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THE MOST FAMOUS BATTLE-SHIP

On March 19, 1898, the United States battle-ship Oregon left San Francisco for her long run eastward around South America. The performance was watched by the whole people, the chance of attack by the Spanish fleet, whose whereabouts at sea were unknown, giving the long voyage a sensational aspect. The Oregon reached the Florida coast May 24th. Though she had run 14,000 knots she was reported ready for duty and at once steamed to her place in the Cuban fleet. Forty days later she took a leading part in the battle with Cervera's ships. It was her speed and heavy guns that prevented the escape of the Colon, which had outstripped the other Spanish vessels. If the Colon had run the gauntlet successfully the victory would have been seriously incomplete and the war prolonged, for it was the utter obliteration of their squadron that completed the discouragement and disgust of the Spanish people.

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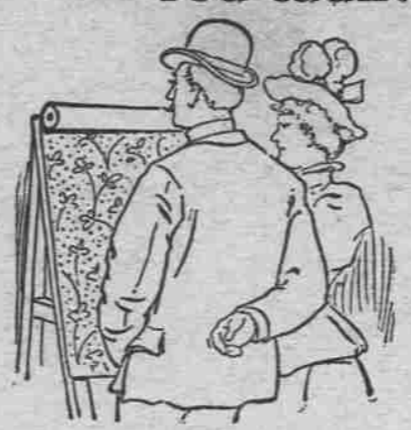
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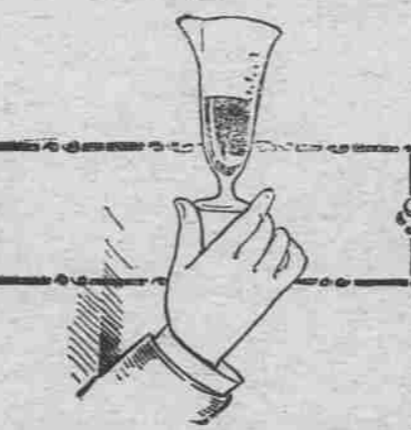
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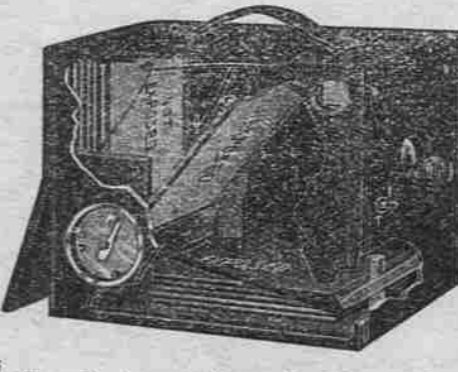
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