, I remember your name very well."

"Well, if you are sure there is nothing, I guess I will go. Good day."

LIFE IN THE STARS.

Mr. Allen, a Texas Liar, Concoctively Proves They Are Inhabited.

"You may talk about your discoveries," said a bustling little old gentleman with a bald head and bushy gray hair, seated in the Auditorium hotel, "but one which I made out on my ranch in Texas two weeks ago lays them all out, and will rank as the most important made in centuries."

"Allen is my name—John Allen, of San Antonio was recent live lived there for the past ten years, and in proof of my leisure hours I study astronomy. Great study, astronomy. Many a night have I spent lying on my back looking at the stars, and wondering if they, like our earth, were peopled by human beings such as we. Since he recalled that the question has been asked, and in all the books that I have read upon the subject nothing nearer the truth than speculation is to be found. Many claim that the stars are peopled, and seek to support their claims by cogent reasonings. Others, however, by arguments finally more powerful, take the negative side of the theory."

"I am proud to say, sir, that I have always believed the stars to be inhabited, and more than proud to say that I am able to prove it. Don't smile (at) you, let me say the story of my discovery, which, let me say, has never been recorded before."

"You know that March was a notable month, astronomically speaking, because of the unusual number of meteors that pierced the sky. Had it been November or August it would have excited no comment, for in those months the earth usually passes through a meteoric belt. Meteors fell in many places, my ranch being one of them."

"The one that fell on my place was about two feet in diameter. The outside was crumpled by fire, but microscopic examination of the interior showed it to be composed of lava and coral. Upon learning this I was almost ready to give up, but curiosity prompted me to break it into pieces, and lo! in it I found a petrified fish of the perch tribe, which proves that the planet where the meteor came from was inhabitable."

"But not necessary that it was inhabited, and not a parasite." "That's not necessary," said Mr. Allen. "One moment. When I had recovered from my astonishment I looked at the fish closely and found sticking in its mouth a fish hook."

With which observation Mr. Allen looked at the gentlemen who had interrupted him, and smilingly said: "The fish hook that I found in the fish's mouth was a fish hook that I had used to catch a fish. It was a fish hook that I had used to catch a fish. It was a fish hook that I had used to catch a fish."

TAXIDERMISTS A DECAYING ART.

"There isn't the money in taxidermy that there used to be," said a well known taxidermist. "I don't think there are more than two taxidermists in New York today who make a living without having some other line in the fire. Fifteen years ago there was money in the business. We used to get ten dollars a piece for stuffing cats and dogs, and we could run off two and three a day. There isn't any call today for that sort of thing. Our principal sales now are stuffed doves for funeral purposes. We sell about 7,000 a year. In the lower part of the city they bring \$1.25 for a pair, and up town they bring \$2.00 a piece. A dove, you know, is really no larger than a robin, and these so called doves are in fact pigeons. Genuine doves would be worth ten dollars a pair."

SHOEING A HORSE.

The following instructions to smiths who shoe cavalry horses have been issued from the department of war. "In preparing the horse's foot for the shoe do not touch with the knife the frog or bars. In removing the surplus of the shoe the foot which is the part of the shoe over the cutting pincers and rasp, and not the knife. The shoeing knife may be used if necessary in using the top clip. Opening the heels or making a cut in the angle of the wall at the heel must not be allowed. The rasp may be used upon the part of the foot when necessary. No cutting with the knife is permitted—the rasp alone is necessary. Flat footed horses should be treated as the necessity of each case may require."

THE FIRST ENGLISH BIBLE.

The first complete Bible printed in English was issued in 1525 without any publisher's name. It was the work of Miles Coverdale, who incorporated, with revisions, Tyndale's books of the New Testament into the Bible. The Bible was printed for the first time in German and Latin versions. It was thus only partly original, and in that part just a translation of a translation. No perfect copy of this Bible is known to exist. A copy sold a few years ago in London for £120 had the title, the first few pages, and a map in facsimile.—Chambers' Journal.

GOOD MEN NOT NEEDED.

Stranger—I should think such an enterprising, public spirited citizen as Mr. Goodman would be nominated for some important office in this community.

Policeman—He'd run well, but we don't need him.

"Don't need him?" "No. We're always sure of a big majority, anyhow."—New York Weekly.

HOW RIBBONS ARE USED.

Shoulder knots of ribbon are sometimes fastened loosely attached to houses. Others, again, are a flat bow lying along each shoulder seam, and still others are of wide ribbon, with a loop dropping over the back and one over the front. Shoulder straps are set on yokes at the armpole, and end in a chow in front and back. Chows of satin thrust in long ruffles on the corsage are very effective. Ribbon belts lie over the skirt belt in folds not very wide, and end in three or four projecting loops that meet in the back. Collar bands of ribbon have a front loop held by a single curving buckle or by two very small ones, a loop extending beyond each buckle. A bow at

WANDERING BOTTLES ON THE SEA.

Experiments Which Have Proved a Deal About Ocean Currents.

Of all the wonders that are brought in contact with, none so unfathomable or incomprehensible as those mighty rivers that flow through the ocean and are known as streams where they are well defined, and as currents where they are not.

The United States Hydrographic office has been making, in the last few years, a series of experiments calculated to test fully the theory of streams and currents in the North Atlantic. Lieutenant Nazro has among his treasures in the branch hydrographic office in this city a little bottle which once held a half pint of whisky. Subsequent to the loss of the ship, it was found that it was dropped overboard from the ship Cephalonia 400 miles east of Boston. It was brought into this port two years after it was dropped overboard by a schooner from Ambergis Key, a little island in the Bahama group.

The bottle, with its cork inside, had proved the theory of ocean currents. It had followed the Gulf Stream until it had been caught by that current which sweeps to the south along the coasts of eastern Europe and northern Africa, had been carried thence to the westward until it entered the Caribbean sea, then passed between the western end of Cuba and Cape Girardeau, the eastern extremity of Yucatan, and having made the circuit of the Gulf of Mexico, was washed ashore on the western end of Ambergis Key.

Other bottles which have been dropped overboard by outgoing steamers have, as a rule, been as satisfactory in the result of their drift as the bottle from the Cephalonia, but some of them have developed marked eccentricities in their voyages. Thus, one which was thrown overboard from the steamer Abler off Cape Race, Newfoundland, drifted in a "hook line" for land, seems to have made a "hook line" for the Azores, where it was picked up on the beach near Fayal. In its voyage it went directly across the Gulf Stream, and followed a current never before suspected.

A bottle dropped overboard by the steamer Sardinian about 300 miles southeast of Cape Farewell, the southern extremity of Greenland, was picked up on the shores of Norway, and one dropped overboard about 200 miles off the coast of Scotland was found in nearly the same place. Both of these bottles, journeying toward the Land of the Midnight Sun, had shown a strong easterly drift from the North Atlantic on the Norwegian shores.

The general result so far seems to be that a strong current sets from the east upon the shores of the British Isles, and a strong one rushes into the Caribbean sea from the Atlantic. This is a fact long maintained by writers on physical geography, but the fact was demonstrated as it has been by the hydrographic office. The experiments of the hydrographic office have also developed the fact that various other subsidiary currents, acting over a large space, exist which were not before suspected.—New York Tribune.

THE COREAN ARMY.

The colors used in the new Korean uniform are different from those of any of the armies of Christendom. The shirtblouses are of purple cotton, faced with red; the hats are black, and there is a bright red band about them. The pantaloons are purple, and the feet are swathed in great white boots of padded cotton.

During my stay at the Korean capital the general-in-chief invited me to attend a review of the troops. I rode in a chair borne by four big hatted Koreans to the drill grounds at the edge of the palace, and saw 400 soldiers go through all sorts of evolutions, most of which seemed to be those of the gymnasium rather than those set down in military tactics.

THE WAITERS DID IT.

The waiter was expecting his usual tip, and when the young man had gathered up all the change except a dime, of course he reached for it. But the young man stopped him.

"You don't get those now," he said; "I've got a use for them."

"Then he reached down in his pocket, pulled out a patent pocket dime savings bank and slipped the coin into it.

"Sorry for you, Charles," he continued, "if I had any nickels you'd get the usual tip."

HE WON THE BET.

When a man has created a habit of eating at a certain place he thinks that particular place whenever he gets hungry. He may have been by accident, have secured a good seat, a good waiter, or got acquainted with the proprietor, or got some favor from his host, or met some agreeable people. Some indolent thing struck him favorably. In a few days he goes there by habit. He gets angry and dissatisfied very now and then and tries another place, but he finds drawbacks everywhere and goes back again. Habit is stronger than the attractions of superior food and rookery—stronger than money considerations. If it were not for habit the good will of a hotel or a newspaper would be worthless, and scores of restaurants around town would be closed in a month.—New York Herald.

THE SCANTON TRIBUNE—TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1894.



The Flour Awards

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The first official announcement of World's Fair diplomas on flour has been made. A medal has been awarded by the World's Fair judges to the flour manufactured by the Washburn, Crosby Co. in the great Washburn Flour Mills, Minneapolis. The committee reports the flour strong and pure, and entitles it to rank as first-class patent flour for family and bakers' use."

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