

STEAMING TRIALS FOR DREADNOUGHT

Navy Interested in the "Florida," Nation's Biggest Seafighter.

National News Association)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The steaming trials of the super-dreadnought Florida are expected to engross the undivided attention of naval men this week. The interest in the trials is due partly to the fact that the Florida is to be one of the largest and most formidable fighting machines afloat, but more especially because she is the first battleship to be built in a government yard in many years. A close comparison naturally will be made between her performances and those of her sister ship, the Utah, which has just been turned out at a private yard.

The Florida and the Utah are the latest and mightiest fighting units in the United States Navy and one or the other will supersede the Connecticut as the flagship of the North Atlantic fleet. If she comes up to the expectations of her constructors, 22 knots will be reeled off by the Florida, propelled by the enormous turbine engines of the Parsons type. When she comes she will represent an expenditure of nearly \$10,000,000. As compared with the next largest ships in the United States Navy—the Delaware and the North Dakota type—the Florida and Utah are ten feet longer, 1825 tons greater displacement, on even terms as to the main battery, but with two more of the 5-inch guns in the second battery. When completely manned, the Florida will carry 940 men and 60 officers, and will have a larger steaming radius than any vessel now in commission.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Safe Banknotes.
France perhaps is the only European country which possesses practical immunity from forged banknotes. The notes are so complicated that it is no wonder the professional forger steers clear of them. They are printed in four colors—black, blue, pink and yellow—and have designs both on the front and back, and every time a chemical discovery is made which is likely to hinder the work of the forger it is incorporated in the banknote.

Unlike the Bank of England, the French national bank does not destroy all notes when returned, but puts them into circulation again until after three years' use they come back all torn and are burned.—London Mail.

Worth Mountains of Gold

is the value Mrs. Charles Barclay of Graniterville, Vt., places upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, so grateful was she for her restoration to health.

She says, "I was passing through the change of life and suffered from its effects with nervousness and other annoying symptoms, and I can truly say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable compound proved worth mountains of gold to me, as it restored my health and strength, and for the sake of other suffering women I am willing to make my trouble public."

Women who are passing through this trying period should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The Original Lovers' Leap.
Sappho's Leap was the name given to a white cliff or promontory anciently called Leucadia, now Cape Dueato, at the southern extremity of Santa Maura, one of the Ionian islands. It was so called because Sappho, the poetess, is reported to have thrown herself from this height into the sea. A criminal, with birds attached to him to break his fall, was thrown from the cliff at the annual festival of Apollo, and if he reached the water unharmed he was picked up by boats placed there for that purpose. This is the rock from which, according to the story, lovers throw themselves in order to be free from the pangs of love.

CHOLERA SCARE

Much anxiety has been felt lately over the danger of introducing the dreaded Asiatic Cholera into this country, because of the immigration from the plague districts of Europe.

It saps the strength of the body so fast that death often follows in a few hours. All forms of diarrhea and dysentery are very weakening.

A Valdosta, Ga., woman, Mrs. C. H. King, tells how she regained her strength. She says "An attack of dysentery left me so weak and exhausted that it seemed impossible to regain my strength. But since using one bottle of Vinol I am perfectly well again. Vinol will do wonders for anyone who needs new strength and more flesh."

There is no doubt at all that this delicious cod liver and iron remedy without oil possesses wonderful power to renew flagging strength and vitality and build up the body. If you are not as strong as you ought to be, you need Vinol, and we guarantee that it will build you up and make you strong. Leo H. Flue, Druggist, Richmond, Ind.

TO STOP FALLING HAIR
Cleanse the scalp, remove dandruff, irritation and germs of baldness by using Mrs. Mason's Old English Shampoo Cream, made from tonic, cleansing herbs, a wonderful scalp cleanser and hair grower. Leo H. Flue and other druggists, 25c.

Our Citizen's Demand

Fully Compiled With—A Richmond Resident Furnished It.

There are few items which appear in this paper more important to Richmond people than the statement published below. In the first place, it is from a citizen of Richmond and can be thoroughly relied upon. In the second place, it indisputably proves that Doan's Kidney Pills do their work thoroughly and not temporarily. Read this carefully.

Martin Bulach, tailor, 433 South Eleventh Street, Richmond, Ind., says: "In the spring of 1902, I suffered from a weak and lame back and other symptoms of kidney trouble. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a supply at A. G. Lukens & Co.'s Drug Store and their use brought me prompt relief. Since then I have had no further need of a kidney remedy, as my cure has been permanent. I gave a statement recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, after I had used them with such good results and I still hold a high opinion of this remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Amusements

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

At The Murray
Vaudeville afternoon and night.

At the Murray.

After the excellent bill of last week it would seem almost impossible for another bill as good to follow, but this week's show promises to be equally as good as the one before and will no doubt attract capacity houses to the popular play house.

Stanley and Scanlon have a rather bizarre musical turn that takes strongly. Mr. Stanley is an excellent instrumentalist while his partner is a genuinely funny comedienne.

The Carr Trio, singers and dancers, who will be remembered as having been with the North Bros. Stock, the criterion of the repertoire shows in the eyes of the Richmond theater going public, put on a singing and dancing turn, introducing Master Cliffors Carr, America's foremost monologist.

Dick and Alice McAvoy, who put on a clever tough skit "Herald Square Jimmy," are a scream from start to finish and numerous curtain calls fall to them.

Murray's dogs, a number of highly stunts that show them to be carefully trained and amuse the older as well as the younger generation.

At the Palace.

Tonight and tomorrow "Twenty Years in Sing Sing" will be presented in moving pictures at the Palace. This silent drama is a most interesting story and scored a decided success at Indianapolis and other cities, where it was shown. A great many imagine the entire production takes place in Sing Sing prison. Such is not the case. Horse races, beautiful scenery, love and pathos, abound. It should be a successful engagement.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire in this manner to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for kindness shown us during our bereavement; also we thank all those for the floral offerings.

Frank Dillman and Wife.

Church Theaters.

Few people know that plays in England, Germany, Italy and France were fostered for religious purposes by the church centuries before they were taken up as a separate secular business. Moreover, few visitors to St. Paul's cathedral, in London, realize that that church during Elizabeth's reign and the first years of the reign of James I, set aside one of its adjacent buildings for use as a secular theater. Its little stage was famous, and the company of choir boys as actors presented many of the great plays of Shakespeare's time. They acted from about 1588 to 1608 under the management of Edward Pierce, their great master in music, who as church almoner had business control of these adjacent buildings owned by the church.—London Standard.

Colored Rain.

Showers of red rain have fallen more than once in the world's history. In the middle ages they were looked upon as awful omens of war and bloodshed, but nowadays we know the hue of the "rain of blood" to be due to the presence of a tiny red insect, a variety of water flea. Red rains are very rare, but in volcanic regions gray rain is comparatively common. Sicily has had many showers of this shade. They are caused by the upper atmosphere being full of ash colored volcanic dust from Etna. This dust is infinitesimally fine and colors the rain as it falls.

A Good Age to Stop At.

A certain London merchant had for years given a dinner to his employees on the occasion of the birthday of his daughter. How long this custom had held may be gathered from the following. The head clerk of the office rose, as was also the custom, and proposed this toast:

"Gentlemen, we enjoy this evening the felicity of celebrating, as we do every year, thanks to his generosity, the twenty-ninth birthday of the respected and always amiable daughter of our worthy employer. I give you, gentlemen, her health and happiness."—London Mail.

Irritating.

"He has a mean disposition, hasn't he?"

"I should say so. He's the kind of man who'll rake in a jack pot on a bluff and then after he's stacked up the chips will spread out four hearts and a spade for everybody to look at."—Detroit Free Press.

THE LIFE OF THE CITY TREES

BY PROF. J. F. THOMPSON.

It is generally known, I think, that plants are classified, as to the length of time they live into three kinds: *Annuals*, *Biennials* and *Perennials*.

This is convenient, although, insofar as the life of a plant is concerned, one kind is a *perennial* or lives as long as another. Common field wheat, which is a good example of an annual, lives as long as an oak, a good example of a *perennial*, and the oak is as annual as the wheat. The difference is more apparent than real.

If we plant a grain of wheat in the spring, it will sprout, grow rapidly, flower and produce seed before winter comes on. The stalk, roots and leaves become lifeless, but the seeds remain alive. The life of the whole plant has been concentrated in the seeds, and each seed contains a little plant, which, if planted, the next season will grow and the resulting plant will be just like the one that apparently died last year, and this may go on year after year, and the life of the wheat may thus continue like the oak for centuries.

Plants like people get into a way of doing things, and as two people may each have a way of doing the same things but arrive at the same result, so two plants may arrive at the same result but in a different way. This habit of reducing its whole living matter to the limits of the seed is the way the wheat and all such plants have of getting through the winter season of the year. The life of the plant is not only thus continued from year to year but the individual plants are many times multiplied.

The plants we call *biennials* are slower in reaching their seed time or the time when the reproduction of the individual takes place. A plant like the common thistle requires two years before it can reproduce others of its kind. The first year the seed sprouts and very short stem is formed with a mat of leaves which lies flat on the ground, and during the first year of its life it manufactures more food than it needs for that season and stores it away in the roots. The next year it sends up a stalk and by means of the food it stored away the year before, it is able to flower and produce seed into which it concentrates its entire living substance and then withers away. It accomplished just what the wheat accomplished, but it got through one winter in the tissues of a root under ground, and well protected leaves, but before the second winter came it not only had concentrated its living matter in its seed, but had learned how to pass one winter in plant tissues.

Perennial plants like the trees are very slow in reaching the time when they can produce seed. The oak, for example, does not begin to produce seed until it is about seventy years old, the beech at about sixty years, the elm and maples at about forty years. Therefore these plants have had to learn how to bridge over winter in their tissues also, and by the time they have bridged over from forty to seventy winters in this way they have learned how, but in that length of time they have become so large and contain so much living matter that it would be almost physically impossible to reduce themselves to seeds like the annuals or biennials and even if they could, the result would be more seeds than could be scattered and there for a useless waste.

During this forty or seventy years, however, they have been preparing to bear seed, and when they are ready, they bear seeds for centuries. They have learned how to adapt themselves to summer and winter, storm and sun, dry seasons and wet and we call them perennial.

In our first article we tried to show that in all the essentials of life, trees are not so very much unlike other living things, but a tree is not alive in all of its parts as animals are. An animal is alive through and through, while a tree is not. That portion of a tree which we call heart wood is dead or rather it has no living matter in it. That portion which we call sap wood is alive. In most instances the two may be easily distinguished by the color. The heart wood is usually darker than the sap wood. Besides the sap wood, the bark or bast wood is alive. What we usually call the bark is not real bark but a sort of epidermis which covers the real bark. Then between the bast or true bark and the sap wood there is a layer of living cells called the Cambium layer. This layer is made up of real living, working plant-matter. Every year this Cambium layer of cells adds a ring of wood to the heart of the tree as well as forms a new bark, and every year therefore, the lifeless heart wood increases in diameter. This zone of living matter in a tree behaves much like the Chambered Nautilus. Every time it builds a new place in which to dwell it abandons the old, and this abandoned chamber in the tree is the

"Noblesse Oblige."

In Mrs. Walford's story of Lord Mansfield in her book entitled "Recollections of a Scottish Novelist" the top note of propriety is reached.

The noble lord's young nephew, seeing him annoyed at a railway station at having no servant at hand to get his newspapers, ran post haste and procured them. Lord Mansfield showed no gratitude whatever.

"Edward," was all he would say, "recollect, Edward, that a gentleman should never hurry himself in public."

It will pay you to look well after your teeth and not let them decay. Apart from the bad appearance such a set of teeth presents, it is certain that they must ache at times and bother you, and equally true that you cannot masticate your food properly. It is a wise investment to insure a sound set of teeth and we can help you to possess them in a short time.

ARE YOU DRIFTING

into the crowd of weak, weary, depressed; or are you filled with vitality and energy?

Health is the foundation of success.

Nerves, Brain, and Body should be staunch—dependable.

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the firm footing for health.

ALL DRUGSTORES

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Good Spring Tonic

"We have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for a spring tonic and as a blood purifier. Last spring I was not well at all. When I went to bed I was tired and nervous and could not sleep well, in the morning I would feel very tired; my mother got a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I took. I felt like a new person when I had finished that bottle. We always have Hood's medicines in the house." Hilvey Drug Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

"There is no 'just as good' medicine. Insist on having Hood's."

Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

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E. B. KNOLLENBERG, Agt., Knollenberg Annex.

Important Letter To All Who Suffer

"I suffered from indigestion for a long time. Last May I almost died. The doctor told me it was acute indigestion and I could not be cured. Since that time I have suffered very much as some days everything I ate, even light food, as soft boiled eggs, would distress me. I lost fifteen pounds. Sometimes I felt that I could not live another day. A month ago I got a box of MI-O-NA tablets. Before I had used them a week I was better. I have used two boxes and I feel as well as I ever did. Eunice A. Peters, Jackson, Ga.

Use MI-O-NA stomach tablets for quick relief from sour stomach, heaviness, heartburn, belching of gas and distress after eating. They are guaranteed. Large box 50 cents at Leo H. Flue's and druggists everywhere.

Added Injury.

A woman who "had an account settle" with the village schoolmaster in consequence of his chastising her boy visited the schoolroom and used some very strong language. The schoolmaster, finding it impossible to pacify her, put her outside and locked the door against her. For a long while the sounds of angry expostulations and of knocks and hammering upon the door were heard, but the much tried man took no notice. Ultimately he went to unlock the door and found the woman sitting on the ground, waiting for him with an expression on her face that was more eloquent than words. He had shut her skirt in the door when he locked it and kept her a prisoner all the morning.—London Globe.

Mother.

Children, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand. Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of all good gifts, a loving mother. Read the unfathomable love of those eyes, the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In after life you may have friends—fond, dear friends—but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which none but a mother bestows. Macaulay.

Those who have occasion to remove a branch from a tree should never forget that they are always exposing this heart wood which will decay if left exposed and this is not all nor the greatest danger for fresh living tissue is also exposed which may render the whole tree a prey to some fungus disease.

Trees may at any time be attacked by insect pests and destroyed, but they are not liable to be destroyed by disease if the living tissue and heart wood are not exposed.

Most people forget that the bowels need the same exercise that the muscles do to keep them healthy; don't forget this for a day; it means more to your health and happiness than you think; everybody can get this exercise by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the best bowel medicine. 35c. Tea or Tablets. A. G. Lukens.

Murder as a Fine Art.

It has been popularly supposed that Napoleon was directly and indirectly responsible for more deaths than any one else of modern times. But that estimate must be revised if the statement of Miss Soutby in "Storm and Sunshine in South Africa" is to be accepted about the great Zulu king Shaka, a contemporary of Napoleon.

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Suspicion Aroused.

Brown—Yes, my dear, I shall be glad to go with you. I long to see the beauties of the country. Mrs. Brown—We will remain in town.