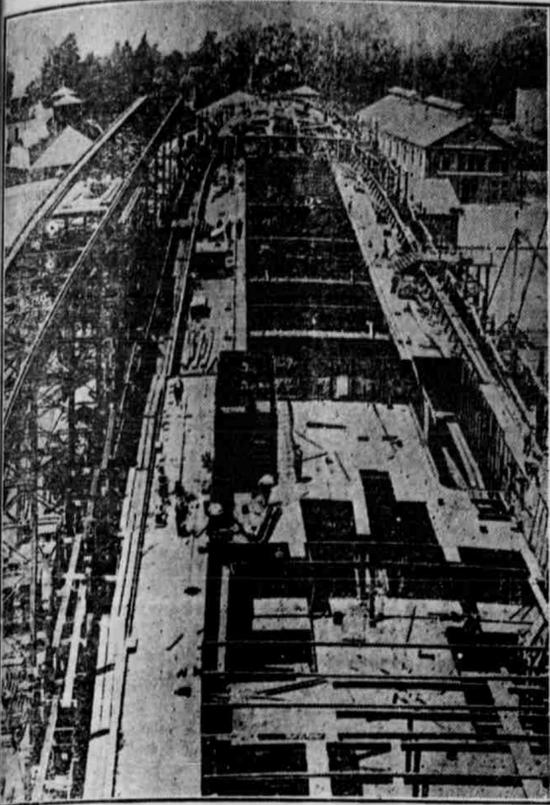


Collier Jupiter, Now Being Built at Mare Island Yard



The largest vessel ever built on the Pacific coast is in process of construction at the Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco. It is the Collier Jupiter, destined for service in the United States navy. It will be 528 feet in length and sixty-five feet in breadth, with a draft of twenty-eight feet when loaded to capacity. Fourteen thousand tons of coal and oil will be its maximum cargo, and its total displacement will be 20,000 tons. Like the sister ships among the naval colliers, the Cyclops and the Neptune, the Jupiter will be able to replenish the bunkers of two ships at sea at the same time, thanks to the placing of the derricks in two rows, one on either side. This huge ship, so necessary to the welfare and in war time even to the existence of the fleet, will carry no armament.

Artist and Courtier too.

The painter is likely to be brusque. When he possesses a bit of tact he is not wont to waste it on "philistines," even if they are customers and persons of distinction. No such charge, however, can be brought against an eighteenth century painter named Gaudier. He was commissioned by William IV. to paint the attack commanded by the sovereign when Duke of Clarence on a fortress on the Spanish coast. The attack took place at night, and with the view of relieving the somber veil of midnight the artist took the liberty of introducing sea gulls skimming the clouds. "Hello!" exclaimed his majesty when he first saw the painting. "It will never do to have the birds flying about at night. They were all gone to roost." "So they were, your majesty," artfully agreed the artist, "but you gave me a rousing broadside with your majesty that they all woke up and flew about."

Irresponsible Youth.



Lady—Why do you cry, little boy? Little Boy—That—durned—mother of mine—'as gone—an' lost me—against—Black and White.

A Compromise

By MRS. RACHEL L. OLMSTEAD

My husband is an excellent, good, pure, noble man. He has but one fault—he is very unreasonable. This defect in his character is especially noticeable in the choice of a place to spend our summer vacation. Last year Frank and I discussed for two months this question as to where we should go for two weeks. Frank wished to go to some secluded spot in the mountains where he could take a rest. He works very hard, and fourteen days is all the recreation he gets during the whole year. That being the case, I couldn't see why he should want to go to a poky place where he wouldn't meet any one, with nothing to see and nothing to do all day long. I am shut up at home all winter with no maid and a couple of little children, and I can't get out at all in the evening because they must not be left alone. The consequence is that all the nice dresses and things I buy are for summer. That's the only season I can wear them. Now, isn't it provoking that when the summer comes I must go to some out of the way place where a calico gown would do me as well as a silk one? Last spring when it came time to engage a board for our outing, after disputing for two months where we should go, Frank maintained that since he must have his rest in his own way we had better go to different places. He would get rid of the continued clatter the children make and the annoyance of having to correct them every time they misbehaved. I could go to a seashore resort, where, as he put it, I could show my fine clothes. That's all the sympathy a wife gets from her husband—just as if there was any use to buy nice things for no one to see.

Well, Frank went off to a one horse town in the mountains, stopping at a hotel near by. I went to a large seaside city where there were thousands of people coming and going every day. It was very nice to be in the whirl, but unfortunately I struck a spell of bad weather. For three days there was nothing but rain and fog. Then a chill northeast wind sprang up, and I thought I should freeze. The children, who had anticipated so much pleasure playing in the sand and running in bare legs in the foam, couldn't go out at all, and I was obliged to devote myself to them all the while. I couldn't play nurse and wear good clothes; besides, the weather was too cold for my thin dresses. So there I was. I had been on the coast for three days when I received a letter from Frank saying that he was doing splendidly in the mountains. The weather there was fine, the air was bracing, and it seemed as if he drew strength with every breath. He supposed I and the children sat all day on the beach with the warm sun pouring down on us (when it wasn't too hot) watching the beautiful blue waves roll in. He could almost hear the children laughing and shouting as they ran about in the sunshine. And he could fancy me dressed in those clothes I had been all winter preparing for the occasion looking as pretty as a peach mingling with well dressed people. Wasn't it aggravating? I just made up my mind that I'd wait till the first week was up and if the weather didn't mend I'd pack up and join Frank. There wasn't any use in my staying where I was on account of my clothes when I couldn't wear them, and if I were with Frank he could relieve me of the children. He would have had a week's absence from them and would now doubtless be glad to take them out walking and driving and boating. Well, the weather didn't improve—that is, it cleared up for one day, then the clouds came again and it was worse than ever. Every day I studied the weather reports, and when on the sixth day there was a prediction that another storm was collecting in some out of the way place in northwestern Canada I telegraphed Frank that I was coming and took the next train. We reached his place of rest in the evening and drove to his hotel in beautiful moonlight. But the next morning we awoke with the rain coming down worse than anything I had seen at the seashore. And what do you think Frank said? He accused me of bringing the bad weather with me. Well, here I was with my costumes that I'd had so much trouble to procure still in my trunk. The only comfort in this was that even if the weather had been fine nobody wore flannel, and it would have been out of place. Tom did help me with the children, playing games with them, and whenever there was a temporary let up between the showers he would take them out for walks. The boats were too wet for rowing and the roads too muddy for driving. What were my feelings when I read in the papers that at the seashore where I had been it had cleared up the day after I left and the gaiety was booming! One day before we went home we had sunshine, and this was all the pleasure I got on my outing. We agreed that we would not try the separation plan again. So this year we decided we should go together. We disputed over it the same as last year, I wishing to try the seashore again, Frank wishing to get his rest in the mountains. Finally we concluded to compromise. We went to the seashore.

BEAUTY HINTS.

How to Combat Freckles and Sunburn in the Summer.

The woman who suddenly plunges into open air life at the seaside is sure to have trouble with her skin. If her stay is to be a long one she is wise to take a little care at first and then to let the sun and wind do their worst, but it is folly when on a short holiday to get the skin into a painful and disfiguring condition.

When going away to some hitherto unexplored place a packet of powdered borax, oatmeal powder or some other water softener should have a place in one's dressing bag. One hopes, of course, for rainwater, but only in rare cases is it to be had.

A slice of lemon in the water jug is a simple little holiday luxury.

It is far better to prevent the sunburn from becoming serious than to have struggles and mortifications on returning to town and conventional dress. If the slices of lemon are available a good plan is to rub them over hands and neck night and morning after washing. The juice may be left on for ten minutes or so, then rinsed off and a little cold cream applied. This must afterward be wiped off in its turn. A common holiday mistake is that of using cold cream too lavishly. A little well rubbed in and finally wiped off is better than a coating left on all night. This latter is apt to choke up the pores and to make the skin over tender, so that it is less fit to suffer the sun's ravages next day.

Buttermilk is an excellent skin bleach and is very soothing to apply after a summer motor spin or a blazing morning on the sands and is said to cure freckles if persistently used.

Freckles are caused by an excess of pigment in the skin. They are resultant on the actinic and not the heat rays of the sun and so can be prevented from appearing on the face by wearing a red or brown veil.

HOW TO MAKE WATER GARDEN

Inexpensive Plan For a Back Yard Basin of Aquatic Plants.

Few garden features give greater pleasure or require less attention than a water garden, and its construction can be as simple or as elaborate a process as desired.

When the larger water lilies are to be planted one end of the basin should be dug to a depth of at least three feet (no artificial pond need be deeper, no matter how large) and slope gradually to about eighteen inches. Such a sloping pond will suit the requirements of any aquatic plants. Puddled clay is generally sufficient for the smaller pools, though they can be lined with brick, stone or concrete if preferred.

If there is no natural flow of water from running brook or spring, water from a concealed hydrant will answer the purpose, provided a continuous flow can be maintained, enough to keep the inflow and outflow relatively even. A slight movement of the water keeps the pond from becoming stagnant, and fresh water flowing in is necessary for the health of the plants. Soil can be put directly on the floor of the basin to the depth of about one foot, or boxes and tubs filled with earth holding plants of different species can be set in. The soil in either case should be a rich compost of loam and leaf mold.

Lotus, the various water lilies, water hyacinths and popples, water snowflakes, crowfoot, spearwort, plantain, are all exceedingly lovely flowers that will bloom continuously with but little attention. At the margin of the pool iris, cardinal flower, forget-me-nots, turtle head and mimulus can be planted, as well as the many varieties of ferns. Back of these can come the moisture loving shrubs, such as azalea, dogwood, viscosa, laurel and magnolia.

How to Mend Rugs.

Oriental rugs which are badly worn can be satisfactorily mended at home. Re-enforce the tender places by putting underneath them a piece of burlap. Match the colors in the rugs as nearly as possible in one cent skeins of worsteds. These will be too bright, so rub in strong coffee and dry thoroughly before using. Take the worsted double and sew closely through and through both rug and burlap, following the pattern of the adjacent figures. Leave the stitches on the upper side longer than the surrounding nap and shave evenly down to it.

How to Absorb Tobacco Odors.

By putting a bowl of fresh water in a room where men have been smoking all odor will be absorbed by morning, provided cigar ends are not allowed to stay in the room. A bowl of water is also invaluable in cases of sickness where the window cannot be opened. The water will change the character of the air in an hour or two. It will be seen from this how injurious it must be to drink any fluid left standing uncovered for any length of time.

How to Make an Iron Holder.

Paper is a good nonconductor of heat, so that if several thicknesses of paper were placed on the inner side when making an iron holder it would save the worker's hands. As another suggestion, place several thicknesses within a fold of old stockings, for there is nothing so good as stockings as a nonresisting power against heat.

How to Detect Chicory in Coffee.

To detect the presence of chicory in coffee add a tablespoonful of the ground coffee to a glass of cold water. Do not stir the coffee into the water, but merely place it on top. The coffee will float, but the chicory will sink to the bottom, leaving behind streaks of brown.

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