KEARSAGE AND ALABAMA.

A St. Louisan Who Was in

How He and Others Felt and Under what Circumstances the Cruiser Went Down

the Famous Sea Fight.

In an unpretentious but neatly kept prisoners as well. house in North St. Louis, lives Wm. C. Alsdorf who enjoys the honor of be ing one of the crew of the immortal Kearsage, which sunk the rebel cruiser, the Alabama.

So far as The Chronicle is aware no seaman's account of this furious fight has ever been published, and learning that Mr. A. was not unwilling to fight that fine fight over again a Chronicle reporter called upon him.

The veteran was found seated at his desk in a plainly furnished room - apparently the sitting room of a family in plain, but comfortable circum-stances. The only picture on the wall

to which he frequently glanced with pride, and which proved, on close inspection, to be the vote of thanks addressed to him by name, for his services in aiding to destroy the Alabama. and a certificate that that body had also given him \$25 as a substantial token of their appreciation.

Mrs A. is about 45 years old, of medium height and rather slender broken English.

HIS STORY.

"Yes; I was one of the crew of the Kearsage." began the old tar. I joined it at Cadiz, Spain, two years before the meeting with the Alabama. We were most of that time after the Florida, the confederate ram, which was destroying merchantmen belonging to this government. We were of course also on the look-out for the Alabama.

"Finally we get the Florida blockaded at Brest; she was in the harbor Monday morning. When Monday and could not get out until high water so we left her and went to Cadiz for coal and provisions, the French gov-

ernment having refused to supply us. The night we arrived there a dispatch came from Cherbourg, France. notifying the commander, Capt. Winslow, of the arrival of the Alabama. The captain was in bed when the dispatch arrived, it being 2 a. in. He im- fifty cents a week to take the kernel mediately appeared on deck and mustered the men. The dispatch was read to all on board, and the captain in a captain of the Alabama, and he had been lieutenants together, and that Semmes was an able officer and a brave

"We had long felt that the fight "We had long felt that the fight with the Alabama was inevitable and the news did not surprise us; and albama the news did not surprise us; and albama the shall I begin on this mawnin', Kerthough we knew we should have a hard tussel we did not shrink from it; in fact we were anxious for it-not the least on account of our captain, whom we loved, and who gave us to understand we must not be whipped by Capt. Semmes, his former com-

rade. "Before daylight we were under way for Dover, England, where we tooth-pick and is daily looking for a tooth went for supplies. We stopped long enough to get provisions, and then left under full steam for Cherbourg where we found the Alabama in the harbor with tull flags flying, and presenting a very saucy appearance. We

BACKED OUT OF THE HARBOR and lay three miles off the coast. The same day a French man of war, the Couronne, came out of the harbor and notified us that under the French laws we would be compelled to stay fires for eight days waiting for the Alabama to come out. About the fourth day Semmes sent a dispatch to our captain that if we would wait till he was ready the Alabama would engage with us. At last the day came! On Sunday about 9 c'clock the man on the fore top sang out:

"Ship ahoy!" "Where away?" "Out ofhar bor!"

"We saw a Brazilian vessel leaving mentorous, the harbor followed by the Couronne and Alabama. As soon as the Alabama was seen we manned our guns became somewhat nervous but not excited. Before the quarter-beat the boys were ready for action. As soon as the Alabama come within a beautiful and the soon as the Alabama come within a beautiful and the soon as the Alabama come within a beautiful and the soon as the Alabama come within a beautiful and the soon as the Alabama come within a beautiful and the sound within a sound within a beautiful and the sound with the sound with the sound with the sound with the sound within a beautiful and the sound with t as the Alabama came within a shots distance we took to our heels and she followed us. Our purpose was to get her a good distance out. We got nine miles out when our captain ordered the ship star-board and we turned facing our enemy. She opened fire. "Keep low!" cried the captain, as the first shots from the rebels were racking our vessel. We wanted to

get close range as we had no long range guns like our antagonist's Dalhgrens, so we kept going starboard, or sailing in circles. "At last we got in range and our guns went into action. Our first shot

took a flag off the Alabama, and every round from our guns had telling effect, while the enemy's guns were managed very badly.

SPECTATORS TO THE FIGHT.

The French people were in sympathy with the confederacy, some were very anxious to see the Alabama win. A number came from Paris to Cherbourg to witness the fight, and the uplands above Cherbourg were filled with people. The Alabama had been in the harbor some time and her officers and men had made the acquaintance of a number of citizens who consequently felt almost a personal interest in the engagement, and they had without a knowledge of poker." sequently felt almost a personal inpromised to illuminate the city in honor of the victory of the Alabama—for Assistant Postmaster-general Tyner was they did not allow a doubt that she in the habit of shipping Waukesha water

nothing more from her, but were mis- tackled such a p ckage of mail matter. taken, for she fired one more shot, which we answered and our shot disabled her still further, and she sank

treated as if they had been our own crew. They were nearly all foreign-We gave them shirts and other articles of clothing they needed, and after all was over for the first time during my connection with the Kearsage, liquor was given us and to the

"What then?" "We went to London from Cherbourg to have the ship repaired. Then took a trip about the West India islands in search of the Florida after which we went to Boston, where a grand reception was tendered us."

"What about that flag of the Alabama said now to been exhibition in

The Alabama's flag went down with I'm a would be a sthetic young girl, one of the crew took it and folded the one of the crew took it and folded the you know, stars and bars and held it up exposing All on the surface young girl. no white flag, this was done. The I'm a novel-reading young girl, men we saved were in nearly every instance devoid of their clothing, so Let ma do the work young girl. at the risk of their life.

A Colonel Outrank

Detroit Free Press.

A man doing business on Woodbridge street west took a colored man built, and of a sandy complexion. He into his employ a couple of weeks ago, is a Bohemian, and employs very and during he conversation previous to settling terms he remarked: "When you wish to address me you

can call me Colonel. "Was you a Kernel in de wah?"

"No matter; you can call me Colonel, and I will give you a extra quarter per week for so doing.

"Dat's all right, Kernel-I'll airn dat quarter sush's yor bo'n.' At the end of the week the laborer hung around after he was paid off and asked if there was any trouble. He pastors, and the rest regular pastors. scratched his head, hesitated and finally said he would explain himsely

came the employer remarked:
"Now, then, Samuel, what it the matter? "Nuffin'tall, boss-trouble all, one."

"Well, what was it?" "Wall, you see, de driver of a coal cart down yere diskivered dat I was callin' you Kernel for two shillin's a week. What does he do but offer me

off of you an' put it on to him.' "And you wanted to do it?" "Wall, I kinder felt dat way, kase speech to them said Semmes, the I'ze workin fur low wages, but I saw him Sunday and fixed all right.'

"I'ze gwine to keep right on callin' you Kernel for two shillin's a week,

He gets his extra quarter per week right along, but he now addresses his employer as "boss."

PEPPERMENT DROPS.

A New Yorker has coughed up a wooden brush to follow.

Whisky, water and a grain of strychnine was the compound put up by a Baltimore druggist and labeled: "Found at Last— Golden Stomach Tonic."

If a man jumps from the St. Louisbridge it is "disorderly conduct." If he jumps from a second story window in his own house they pity him and pay his doctor bills.

Never make fun of a young man be-cause he yearns for "a cobwebby gray vel-vet, with a tender bloom like cold pravy," and takes dinuer on a glass of water and a three miles from land. We banked lily. He may become one of the greatest fires for eight days waiting for the Supreme Judges in the country.

An exchange says that in Iceland editors carry the papers about and trade them for dried meat and whisky. If this plan was practicalle in America there would soon be a strong demand in Kentucky fer delirium-tremens remedies.

The Solid Muldoon makes this souching

appeal to delinquent subscribers: "Gen-temer, we must have wealth; the nichts are growing cold, and this thing of forcing a 10-cent mustard pla-ter to do the work an all-wool undershirt is growing The English papers accord to America the praise of turning grave subjects into a grim humor. One of these says: "A cote Yankee advertiser has been utilizing the

Chicago papers are criticising Boston critiques of Rossi. The Chicago idea of a critique is to say: "He got in his work immense, hogoed all the good situations, elocuted like a ward caucus president, and got the audience solid." Then Chicago folk understand that it was a good show.—

Boston Post. "Want any species of cloves?" asked a peddler of a saloon keeper one day this week. "Vat for I vant um?" asked the proprietor. "To take away the smell of beer from the breath," exclaimed the peddler. "Take away that smell ov beer!" exclaimed the man behind the counter. "You got somedings vat makes der smell stay on, I buys him."

A New York artist can pen 8,000 oys-te s in thelve hours. This is 666 an heur, Now, then, a Savanush in a would stand around this oyster opener and a anage to-eat a pound of crackers between every eat a pound of crackers between every oyster, and growl because the oysters were not opened fast enough. We are just beginning to discover that the south can hold her own with any country on the face of the globe. - [Atlanta Constitution.]

Mile. Minnie Hauk was married shortly before her departure for this country to the Chevalier Ernst de Hesse Wartegg, author of a very successful book on North America. Rather than lose valuable time the will still answer to the name of "Min."

"why do you, a prosperous business man, the father of a family and the main stay of a church, deliberately come to me and want to learn all the tricks of poker playing? Do you meen to throw away your respects flity and become a gambler?" "No," said the merchant; "no; I don't

There is a report at Indianapolis that

or of the victory of the Alabama—for they did not allow a doubt that she would win.

The firing lasted one and one-half hours and from the start the Alabama had the worst of it. Finally her guns gradually ceased firing, and ours stopped also; and then she began to sink, stern foremost. We immediately noticed her condition and expected nothing more from her, but were missing a stopped also; and they condition and expected nothing more from her, but were missing a steady of mail matter.

Assistant Postmaster-general Tyner was in the habit of shipping Waukesha water being from his steady to ship medical the habit of shipping Waukesha water being found in a mail but said to be benefited by water. While we feel that the government ought to ship medical the spectacle of a barrel of Waukesha water being found in a mail business, and then she began to sink, stern foremost. We immediately noticed her condition and expected nothing more from her, but were missing to shipping Waukesha water being found in said to be benefited by water. While we feel that the government ought to ship medical the presents of a core of such a practical character as to include a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her mother, a china teaset from the 'groom's father, and a set of dusting brushes, a sack of flour, etc., from other considerate friends.

The Augusts (Ga.) News states that among the bridal presents at the wedding of Miss Douschka Pickens, of Edgefield, and where the presents to include a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her from the 'groom's father, and a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her from the 'groom's father, and were the presents to include a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her other, a china teaset from the 'groom's father, and a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her other, a china teaset from the 'groom's father, and were the presents to include a cook stove from the brides father, a carpet from her other, a china teaset from the 'groom's fathe

Mr. A. then described the well-known efforts made to rescue the survivors of the Alabama.

"A number we tried to rescue swam them that he was not in his right mind, at

If the country remains flooded much longer it will be necessary for farmers to use oyster tongs to dig their potatoes. Imagine granger Fratt, the governor, out on his farm in a skiff, raking potatoes from the bottom of four feet of water, and dropping them into the boat, while he wipes the perspiration from his brow on the sleeve of his coat. We trust the high water is not coing to continue so it will be

The Modern Young Girl.

I'm an only daughter young girl, A spit-curl and frizzes young girl, A lang ishing, dainty, all powdery and painty, Sit up till 11 young girl.

her I think. When it was taken down A dote on the arts young girl, A poet in embryo, don't know a thing

tempt to save the flag, as it would be I'm a look-out for a catch young girl, A snatch 'em up quick young girl, A half do the proposing, and bag 'em when dozing, Hold on to your same young girl.

RELIGIOUS.

There are 95,103 Presbyterians in New Iowa is erecting Methodist churches at the rate of one per fortnight,

The meetings of Moody and Sankey ir England are a great success in point of at The Swedish Lutherans in the United States are said to number 300 congrega-tions, 150 pastors and 70,000 attendants at different churches.

Maine has 243 Congregational churches In the Episcopal church of Central Pennsylvanis, out of a total of eighty-six churches, tifty-nine, or a proportion of nearly three-fourths, are wholly free.

Mr. Kimball, the "church debt raiser," has thus far labored in behalf of 160 churches, being instrumental in raising from church members the respectable sum of \$11,000,000.

The Lebanon Shakers number 350, twothirds of whom are women and girls, and their property is valued at \$1,5 0,000. Members retinquish all claims on retiring from the community. In Minnesotathere are ninety-four Epis-

copal churches, with eighty-three clergy-men, 5,064 communicants, and \$262,497 worth of church property. The contribu-tions last year amounted to \$87,360. Another English clergymen is to be prosecuted for "ritualistic practices," Rev. It.
R. Bristow of St. Stephens', Lewisham.
He is a prominent member of the High

Church party and regarded as an eloquent preacher. St. Paul's church, in New York, the oldest in the city, is having its tower re-paired. The oak timbers, which were put in place in 1776, have been found to be as good as new. The main body of the church was finished in 1766.

The United Presbyterian church has an The United Presbyterian church has an article in its directory of worship forbidding the use of instrumental music in the churches. But an agitation for repeal was begun, and the question (of repeal) has been sent to the Presbyteries for action.

Two have already voted, one for and another than the problem of the proble

A clergyman named Wild, formerly of Brooklyn, announces in a recent serm n that in the death of President Garfield sees the way prepared for the assump-on of a military dictatorship under Gen-al Grant, to be followed by the union of

all the English-speaking nations and then final annexation to Jerusalem." This is really different from what people expected. The Presbyterian Monthly Record estimates the adherents to the leading religious bodies in the United States as follows: Methodists, of all kinds, 15,710,000; Baptists of all kinds, 12,635,000; Roman Catholics, 7,50,000; Presbyterians, of all kinds, 5,450,000; Lutherans, 3,332,006; Congregationalists, 1,753,000; Episcopalivns, 1,415,000; unclassed, 2,155,00°. In a note the writer says that he counts five adherents for every fall communicant; that he takes the Roman Catholics at their own estimate, which he thinks is too The Presbyterian Monthly Record estheir own estimate, which he thinks is too large; and that the unclassed include Moravians and Friends, as well as sceptics, the last-named being very much fewer than their clamor in the newspapers

Bradford, Pa.

would indicate.

Thos. Fitchan, Bradford, Pa., writes:
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17codlw CONNUBIALITIES.

At a marriage service in Pierreville, Province of Quetec, a few days ago, three Inguages were used, English, French, and an Indian dialect. Old Deacon Dobson always boasted that

he was "prepared for the worst," and his neighbors thought he got it when he mar-ried his second wife. Miss Edwina Booth, daughter of Mr Edwin Booth, is, it is reported, engaged to marry Mr. Downing Vaux, son of the well-known architect.

The Iowa Mutual Marriage Benefit and Life association has placed its articles on record with the recretary of state. Its place of business is at Newton.

Raphael Semmes has just been married to Miss Marion Adams of Louisville. Among the decorations of the church wherein the ceremony took place was a minature copy, in flowers, of the ship "Alabama," the famous confederate vessel commanded by the bridegroom's father. The battle flag and penuant of the con-

federacy floated from the masts. "The social event of the season" (s runs the local chronicle) at New London, Iowa, was a wedding at which much good

stackled such a p ckags of mail matter.

Scoville has asked the people of the United States to contribute any evidence they may have as to Guiteau's insanity. We have no desire to be called to Washington as a witness, at the expense of the government, but we are it possession of the particulars of an incident that would so far, before

Carrie Carr and J. J. Underwood met casually in a store at Bear Creek, Tenn. A "A number we tried to rescue swam
away from us and were picked up by
the British yacht Deerhound. Even
several of the men we had gotten into
our boat jumped out into the water

again. They had an idea they would be hung."

"AND WHAT THEN?"

"The men taken by us on board were treated as if they had been our own longer it will be necessary for farmers to marriage ceremony performed. Underwood says it was all a joke, neither party intending marriage ceremony performed. Underwood says it was all a joke, neither party intending marriage. But she claims that they had been our own longer it will be necessary for farmers to

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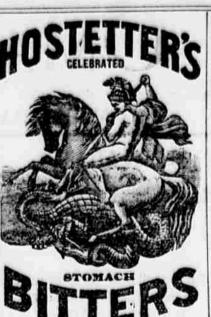
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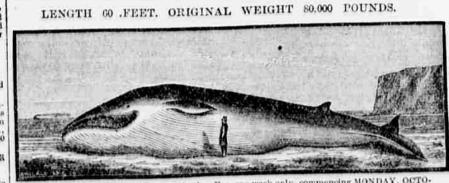
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