

UNCLE SAM'S "LITTLE NAVY" OF MODELS OUTRANKS MINIATURE BATTLESHIPS OF ANY COUNTRY

Hundreds of Models of Perfect Detail Added to Yearly at Very Great Cost.

BY T. N. SANDIFER (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Uncle Sam, despite the huge battleships slipping off the ways and joining other huge ships making up the second largest navy afloat, is a "little navy man." In this respect he probably owns one of the best "little navies" in the world, literally speaking.

This navy is little, in all senses of the word, yet is a model navy, too. In fact, it is made up of model ships—models of perfection of detail and models of the largest ships that make up the real United States Navy.

that subject. Just at present a number of the models are scattered in representative groups about the public-buildings of Washington as historical exhibits.

Cost Runs High Apiece The miniature navy is well represented in the Navy Department buildings, where the models are a never-ending source of interest to all visitors.

These models are in some respects much more than small replicas. Many of them are as large as a good-sized rowboat and cost several thousand dollars to construct. They are now made at the Washington Navy Yard, and the later models now under construction, which are exact reproductions of the latest type of battleship being built for the Navy, will require months to complete. They are scaled to proportion and complete to the smallest screw.

Necessary to Progress There is a very practical reason for this phase of naval construction. These models often serve as valuable guides to naval designers, who can get much more out of a brief examination of a scaled model than they could out of a mass of figures and drawings, which constitute the average ships plans. In fact, before every big ship is built a wooden hull, scaled on the proportions of the contemplated vessel, is first made and tried out in the model basin of the Navy Yard here. From this preliminary trial it is possible to determine approximately the merits or objections to the design and calculate in advance what the new ship will do when completed.

Movies Directed by Cable



Marshall Neelan wanted some scenes for "Bits of Life" photographed in Hongkong, China. Instead of sending a cameraman there he cabled directions to China and the scenes were photographed accordingly.

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