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SEARCH FOR OLD GOLD CHEST ON

Treasure Hunters Believe They Have Found Millions of Dollars After Years.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 11.—Search for sunken treasure amounting to \$3,000,000 and which has been at the bottom of the ocean eleven years in the wreck of the Ward Line steamship Merida is vigorously going on at a point 60 miles east of the Virginia cape where the Merida went down after a collision with the United Fruit Company's steamer Admiral Farragut. Word has come from the treasure hunters that they believe they have located the wreck of the sunken vessel and expect soon to bring to the surface of the ocean the gold, silver and precious stones which had to be abandoned when the vessel sank.

The search for the treasure ship's wreck is being made from the steamer Ripple, a disreputable looking craft. Looks don't amount to much as far as salvaging vessels go, however, and aboard the Ripple is the best gear for the work in hand that can be obtained. Manned by a picked crew of twenty-five men the ship carries three of the best-known divers of the country, all of them able to work at depths considerably in excess of the 200 feet, in which the Merida is supposed to lie.

The search for the Merida's treasure is being financed by a group of prominent New Yorkers. The Ripple left New York on August 30, and has been steadily dragging the bottom at a point approximately sixty miles east of Cape Charles, where the Merida is supposed to have foundered.

When the Ripple commenced the sweeping of the bottom at the position given by captain George W. Nordstrom, chief officer of the Merida when she sank, a six-mile row of buoys, spaced a mile apart, was placed so that the same ground would not be twice gone over. Finally the drag line grew

Four-Legged Power Plant



Bay State Tantalizer, 63 pounds of muscle, jaw and teeth, rates as the most powerful bull dog in New England. That explains why Wesley Johnson, of Medford, Mass., his owner, says "Who's afraid?"

tant. Captain Nordstrom, who is aboard the Ripple, believed that the obstruction encountered is a pile of the Merida's lifeboats and life raft which were dropped over from the steamship Hamilton after she had taken the passengers aboard. The Hamilton's position at that time is estimated at from a quarter of a mile to a mile from the spot where the Merida rests. Those aboard the steamer feel confident that, once located, the wreck can easily be stripped of its treasure. Among the three divers is Frank J. Crilley, who holds the world's record for depth, 306 feet, made while he was assisting in attempts to rescue the crew of the submarine F-5, sunk off Honolulu some years ago; Fred Nielson, who went down 280 feet when engaged upon the same task, is also aboard. The third member of the diving trio is Frank Kramer, well known up and down the coast.

The Merida's treasure consists of a large quantity of silver, about \$500,000 in gold and a quantity of precious stones. She was sunk in May, 1910, when bound from Mexico, via Havana, for New York, by the steamer Admiral

Farragut. The collision occurred about midnight, in a fog, the Merida remaining afloat for six hours. The Admiral Farragut was badly damaged but remained afloat. All passengers of the Merida were saved by ships which answered her S. O. S. messages. The vessel had 4,700 tons of copper in her hold, carried as ballast. She is believed to be resting on an even keel on the hard sand bottom which obtains in the vicinity.

The Ripple expedition is second to attempt the finding of the Merida. About four years ago a number of New York capitalists fitted up a steamer and dragged for some days for the wreck. It was believed at one time that she had been located but bad weather prevented further operations.

Calculated Philanthropy.

Modern philanthropy is based on the principle that true welfare is best promoted through the development of competency to gain independence, because this best preserves self-respect, without which there can be no independence either of thought or action.

POET SHRINE IS PRESERVED

Historical Society Buys a House in Which Famous Poet Lived at One Time.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 11.—Although the old stone house in Main street, not far from the Confederate soldiers' and sailors' monument on Liberty Hill, has been acquired by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and will be known as the Edgar Allan Poe shrine, it is contended by some that the poet had no connection with the building and that the houses in which Poe lived here all have been destroyed.

The old stone house is presumed to be the oldest building in the city and is believed to have been constructed in

1685. It was believed by many persons to have been George Washington's one time headquarters and has been referred to as such. The structure has been completely restored and will be thrown open to the public next month.

In the rear of the house a pergola has been built of brick, stone and beams that came from the old office of the Southern Literary Messenger, which Poe edited. In the yard of the premises will be seen a garden designed to perpetuate the idea of Poe's "Enchanted Garden," the original of which is supposed to have been at Second and Franklin streets.

Make Funnel From Eggshell.

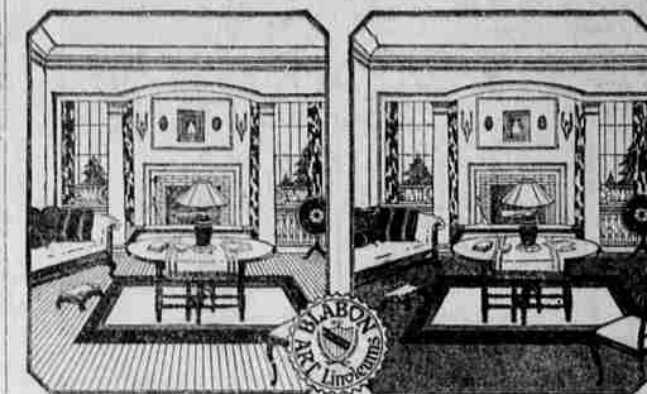
When it is desired to fill narrow-necked bottles and a funnel is unavailable, one can be improvised from an eggshell. The shell should be quite dry, and a small opening made at the bottom. Stand the shell so that the hole is well over the opening of the container to be filled, and proceed as with a regular funnel.

Economy.

Economy is saving effected by wise expenditure. Economy is the adaptation of means to meet requirements without waste or want.

For Colds.

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