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THE RABBIT SEASON.



—Indianapolis Sun.

MONARCH OF THE SEA.

Battleship Vermont Is Able to Whip Any Ship Afloat.

The standardization trial of the battleship Vermont took place off Rockland over a measured mile. This was to test the screw revolutions at varying speeds, that is, to find out how many revolutions of the screws per minute were required to cover a mile in a given time.

Incised in ice from stem to stern, the new battleship came into Boston harbor from her trial trip and dropped anchor off the navy yard. She looked like a huge specter as she came up through the narrows, for with the exception of the funnels there was no part of the vessel that wasn't coated with ice and the bow and forward part of the battleship were burdened with tons of the frozen water that had been thrown up as the huge war vessel plowed through head seas at a 17.4-knot clip.

But the trial board is satisfied that the Vermont is the queen of the American navy, for they say that she behaved beautifully through it all. She was required to make eighteen knots but without forcing her she made 18.33

shrink with horror from some of the methods used on the sensitive child, but in this case it resulted in splendid stuff. Mrs. Opie is quoted in a book on "Quaker Worthies."

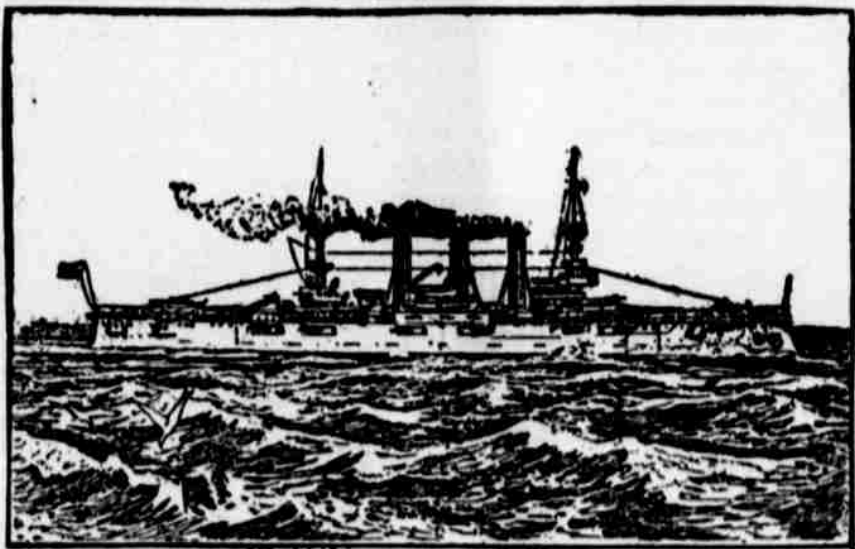
I was a creature of fears, tears and screams. My first terror was of black beetles, then of frogs, skeletons, black men and madmen.

My mother made me take a beetle in my hand and hold it. As her word was law, I obeyed, but with awful shrinking. I gradually became accustomed to it, and was frequently told to take one up and put it out of harm's way. I soon overcame that terror.

I was made to hold frogs in my hands, and was taught to nurse a skeleton as I would a doll. I acquired the love of the African race by hearing of its wrongs, and I became an eager advocate of emancipation. Mother compelled me to listen to her kindly converse with two poor old lunatics, and I grew to pity them instead of fearing them.

Why Opals Are "Unlucky."

The world is full of superstition, and one of the worst is that the opal is "unlucky." This superstition arose when the "black death" swept Europe.



BATTLESHIP VERMONT, PRIDE OF THE NAVY.

easily over the four-mile course. The boat will soon be ready for active service in the North Atlantic fleet.

Naval Constructor Baxter who has had charge of the completion of the Vermont, said: "Here goes out a ship which demolishes all records of the world in naval construction. Not even Great Britain, the leading country in shipbuilding, has ever sent one of its battleships to sea without preliminary deep water trial. But I know enough about the condition of the vessel to say that she is ready to whip any other battleship in the world, of course, giving her a little practice with her guns."

Long-Lived Mothers.

At Jenkintown, Pa., Oct. 27, four members of one family whose ages aggregate 350 years gathered at a reunion, when Isaac Mather, the oldest of two brothers and two sisters, celebrated his 100th birthday. There were also present two sons and one daughter of the centenarian whose aggregate ages totalled 206 years. It is not believed that anywhere else in the United States will be found a family that can present a like showing.

The four persons whose ages totalled 350 years were: Isaac Mather, 100 years old; Mrs. Rebecca Michener, his sister, 87 years old; Miss Ann Mather, his sister, 79 years old, and Charles Mather, a brother, 84 years old.

The children whose ages totalled 206 years are: Miss Martha Mather, daughter, 75 years old; Israel Mather, son, 73 years old; Isaac Mather, son, 58 years old.

Isaac Mather, the centenarian, lives on the old homestead, built on the original tract of land granted to his ancestors by William Penn, at Chelton Hills. In this region he is best known as the "Grand Old Man of Chelton Hills." He is a Quaker and attends services regularly on Sunday.

He attributes his long life to simple habits. Never in more than half a century has he retired later than 8 o'clock at night, and he is up with the sun in the morning. His brother, Charles, at 84, is still in active business.

Herold Treatment.

In these days, when child study is a hobby, ridden long and hard, it is interesting to read of the nerve-training which fell to the lot of the Quaker sutores, Amelia Opie, in 1789 and after. The modern mother would

At that time the opal was very unpopular, and some noticed that when a victim of the disease was dying the opal on the finger brightened and when he was dead it became dull. Of course, this took the popular fancy and at once opals became "unlucky," and have remained so ever since. Very likely they do not change at all on the fingers of a dying person, and the whole matter is like that question which once caused so much discussion in the scientific world, i. e., why is it that when you put a fish in a bowl of water the weight of the bowl is not increased? Many learned answers were given, but finally one duffer weighed a bowl of water with and without the fish in it, and thus settled the matter.—Kansas City Journal.

Old Story Retold.

Charles Francis Adams was escorting an English gentleman about Boston. They were reviewing the different objects of attraction, and finally came to Bunker Hill. They stood looking at the splendid monument, when Mr. Adams remarked:

"This is the place, sir, where Warren fell."

"Ah!" replied the Englishman, evidently not very familiar with American history. "Was he seriously hurt by his fall?"

Mr. Adams looked at his friend. "Hurt!" said he. "He was killed, sir."

"Ah, indeed!" the Englishman replied, still eyeing the monument and commencing to compute its height in his own mind. "Well, I should think he might have been—falling so far."—Harper's Weekly.

Chance for Him.

One afternoon the proprietor of an animal store said to his young clerk:

"Tom, I'm going upstairs to work on the books. If anyone comes in for a live animal let me know. You can attend to selling the stuffed animals yourself."

About half an hour later in came a gentleman with his son and asked Tom if he could show him a live monkey. To the customer's amazement the clerk ran to the foot of the stairs and yelled:

"Come down, come down, sir; you're wanted!"—Judge's Library.

It is a part of the love disease for a girl to worry more if her young man gets a splinter in his thumb than if father gets a telegraph pole in his arm.

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