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A FAMOUS NAVAL DUEL.

Recalled by the Recent Disaster to the Kearsarge.

The Alabama put into the harbor of Cherbourg, France, in June, 1864, to effect some necessary repairs. The Kearsarge, then in command of Capt. John A. Winslow, appeared off the harbor on June 14. The Kearsarge says the New York Times, cruised off the entrance to the harbor, but did not make the Tuscarora had made that error a short time before, and when she started in pursuit of the Sumpter from Southampton harbor she was promptly ordered back to her berth by the British authorities, and a naval force sufficient to enforce the mandate was in readiness.

Capt. Winslow made demonstrations which were equivalent to a challenge, and, knowing the character of Semmes, he had little doubt that it would be accepted, and set about preparing his ship for action. The heavy anchor chains were gotten up out of the chain locker and suspended along the sides of the vessel so as to protect the vital parts of the ship. This chain armor was concealed by deal boards, which were nailed over it.

The word was passed through the ship on Sunday morning, June 19, that the Alabama was coming out. The decks of the Kearsarge were cleared for action and the drum beat to quarters. The two ships were almost evenly matched as to size, the Kearsarge measuring 1,031 tons and the Alabama 1,016. In weight of metal thrown in a broadside, the Kearsarge, though mounting one gun less than the confederate vessel, had a distinct advantage, the Kearsarge throwing 430 pounds of the Alabama's 350. The battery of the latter vessel consisted of six thirty-two pounders, 100-pounder Blakely rifle, and one eight-inch shell gun.

The Alabama was the first to open fire. The Kearsarge reserved hers until the enemy was 1,000 yards distant, then gave a broadside from her starboard battery. The big eleven-inch guns of the Kearsarge did terrible execution on the deck of the Alabama, and finally one of them planted a shell in the Alabama which reduced that vessel to a sinking condition and made surrender necessary.

Capt. Winslow then gave his attention to the rescue of the Alabama's crew. The confederate admiral was picked up by the English yacht Decatur, which conveyed him to England. Semmes claimed that the powder of the Alabama had become "calky" and had lost its strength, and that the fuses of his shells were defective. One of the Alabama's shells buried itself in the sternpost of the Kearsarge, but failed to explode. Had the fuse acted, it is said that the Kearsarge would certainly have been disabled by the loss of her rudder. The shell is now in the navy museum in Washington.

Since that memorable encounter the Kearsarge had been almost constantly in service. She had had few occasions to visit navy yards, and had displayed her pennant in nearly every important harbor of the world. She had the reputation of being always ready for duty, and lately had been busily employed in protecting American interests in the West Indies and searching for derelicts on the North Atlantic.

As a fighter she had outlived her usefulness. Her two eleven-inch guns had been replaced by eight-inch rifles of the muzzle-loading type. Her speed under steam was less than it was when the vessel fought the Alabama. Then she was credited with fourteen knots an hour. Her original boilers were taken out several years ago, and a set which was intended for the Nantasket, a much smaller vessel, was substituted. They were not nearly so good as the old ones. Capt. Winslow was determined to command the Kearsarge he was unable to get much more than eight knots out of her.

The vessel measured two hundred and ten feet four inches in length and twenty feet in beam. She had a tonnage of 1,016 tons. She was rigged, having inches. A beam of thirty feet ten inches. She was built in the yard at Portsmouth, N. H., at a cost of \$274,814.90.

Exposed the Trick. An amusing incident recently occurred at a town in the south of France, during the visit of a circus. One of the chief attractions of the show was a troupe of performing dogs, and after they had gone through various feats, their trainer announced that Azor, the most accomplished of them all, would favor the audience with a piano-forte solo. Accordingly Azor mounted the chair and struck up "Marsellaise." At this moment some one in the audience shouted "Bats!" and the dog, in his effort to get down, fell on his back. This created great laughter, which doubled when it was noticed that the piano went on playing, thus revealing the trick that had been perpetrated.

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FAVORS WESTERN IDEAS.

The Chinese Viceroy Showing That He Believes in the Value of Education.

Li Hung-Chang has given one more instance of his readiness to adopt western ideas where they may some day add to China's power to cope with the foreigner on the field and at sea by the building of a large medical college, which he opened recently at Tientsin, in connection with the naval service. This, says a writer in the New York Herald, is the first institution of the kind ever established in the empire. It was started by the Chinese government, which, despite its craze for western arms, and foreign ships of war, has hitherto made no provision whatever for treating its wounded. The college is upon an extensive scale and will be under the charge of a distinguished graduate of Dublin university, who was selected for the post by the late Sir A. Clarke. The establishment of the college is largely due to the personal efforts of Dr. Irwin, the viceroy's medical attendant, and to a talented Canadian lady, Dr. King, who exercised much influence upon the late viceroy. The viceroy, who is now Sir A. Clarke, the establishment of the college is largely due to the personal efforts of Dr. Irwin, the viceroy's medical attendant, and to a talented Canadian lady, Dr. King, who exercised much influence upon the late viceroy.

A DOUBLE BASS CLUB.

Seems to Avoid Logging the Big Bull. A gold-laced person got on a crowded Brooklyn trolley car and hung a bass drum over the brake-handle, says the New York World. The car lurched and the man next to him stepped on the gold-laced person's toes, and, being thus introduced, began a conversation about the drum.

"Heap of bother carrying a drum around, isn't it?" "Yes, but not so much as a double bass, one of these big bass fiddles, you know—bull-fiddles!" "Are they much trouble?" "Well, they are a little. All the fellows that play the double bass in Brooklyn with one of these New York you have to get a permit to carry one, just the same as if it was a concealed weapon. Once, here in Brooklyn, I'd have to take a carriage for it. But now I belong to a double bass club."

"Have pretty good times, I suppose?" "You get together and smoke and have some beer and play solos on your double basses."

The gold-laced man looked down and laughed silently. Well, it is kind of funny to think of a lot of men sitting around and playing solos about two o'clock before the singing voice. "Voom! voom!"

"No," said he after a bit. "All the fellows that play the double bass in Brooklyn with one of these New York you have to get a permit to carry one, just the same as if it was a concealed weapon. Once, here in Brooklyn, I'd have to take a carriage for it. But now I belong to a double bass club."

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The largest piece of cut glass ever made in America, was lately on exhibition in New York. It was made at the pioneer cut-glass factory of the United States, now about forty years old. The piece weighed seventy pounds before it was decorated and lost about twenty pounds in the cutting. It is a punch bowl, eighteen inches high, and twenty-four inches in diameter. The actual cost of production was nearly four hundred dollars and five men were busied five days in decorating it.

It has long been an acknowledged fact that the French nation does not waste much time in lamentation when her husband arrives at the period where clubs and stag dinners are more inviting to him than her society, says the New York World. But the regularly organized club to beguile time on such occasions is comparatively new. Such one has recently been formed by a group of artists and literary men, who hold a monthly gathering which they call the dinner des conteaux. The ladies have, therefore, dubbed their dinner des fourchettes, and it takes place on the same night at the house of each member in turn, who alone, on the occasion, is permitted to invite friends not belonging to the society. One rule laid down is that the conteaux are to come to fetch their wives—the fourchettes—after eleven o'clock in the evening.

WHAT WAS ON HIS MIND.

The Hartford Post records a striking instance of preoccupation which occurred in that city not long ago: A teacher in one of the public schools asked her pupils to write a sentence containing the pronoun "I." A small colored boy responded thus: "My mother made a shortcake. It was so short I didn't get any of it."

IN STRANGE LANDS.

People never think of whistling in Iceland. It's a violation of the divine law.

The mahogany boards produced from a single tree recently cut down in Honduras were sold in Europe for eleven thousand dollars.

Is the far north sun remains above the horizon seven weeks at a time, hence the term "midnight" sun has been applied to it by travelers.

LABRADOR, a country which we always associate with arctic snowdrifts, icebergs, etc., has nine hundred species of flowering plants, fifty-nine ferns and over two hundred and fifty species of mosses and lichens.

IN SOUTH AFRICA the kafir servants have formed a union which the members have to give a "character" for their mistress. No member is allowed to enter upon a situation unless the mistress characterizes the mistress of the house as satisfactory.

POSTAL NOTES.

PROBORS were employed in the mail service in Bible times.

PENNSYLVANIA has 463 postmistresses. In the United States they number near 6,000.

ONCE in every eight years all locks on the United States mail bags are changed to insure safety.

If Ireland gets home rule it is quite probable a new set of postage stamps for use in the country, and distinctively Irish, will be issued. Mr. Gladstone tells the Philadelphia Journal that this matter "will be one for the consideration of the Irish government."

A NEW stamp is to be issued in Great Britain of the value of 4½ pence—9 cents—to be available for all postal, telegraphic and revenue purposes. It will be the first stamp issued of this value, and its issuance is called for by the new features of telegraph and postal-post business.

ASTRONOMICAL FACTS.

ASTRONOMERS claim that in the planet Neptune the temperature reaches nine hundred below zero.

The Bruce telescope, built in Cambridgeport, Mass., and which is now nearly ready for mounting, will be set up by Prof. Pickering, of Harvard university, at Arequipa, Peru, in the heart of the Andes, the most eligible spot for the purpose in the universe.

The star Alcyone is so remote from the earth that the light which now arrives at our eyes, even though it speeds on its way at the rate of one hundred and eighty thousand miles a second, has not improbably taken a century or more than a century to reach us.

The reddish color of Mars is thought by Herschel to be due to an ochry tinge in the soil; by others it is attributed to peculiarities of the atmosphere and clouds. Lambert suggests that the color of the vegetation on Mars may be red instead of green.

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