

The English Fleet.

Recent returns describe the English fleet as consisting of 403 steamers afloat and 34 building, and 29 sailing vessels afloat; total, 466. This does not include the Cerberus, built for the colony of Victoria, which England has recently, in anticipation of trouble, discovered as not "safe." It will, therefore, be retained for home service.

The iron-clad fleet consisted, according to the return quoted, of 31 ships and 4 floating batteries. There were 6 building at the time that return was issued. Of these the Audacious was 14 guns, 3,774 tons, and 800 horse power; the Invincible, a twin ship of the Audacious; the Hercules, of 12 guns, 5,226 tons, and 1,200 horse power; the Reulse, of 12 guns, 3,734 tons, and 800 horse power; the Monarch, of 6 guns, 5,100 tons, and 1,100 horse power; the Captain, of 6 guns, 4,272 tons, and 900 horse power. The Monarch, it will be remembered, brought the remains of Mr. Peabody to Portland, and the Captain was the ill-fated ship commanded by Captain Burgoyne, which recently sank off Cape Finisterre.

Not to speak of these recent additions, England had, in 1868, a fleet of 35 armor-plated vessels, completed and fit for sea. Of these, 18 are ships of the line, divided into three classes. In the first are the Warrior, Black Prince, the Achilles and Bellerophon. These are all iron-built and of great speed, but of so great draught that they cannot be docked outside of England. As improvements upon them, the Minotaur, Northumberland and Agincourt were designed. The Minotaurs, as they are usually called, are built on the same principle, with the swan-breasted beak projecting under water. The stem of this portion, which would have to resist the first blow of the shock, is a gigantic forging, as is also the stem frame. Every part of the vessel is of iron, even to the spar-deck, though the plating here, which is of about three-quarters of an inch thick, is covered with wood. In the second class of vessels, drawing less water but possessing less speed, are the Royal Oak, the Prince Consort, the Ocean, the Caledonia, the Royal Alfred, the Lord Clyde and the Lord Warden. The first three of these are line-of-battle ships converted; the last two are new ships, built of wooden frames. In the third class are the Hector, Valiant, Defense and Resistance, four of the earliest British iron-clads, and the Zealous. These are lighter and slower than the second class. Then follows a class of smaller iron-clads, corvettes or gunboats, including the Favorite, the Enterprise, the Research, the Pallas, the Viper, the Vixen and the Water Witch. These are succeeded by a class consisting of vessels distinctly characterized by the Admiralty as valuable for "coast defense" only. In this category are placed the Royal Sovereign, and also the steam rams the Scorpion and the Wivern, built for the Confederate States and purchased by the British navy.

We had better be looking out for another planet. Professor D. G. Eaton has discovered that the earth is growing like the moon, and in 26,000,000 years will be depopulated. This will end the discussion about "the inaccuracies of the census."

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Vicksburg, Miss., July 30, 1870. tf

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