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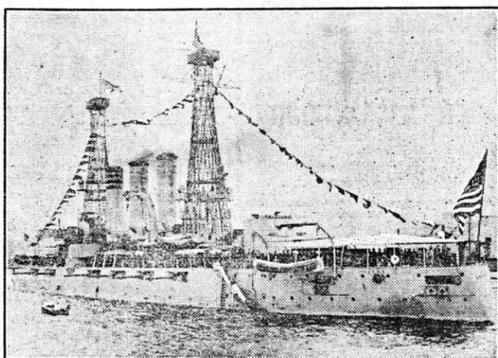


Photo by American Press Association. The Georgia is a nineteen knot battleship with a displacement of 14,948 tons. Over all she is 411 feet and carries four four-inch and eight eight-inch guns. Her crew is made up of 512 officers and men.

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### SMOKELESS POWDER.

And One Reason Why Our Big Guns Are Made So Long.

Only 43 per cent of ordinary gunpowder is converted into gas when it explodes. The remaining 57 per cent is unaccounted residue, which we see in the form of smoke. With smokeless powder it is different. On ignition it is converted wholly into gas. A much greater volume of gas is produced, and the explosive effect is proportionately increased.

When the war with Spain broke out in 1898 the United States government did not have any smokeless powder. The Spaniards, on the other hand, had plenty of it and used it on both land and sea. Consequently the American besiegers at Santiago were unable to see the Spanish soldiers firing at them, whereas the enemy could see by the puffs of smoke just where to shoot. When Admiral Cervera's ships came out of the harbor and tried to escape, the vessels of the American squadron found it hard in the night that followed to fire accurately because their view of the foe was obscured by the clouds of smoke from their own guns.

There are many kinds of smokeless gunpowder. One of the best known is the English cordite, which, when forced through holes in a perforated metal plate while in a plastic condition, takes the form of thick strings that look like brown rubber. The strings are cut up into short cylindrical pieces. You can safely hold a string of cordite in your hand and light one end of it; it will burn slowly with a bright flame.

A characteristic of smokeless powders is that they burn very slowly; on that account modern guns are very long. In order that all the powder of a charge may have time to be transformed into gas before the projectile driven by it leaves the muzzle of the weapon. The smokeless powder used by our army and navy is made by soaking nitro cotton in a mixture of ether and alcohol. It is thus converted into a plastic substance that may be molded or cut into any shape required. For small arms it is manufactured in a form resembling spaghetti—long strings that are chopped into little pieces and packed into the cartridges. For big guns it is made in long rods, which, after being perforated from end to end with a number of holes to insure quicker ignition, are cut into short lengths. That kind of powder, which might be called an explosive celluloid, is of a horny consistency. As in the case of other smokeless powders, the slowness with which it burns is owing mainly to its density. The very cloth of the bags used to contain charges of gunpowder for the big guns has itself been made of smokeless powder—that is, woven of threads of exactly the same substance. That is an invention of the Germans. The bag thus becomes part of the explosive charge and when the gun is fired is wholly consumed.—Professor Charles S. Munroe in Youth's Companion.

### HOW SAVINGS GROW.

Ben Franklin's Proof That "Money is of a Prolific Nature."

After publishing his "Poor Richard's Almanac" for twenty-five years and giving thirty-two years more as a thrifty teacher of his country Benjamin Franklin put into his will a provision to demonstrate the power of accumulated savings.

To the cities of Boston and Philadelphia he left \$5,000 each. The money was to be put out at interest and allowed to accumulate for a hundred years. At the end of that time, he figured, each city ought to have \$650,000. He directed that at the end of the hundred years \$500,000 should be invested by each city "in public works which may be of most general utility to the inhabitants." The rest should then be put at interest for another hundred years, when the accumulation should be divided, one-quarter to the city and three-quarters to the state.

When the first hundred years were past Boston found that she had \$961,923 to her credit from the Franklin fund. Taking \$500,000, Boston established a training school for mechanics. The remaining \$461,923 was put out at interest again.

Philadelphia's experience with the original fund of \$5,000 was about the same as Boston's.

Now, Franklin figured that at the end of the second hundred years, when the fund is to be distributed, each fund ought to amount to about \$20,000,000. But Boston's fund at the end of the first hundred years exceeded Franklin's estimate by \$13,923. So here's a problem:

If Boston handles the fund as successfully in the second hundred years as she did in the first how much in excess of \$20,000,000 will it be? Franklin's demonstration was impressive; \$5,000 will go into \$673,923 how many times? Nearly 133 times. Wasn't he amply justified when he said, "Money is of a prolific nature."

What sort of a demonstration can you make?—John Oskison in Chicago News.

### The Curious Pelican.

The pelican is as large as a swan, has white feathers tinged with red, while the breasts of the old ones are yellow. The breast feathers end in narrow points, and all the plumage is very coarse. But the remarkable point about the pelican is its beak. The upper jaw is long, large and flat and has a hook at the end, which curves over the lower jaw. The lower jaw has attached to it a great pouch, which the pelican can make small when empty or can expand so as to carry all the fish which it catches in a hunt. This pouch is the pelican's game bag. When the pelican goes into the water of a stream or lake it catches all the fish it can, but does not swallow them. It carries them in its pouch. When it reaches the land it can eat the fish at leisure. But more important is the fact that from the pouch the pelican can feed its young ones.—Kansas City Star.

### Stellar's Sea Cow.

An inhabitant of the northern seas which has disappeared is Stellar's sea cow. When Bering's expedition was caught in the ice near the strait which bears his name his crew lived mainly on the flesh of this huge and stupid Arctic animal. It was larger than an elephant, full grown specimens being as much as twenty-five feet long and weighing five or six tons apiece. It had no teeth at all, their place being taken by great horny plates. The very last of these harmless monsters is said to have been killed by a Russian sealer in the summer of 1848.—New York Press.

### Hard to Understand.

Arnold Daly says that once, when he was talking to Bernard Shaw, the latter admonished him, "If you wish to get on in the world never take anybody's advice."

"This," said Daly, "resolved itself into a paradox. For if I took Mr. Shaw's advice I was taking some body's advice, and if I took somebody's advice then I should never get on, yet if I didn't take Mr. Shaw's advice I shouldn't get on, and—well, I came to the conclusion that Bernard Shaw was one of those people whom, as Lord Dunsyre says, 'no feller can understand.'—Baltimore Sun

### Wind Velocity.

The majority of people are unable to determine the wind's velocity. When the smoke from a chimney moves in a straight, vertical column it means that a one to two miles an hour breeze is blowing. A three miles an hour wind will just stir the leaves on the trees. Twenty-five miles an hour will sway the trunks; at forty the small branches will break, and it takes a mile a minute gale to snap the trunks of big trees.—London Answers.

### Dwarfs and Giants.

Records show that dwarfs have been known to live to the patriarchal age of ninety-nine years, whereas giants usually die while comparatively young.

When one gets to love work his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

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### THE LAWYER'S FABLE.

It Took the Sting Out of His Opponent's Florid Oratory.

A barrister who was possessed of an abnormally loud voice was making an eloquent address to a jury. His case was fairly strong; he was much in earnest, and his trumpet tones made the rafters ring. In a hurricane of sound he closed his argument and sat down. The jury looked serious and thoughtful and were evidently much impressed. The opposing barrister had a face like a hatchet and a thin low voice—the exact opposite of his learned friend. When it became his turn to address the jury he began:

"As I listened to the rather thunderous appeals of my learned friend I recalled a fable which I heard in my youth. A lion and an ass entered into a compact to slay the beasts of the field and share the spoil. They divided the work; the ass was to go into the thicket and hunt and frighten the animals out, while the lion was to lie in wait and kill the fugitives as fast as they appeared. Well, the ass sought the darkest part of the jungle and, lifting up his awful voice, brayed and brayed and brayed. There never was heard such a fearful din.

"The ass was quite intoxicated with his own uproar and thought he'd return to see what the lion thought of it. With a light heart he went back and found the lion looking doubtfully about him, pale in the face and trembling in every limb. 'What do you think of that for braying?' said the exultant ass. 'Don't you think I scared them?' 'Scared them?' repeated the lion in an agitated tone. 'Why, you'd have scared me if I didn't know you were a jack-ass!'—London Graphic.

### The Kings of Denmark.

The dust of the Danish kings is kept in a great cathedral at Roskilde, an old town twenty miles from Copenhagen. Every year the entire royal family always pay a visit to Roskilde in obedience to an ancient custom. On one of the pillars are marks showing the height of Peter the Great, Nicholas, the Iron Czar, Alexander III, of Russia, the king of England and many other kings. The cathedral was built in the eleventh century. It has two mighty towers, which can be seen at a long distance. The oldest grave is that of King Harold I, who died in 987.

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### Feeding by Law.

A law to punish by imprisonment persons found guilty of overfeeding was actually promulgated in France during the reign of Charles IX, when the cost of living reached an unconscionable height. It was then ordained that no person should eat more than three courses at a meal, the amount to be served at each course being also prescribed. Heavy fines were imposed for any breach of this law.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### Their Relation.

"The abbreviations of two of the states of the Union ought to be very close to each other in popular association."

"What are they?"  
"H. and M. D."—Baltimore American.

### To Cool Off.

"What has become of that son of yours who was going to set the world on fire one of these days?"  
"He has gone into the ice business."—Boston Transcript.

### Invincible.

"What is a triple alliance, Tommy?"  
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