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The Marine Review.

The greatest hero in the naval history of America returns from the victory that won him fame to find the navy of his country, at the end of the first epoch of development which, for rapidity of growth and scope, is without a parallel among the nations of the earth. In the comparatively brief space of time since Admiral Dewey departed from this country for the Orient, the tangible effective naval strength of the United States has increased almost one-third. Much of the increase, it is true, was necessitated by the exigencies of a suddenly precipitated war. The conflict, short in duration, would have been of incalculable benefit had the result been nothing more than the arousal of general public interest in the growth and welfare of the navy so strikingly portrayed by the addition since made to our fighting strength upon the water.

To all intents and purposes, the United States is now the third naval power of the world. Germany is a vigilant, active, aggressive rival, whose energy in this direction, constantly fostered by a ruling power, may be expected to increase rather than diminish. Japan, the coming commercial power of the other hemisphere, is annihilating with giant strides the medium of our supremacy. But for all that, the United States will continue, for some time at least, to excel as a naval power only by Great Britain and France.

The full strength of the navy of the United States now amounts to 212 vessels of all kinds, built and building. Of this number 189 are in the regular navy and 23 constitute the auxiliary force, for the accumulation of which we are largely indebted to the necessities of the Spanish-American war. Something of the pace at which we are moving forward may be imagined when it is stated that, roughly estimated, the existing naval fleet represents an expenditure for construction of about \$125,000,000, and yet there are now under construction or awaiting formal acceptance by the government more than half a hundred war vessels, the contract price for which, exclusive of armor and armament, is in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000.

The war almost doubled the aggregate of men on our war vessels. At its outset the complement was 12,000 men, but in the summer of 1898 it reached the maximum figure of 24,123 men. Since that time it has, of course, decreased considerably, but the incoming congress is expected to authorize a permanent naval strength of upwards of 20,000 men. Nor, in passing, should mention be omitted of the success which has attended the amalgamation of the line and staff. An experiment, watched by students of naval administration everywhere, its beneficial effects have been discernible instantaneously.

For the future, bright hopes may be based upon the most favorable of indications. Congressmen have been spending the summer of 1899 in the study of naval science abroad. Places on the naval committee have been eagerly sought. Already a new atmosphere of liberality and intelligence characterizes the consideration of naval problems, and affords ground for hope that never again will the march of progress be retarded by such a lack of knowledge as made possible the late fiasco relative to the limitation of armor prices.

New battleships and protected cruisers are to be constructed. Each class is quite certain to mark a step forward in the science of building vessels of war. Rear Admiral George W. Melville declares to the Review that the new battleships should be of 20 knots speed; that they should carry large batteries of rapid fire guns; have ample coal bunker capacity and be fitted with triple screw propulsion; revolutionary measures all, but vital in influence if successful.

Already the eyes of every naval officer across the Atlantic are upon us. Within the past month two of our new battleships have exceeded contract speed. The practicability of that most novel of ideas—the superinduced turbines of the Keese-roge—will soon be put to the test. We are preparing to outdo the British in the thoroughness of our experiments with liquid fuel and wireless telegraphy. Finally we are investigating the possibilities of the submarine boat, and our conclusions will be characterized by neither the enthusiastic optimism of the French nor the cynicism of the conservative Britons.

For well-rounded naval development every essential must be adequate. Thus there is no greater cause for congratulation than over the manner in which the ship yards of America have met the requirements imposed by the conditions. The past few years have seen



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no less than half a dozen firms actively engaged upon naval contracts, although their previous experience had been entirely confined to mercantile craft. Several of them at the initial attempt, constructed vessels which exceeded contract speed.

Heretofore the powers have charged us with being deficient in the matter of diversity of strength in our naval fleet. This is true no longer, for with the completion of the vessels now on the stocks we will have more than half a hundred torpedo boats and destroyers. Here, too, American builders have been daring, for who will contend that it is not venturesome to guarantee a speed in excess of thirty knots on a smaller displacement than has ever before been attempted by any ship builder the world over, and that, too, when the contract is the first of the torpedo boat kind for the firm undertaking it?

Even down to the details the United States navy will be unique. No other nation has found an appropriate form of designation for its fighting craft. Our states have given us names for two dozen, two score of our cities have namesakes in our navy, and finally no less than 30 of our naval heroes have had their names commemorated by war vessels. It is a novel navy and a magnificent one, and with its strength considered it is the most interesting on the waters of the earth.

The entire cucumber crop in the district northeast of Benton Harbor, Mich., representing over 2,000,000 bushels of small pickles per season for the last ten years, has in the last ten days been completely destroyed by a foreign red bug. The total loss to growers is estimated at over \$100,000.

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"Best on the market for coughs and colds and all bronchial troubles; for croup it has no equal," writes Henry R. Whitford, South Canaan, Conn., of One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

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"They are simply perfect," writes Robt. Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the "famous little pills" for constipation and all liver ailments. Never gripe. Chas. Rogers.

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A PROMINENT VIRGINIA EDITOR

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The notion that the siege of M. Guerin in Paris was to be one of the features of the great exposition next year is for the moment knocked in the head, but there is still time for something similar but even more unusual and interesting to be devised.

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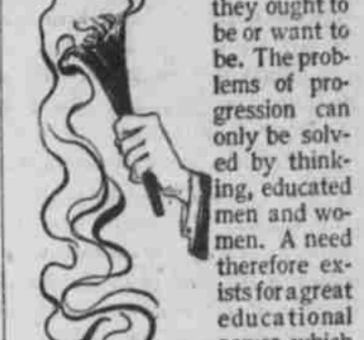
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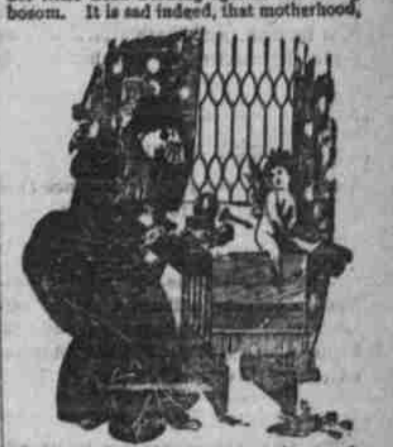
VIMVIGOR VITALITY FOR MEN

Stomach Disorders, Pills have been used for years by the leaders of the human race. It is a fact that the human system is a delicate mechanism, and it is not to be wondered at that it is often deranged. The human system is a delicate mechanism, and it is not to be wondered at that it is often deranged. The human system is a delicate mechanism, and it is not to be wondered at that it is often deranged.

LOST HAPPINESS

"Oh, when a mother meets on high
The babe she lost in infancy,
Hails the sight with tears and fears,
The daily woe, the wretched sight,
For all her sorrow, all her pain,
An over-payment of delight."

When a baby is taken away by the angel of death from its sorrowing mother she has some sense of consolation which is denied to the sad hearted woman who has never been blessed with the joy of clinging little arms around her neck and a dear, tender little head nestling against her loving bosom. It is sad indeed, that motherhood,



the most complete and perfect of womanly delights is denied an often to those most fitted by their loving nature to enjoy it. It is impossible to avoid the feeling that kindly nature would not allow her own best purposes to be defeated without some fault or short-coming on the part of the woman who long to be a mother; and experience shows that in a large number of cases the difficulty lies in some unusual weakness, which, by proper and reasonable means is altogether remediable.

So delicate and sacred a subject cannot be treated in any but a serious, and at the same time a sensible spirit. It is purely a feeling of gratitude and desire that other women like themselves shall be made happy and contented that prompted the writing of the following letters with the express permission that they be published here:

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"My wife has used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription when in a critical condition and found it the best medicine on earth," writes W. J. Journeaux, of Kinshepat, California, Pa., Pa. "My wife had miscarried seven times, but with the last child she took nine bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and the child is now a large, fat boy. The 'Favorite Prescription' makes children robust."

Dr. Pierce has for thirty years been at the head of that great, model sanitarium, the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, in Buffalo, N. Y., as its chief consulting physician. Here he has had an intimate, practical experience in this particular field of practice, which is probably unequalled by that of any physician in America.

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