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REMINISCENCE OF THE DAYS OF DECATUR.

The historic flagship Hartford, which, under Captain Hartson, has just returned from a long and eventful cruise around the world, brought home a number of "curios," gathered in Japan, China, the East Indies and Africa, and among them some of exciting interest pertaining to a vessel that has its name permanently registered in the history of the American Navy. Small though they be, were and wasted by the action of the elements, they represent all that is known to be left of the famous frigate Philadelphia, which, after various eventful and unpleasant experiences, finally laid away her charred skeleton in the hostile waters of the Bay of Tripoli. A rusty looking, weather-beaten knee of this historic craft and a few corroded bolts and spikes, gathered by the Hartford's officers on their recent visit to Tripoli, and neatly boxed and directed to the Navy Department, compose all the relics of that noted ship. They bring to mind her history, which was a strange one. The scenes in which the old Philadelphia played an important part were those that developed the heroes of the future war with Great Britain. It was in Tripoli that the Prebles, Decatur, Hulls, Bainbridges, McDonoughs, Somers, Stewarts and other gallant officers displayed their daring gallantry and skill that gave to the American Navy a world wide reputation and established its position in the hearts of our people.

It will be remembered that the Philadelphia, with thirty eight guns, under the command of Captain Bainbridge, while pursuing a large Tripolitan vessel, ran on a reef of rocks off Tripoli Moudy, Oct. 21, 1803. Her consort, the Enterprise, was at sea on a cruise up the Mediterranean, and the Philadelphia was alone on her blockading station. The frigate, in striking the rocks under a press of sail, ran well up and became fixed. Capt. Bainbridge, his officers and crew, did all in their power to extricate her from her dangerous position. Guns, anchors, chains and such heavy articles as could be got at, were thrown overboard, the foremast was cut away, the water bulks started and the water pumped out, but all in vain. The ship was immovable. Meanwhile a fleet of nine Tripolitan gunboats had come out and opened fire upon the unfortunate ship, to which she had no guns that could be brought to bear to respond, as she had heeled over to port. Night was approaching, the weather was threatening, and additional gunboats were coming out to aid in a final attack, when, upon consultation with his officers, the imperious duty of hauling down the flag was left to Capt. Bainbridge. Before this was done the magazines were flooded, holes were bored in the ship's bottom, pumps were choked and everything was done that was thought would make sure the flag, and the ship, at five o'clock the flag was hauled down, and soon thereafter the Corsair gunboats came alongside and the barbarians swarmed over the Philadelphia's bulwarks and through the ship. There was no difference between officers and men; all plundered their victims without the slightest mercy. Officers were stripped of their epaulettes, buttons and money. The Americans were taken to Tripoli that night, paraded before the Bashaw, and finally consigned to a building once occupied by the United States Consul, where they passed a long and unhappy captivity. Favored by good weather and aided by a large force of gunboats and men, the Tripolitans, after a few days labor, got the frigate into deep water, repaired her, maned and mounted her guns, regained her anchors and chains and other heavy articles, and towed her into the bay, anchoring her about a half mile off the Bashaw's castle. There she was being fitted out for a cruise, when Commodore Preble, commanding the frigate Constitution and squadron, learned of her loss. A Moorish ketch of about fifty tons had been captured by Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, in the schooner Enterprise, and Commodore Preble at once determined to make use of the prize to destroy the Philadelphia. Decatur was received command of a volunteer party, and in company with the brig Siron, Lieutenant Charles Stewart, afterwards "O'Grades," started from Syracuse, the headquarters of the squadron, for Tripoli. On the 9th of February they arrived off the port but were driven away by a gale and did not return until February 16, the officers and men of the ketch, now called the Intrepid, living on an allowance of bread and water. On the evening of the 16th of February, 1804, the Intrepid sailed leisurely into the harbor of Tripoli. Decatur's lieutenants were Lawrence, afterwards killed on the Chesapeake, and Bainbridge. Thos. McDonough was one of the midshipmen. Her crew consisted of a pilot and sixty-two petty officers and seamen, and all souls numbered seventy-four. Under the bright rays of the moon, with a fair breeze and smooth sea, the Intrepid moved slowly toward the Philadelphia. All but twelve men were hidden about the deck out of view. When hailed from the Philadelphia the pilot responded that she was a vessel from Morocco, disabled by the gale, without anchors, and desired to tie to the Philadelphia's chains. Unsuspecting of the craft the midshipmen sent a boat to help in towing the Intrepid to the proper point, and in a moment she was lashed fast and Decatur, Morris, Lawrence, Bainbridge and other equally gallant men were soon streaming over the Philadelphia's sides on the enemy's deck. The surprise was complete. After a sharp encounter the deck was cleared and the fighting had become severe on the gun deck. The barbarians fought well, but were forced at every point, many being killed or seriously wounded, the balance taking the water. The firing parties once rushed to their stations in the lower part of the ship, and so effective were the preparations that the party from the lower hold burst through the ship's ports.

Decatur and his men were out on board the Intrepid twenty minutes, but they had done their work in the most dashing and successful manner, and before the enemy had recovered from their amazement the Intrepid was standing out of the bay, under all sails, aided by powerful sweeps. Although the shore batteries upon the enemy's gunboats opened a terrific fire upon the escaping craft, no one was injured, and by the time the Intrepid was out of the harbor and Decatur was on the Siron to report to Stewart his brilliant success, the old Philadelphia was a mass of flames and her broadside guns, heated by the flames, were firing into the town. Soon thereafter the masts fell, the magazine exploded and nothing but charred remains were left of the frigate. Thus ended the most brilliant exploit in our naval annals. Subsequently an anchor and chain belonging to the ill-starred craft were picked up by an American man-of-war, but nothing else was ever found, save fragments of her timbers. This piece that the Hartford brings home is the last sad relic of the historic ship, and will be carefully treasured up in the Navy Department at Washington, to recall the splendid deeds of heroism of the officers of the navy in its young but brilliant days.

STOVES AND TINWARE.

PREPARE FOR THE WINTER.
ENOCH GRIMES,
No. 46 King street, bet. Fairfax and Lee sts.

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
A full line of Fire Place stoves, Cooking and Heating Stoves, of all kinds and prices. House-keepers and all buyers will do well to look at the stock. A considerable reduction in prices have been made. oct 11-1m

BUILDING MATERIAL.

BRICK FOR SALE.
We are prepared to deliver in any part of the city or on board cars or vessels
PRESB'D. FRONT, PAVING, RED, ARCH and PILLAR and SALMON BRICK,
of the very best quality.
Orders left with the Chinese Tea Co., 11 north Royal street, or at the yard, on Washington st., near the Catholic Cemetery, will receive prompt attention. aug 6-6m

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Hardware, Cutlery, Horse Shoes
Iron, Plough Castings, Nail Rods, Axle Grease, Wagon Materials, House-keepers Goods, &c., &c.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Having been appointed by the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria as administrator of the estate of John T. Evans, deceased, I hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the estate to come forward at once, and make payment to me. All parties having claims against the estate will present them to me duly certified for payment. I. O'NEAL, Adm'r of John T. Evans, dec'd. sep 4 95 King street, Alexandria, Va.

NEW GOODS!

We have just received our fall supply of goods, consisting in part of the following: Ladies' and Children's Balmoral Skirts, Ladies' and Children's Vests, Jubas, Breakfast Shawls, Jackets, Bustles, &c. &c. &c. Plated Jewelry, Millinery Ornaments, Windsor and Silk Ties, Black Lace Fishnets, Kid Gloves, Worsted Dress Fringes in all shades, and a variety of other fancy articles, at
FERGUSON & BRO.,
95 King street, oct 18

OUR STOCK COMPLETE—OCT. 18, 1875.

We have now in store the best and most complete assortment of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC STAPLE and FANCY DRY GOODS ever offered by us in this city. These have been purchased with great care and at very low rates in the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. Will be sold at low prices to cash buyers or to order, by the wagon on short time. D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, oct 18 Alexandria, Va.

BLACK ALPACAS AND MORAIRS.

By this a. m.'s Express, thoroughly tested in this market by several years' sales. These goods are unsurpassed in color and finish, and as we buy very largely of them, we offer inducements to purchasers. [oct 20] D. F. WITMER CO.

HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS and TOILET ARTICLES.

Also a full line of JEWELRY, MILLINERY ORNAMENTS and NOTIONS. Also THOMPSON'S GLOVE FITTING and BEST IMPORTED CORSETS. FERGUSON & BRO., 95 King street, oct 30

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W. A. JOHNSON,
44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts, sep 7

USE THE IMPERIAL FRENCH GREEN.

It is not poisonous, it is fine in texture; has more body, and is the most brilliant in the world. For sale by
B. F. PEAKE & CO.,
187 King street, sep 2

SAUSAGE CUTTERS, Coal Hods, Stove Shovels, Pokers, Coal Scoops, Stove Lustre, Brushes and other goods suited to the season. Prices reduced. Call and see, at 88 King st., corner of Royal.

STARCH!

Duryas's Satin Gloss, Clement's Unchemical and Fox's Starch, for sale by
W. A. JOHNSON,
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BAKERS' OLD WHEAT FLOUR.

50 barrels CROWN JEWEL SPRING WHEAT FLOUR for sale by
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No. 17 King street, sep 13

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Just received the best grades of goods and very cheap.
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I have this day received a large supply of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER, and BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP—Ague Conquerer. Also some sample bottles.
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The STATE TAX BILLS for 1875 are now in my hands for collection. I will be at my office, 59 KING STREET, daily from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. W. D. COURSE, City Treasurer, oct 18-eotD1

POTOMAC HERRING!

100 bbls. Family Roe Herring, 50 bbls. No. 1 Herring, 25 half bbls Family Roe Herring; and 25 bbls of Spiced Shad Roe. In store and for sale at market rates by
W. A. JOHNSON,
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