

# SAYS ERRORS IN NAVY UNFIT IT FOR BATTLE

Expert Declares the Boasted Fighting Ships Are Merely Death Traps.

## ARMOR BELT IS TOO LOW.

Defects in Construction Pointed Out and Promotion System Is Scored.

Henry Reuterdahl, associate of the United States Naval Institute and American editor of "Fighting Ships," is the author of a startling article on "The Needs of Our Navy" in the January McClure's. Mr. Reuterdahl's expertise on naval matters is not disputed and neither is his patriotism. He agrees with President Roosevelt that a navy must be built "and all its training given in time of peace" and with this in view he exposes defects in our first-class battle ships and armored cruisers which all but make them useless as efficient units in a fleet on heavy sea and in real action.

Mr. Reuterdahl's criticisms appear to be the more amazing on account of the contention that most, if not all of the weak points he emphasizes, will be acknowledged by sea-going officers "or, if the reader is sufficiently interested, by the testimony of his own eyes."

His principal points are the following:

That the shell-proof armor of the American battle ships is virtually below the water line where it will do no good, leaving the broad side of the vessel exposed to the shells of the enemy.

That this defect has been pointed out time and again; that other nations years ago recognized it as fatal and now have armor wrapped around the sides of their war vessels from five to seven feet above the water line.

That, despite repeated accidents on

## DISASTROUS MINING ACCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS.

	Lives lost.
1894—Albion colliery, South Wales	280
1902—Fraterville, Tenn.	130
1902—Roxbury Mill mine, Pennsylvania	105
1903—Hanna, Wyoming	175
1904—Lackawanna mine, Pennsylvania	90
1904—Tercio, California	21
1905—Virginia City, Ala.	152
1905—Ziegler, Ill.	55
1905—Coal mine, Idaho	120
1905—Diamondville, Wyoming	38
1905—Kurtsik, Russia	200
1905—M. K. & T. Coal Company	13
1905—Princeton, Ind.	13
1905—Ore mine in Prussia	65
1905—Wilcox, W. Va.	35
1906—Bluefields, W. Va.	21
1906—Johnstown, Pa.	21
1906—Townsend, W. Va.	15
1906—Durham, England	25
1906—Draiman mine, Blosburg, N. M.	15
1906—Couriers mine, near Calais, France	1,930
1906—Japan	250
1906—Oakhill, W. Va.	28
1906—West Park, N.Y.	75
1906—Quarto, Colo.	22
1907—Sarius, Prussia	22
1907—Primero, Colo.	20
1907—Fayetteville, W. Va.	80
1907—Saarbruck, Prussia	200
1907—Las Esperanzas, Mexico	123
1907—Forbach, Germany	75
1907—Monongahela, Pa.	30
1907—Tokyo, Japan	470
1907—Tsing Tan, China	112
1907—Negantie, Mich.	17
1907—Monongah, W. Va.	398
1907—Yolande, Ala.	81

## 4,000,000 Christmas Trees a Year.

In discussing the effect on the forests of the country by the use of Christmas trees, of which it is estimated that 4,000,000 are used each year, Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, says that the effect is infinitesimal compared with the destruction caused by forest fires and wasteful lumbering.

If planted four feet apart these trees would be grown on less than 1,400 acres. He says that trees suitable for Christmas trees do not grow in the old forests, where reproduction is most important, but in the open, and there is no more reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers.

According to Mr. Pinchot, the center of the Christmas tree industry lies in the big cities of the East. New York City and the New England States consume 1,500,000 trees, or nearly one-half of all the output. Maine, New Hampshire, the Berkshire Hills, in Massa-

## WONDERFUL INCREASE IN POWER.

A comparison has recently been made of the power of the lights in French lighthouses at various periods in the last 33 years. In 1874, when only oil lights were used, the highest power was equal to 54,000 candles. In 1882, when the electric light was introduced, the power rose to a maximum of 820,000 candles. Since then frequent improvements have been made in the electric lights until at present the most powerful lighthouses project an illumination nearly equal to 3,000,000 candles.

## FIVE MONTHS IN HOSPITAL.

Discharged Because Doctors Could Not Care.

Levi P. Brockway, S. Second avenue, Anoka, Minn., says: "After lying for five months in a hospital, I was discharged as incurable, and given only six months to live. My heart was affected, I had smothering spells and sometimes fell unconscious. I got so bad I couldn't use my arms, my eyesight was impaired and the kidney secretions were badly disordered. I was completely worn out and discouraged when I began using Dean's Kidney Pills, but they went right to the cause of the trouble and did their work well. I have been feeling well ever since."

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## THE CHEEKY PLAINFIELD COOK.

A Bucknell University professor was talking about David Jayne Hill, the successor in the Berlin embassy to Charlemagne Tower.

"Dr. Hill," he said, "impressed us here—you know he was our president for a number of years—no less with his wit than with his learning. He had thought and written on many subjects—psychology, rhetoric, socialism, finance—and to hear him discuss these subjects was a delight."

I heard him take down one day an ultra-socialistic student.

"Young man," he said, "you and your extravagant friends remind me, in your attitude toward capital, of a Plainfield cook's attitude toward her mistress. One Christmas time, when I lived at Plainfield, a lady sent her cook out to buy the Christmas turkey. But when the cook returned she had two chickens."

"Martha," the lady said, "I told you to get turkey, not chicken."

"I know, mum," Martha answered, "but I don't like turkey."

## ELEVEN YEARS OF ECZEMA.

Hands Cracked and Bleeding—Nail Came Off Finger—Cuticura Remedies Brought Prompt Relief.

"I had eczema on my hands for about eleven years. The hands cracked open in many places and bled. One of my fingers was so bad that the nail came off. I had tried so many remedies, and they all had failed to cure me. I had seen three doctors, but got no relief. Finally I got a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent Pills. Of course I keep Cuticura Soap all the time for my hands, but the one cake of Soap and half a box of Cuticura Ointment cured them. I recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all suffering with eczema. Mrs. Eliza A. Wiley, R. F. D. No. 2, Lissabon, Ia. Oct. 18, 1906."

## THAT TERRIBLE BOY.

Mrs. Kerruthers (making a call)—Yes, indeed, Mrs. Kajones, I put in nearly the whole blessed day in the dentist's chair.

Mrs. Kajones—I can sympathize with you. I know how it hurts.

Mrs. Kerruthers—My dentist hardly ever hurts me, though. He's so careful and gentle that I don't mind it at all. I declare I slept half the time while he was at work.

Johnny Kajones—That dentist wouldn't never do for me. When she goes to sleep she snores like a thrashin' machine.

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"Speaking of the price of success," mused Uncle Allen Sparks, "I've noticed that 'getting ahead' means, as a general thing, getting a bald head."—Chicago Tribune.

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## LETTING THE CAT OUT.

Amelia—Herbert, dear, your office is on Orange street, isn't it?

Herbert—Yes, why?

Amelia—That's what I told papa. He made such a funny mistake about you the other day. He said he'd been looking you up in Brad street.

## DEAR FRIENDS.

Nan—This is one of my latest photographs, but I don't like it a bit. It hasn't my best expression.

Fan—Perhaps, dear, you didn't have your best complexion on.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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## ABSTAINING FOR CHARITY.

Scheme by Which the Wife Swelled the Receipts.

A West Philadelphia man who determined a few days ago to abstain totally from strong drink for a period was persuaded by his wife into a financial arrangement which threatened to work disastrously.

The arrangement was that every time the man refused an invitation to take a drink he would put the money which he would probably have spent in returning the compliment into a pocket reserved for the purpose and give the contents of the pocket to his wife every night. She was to use this money for charity, and for fear the husband might not have always the exact change to put in the pocket she provided him with a number of beans to be used as counters, valued at 5 cents each, and to, save bookkeeping and memorizing.

The first evening the man got home he found 40 cents in cash in his pocket, and twenty-three beans. This marked a very exceptional day, the man declared, but the next evening he found the pocket carried one dime and thirty-three beans. Then he alleged that he would probably have refused some of the invitations which he had counted even if he had not been on the water wagon. Thereupon his wife confessed she had made arrangements with her father, her brother and her sister's husband to go to the abstainer every day as soon as possible with an invitation to drink.

Most of the old maxims still hold good, observed the random conversationalist.

"Yes," agreed the man who had just returned from an international exposition. "For instance, a world's fair exchange is no robbery. It's worse."

Kansas City Times.

## AN OLD JOB.

Caruso, the great tenor, told at a dinner in New York how he once tried to write a grand opera.

"It was in early youth that I made this attempt," he said. "I knew nothing of harmony or counter-point. The work in consequence was as ludicrous and absurd as—"

The tenor laughed.

"—as the Roman's effort to get a job," he went on.

"A Roman peasant, you know, applied one day for work to a rich man. The rich man said:

"Have you a boat?"

"Yes, sir," the peasant answered.

"Well," said the rich man, "do you see that driftwood floating down the Tiber?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"Well, take your boat, row out in the river, and catch that driftwood, and I'll give you half of all you get."

The peasant jumped into his boat and worked hard for a while. Then suddenly he stopped and made for the shore. On being asked the reason for his return he scowled and said:

"That wood is just as much mine as it is his. I am not going to give him any, so here I am, out of work again."

He answered: "Never mind, darling; I'll get you another cat."

Metallic.

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