

HOAXING A BRITISH FLEET.

Stupid Irishman Baffled the English Sailors.
An amusing story is told of the hoaxing of a British fleet by "a stupid Irishman" during the recent naval maneuvers. It appears that during an attack on Bero Island by some of the vessels of the "B" fleet the officer at the Hut received instructions from Castletown coast-guard station to gather up all diagrams and secret plans, send a man away with the same to hide in a cave, and on no account to let them fall into the enemy's hands. With the remainder of his crew he was then to show out until the last. In the meantime an attacking force of eighteen men and an officer had been landed, which reached to the Hut and secured its surrender. All search for the secret papers, however, proved useless, and the men at the Hut maintained a profound silence to all interrogations, until the afternoon one of the men of the Castletown coast-guard station had been sent to Bero Island with the news of the men. Upon arrival there he succeeded at once to the Hut (having previously disguised himself) and found himself surrounded by the invaders who wanted to know his business. He was an old naval pensioner, stating that he was native, and was trying with the help of his small pension, make a living on the island by cutting and selling turf. He had provided himself with a turf-cutting spade in order to give color to his story.

The sailors of the invading party were very sympathetic, and advised him to go to England, where he would be sure of getting work in one of the naval dockyards. After getting the invaders into a good humor he immediately went in search of the man with secret documents in his possession. On the aid of some of the Islanders found the man he was in search of, from him all the documents which he hid in two baskets of turf, and returned to the Hut. This time the sub-lieutenant in charge of the invaders took him in hand and closely questioned him with a view to obtain more reliable information regarding his defences, but all to no purpose, for the sub-lieutenant dismissed the man, with the remark that he was the stupid Irishman that he had ever met. Little did the officer imagine that the supposed stupid Irishman was a very man they wanted, as at the time he had in his possession all the documents the invaders were searching for.

During the night the enemy's flotilla left Berehaven, going west, disconnecting the telephone at the Hut before leaving.—Westminster Gazette.

PLEASANT SUMMER HOUSE.

something that the Children Will Thoroughly Enjoy.
A nice little summer house may be constructed from an old umbrella and a stump of a tree. Sometimes this stump is planted full of vines and flowers and then it is a thing of beauty, but often it is left unadorned and ugly. Some little girls made a nice abode for themselves this summer boring a hole in the middle of the



A COZY LITTLE SPOT.

ump in their yard and putting down into the hole the handle of an old red umbrella, whose best days had gone by. Stout twine had been tied on each point of the umbrella and fastened to a peg driven in the ground near the stump. Then vines were planted, which crept up these pillars of twine, making just the nicest little retreat imaginable for a hot day.

A Chivalrous Urchin.
The first specimen of true manly chivalry—the very pattern of a small knight who holds the rights of his lady loved—was encountered the other day in a Cambridge kindergarten. The teacher discovered that a very small boy, not more than 5 years old, was chewing gum, and she ordered him out and bade him disgorge it.

"I can't," he said.
"You can't?" she answered in surprise. "Why, yes, you can, and you must."

"No, I can't," he persisted, and kept the gum in his mouth.
"Now, why can't you give me that gum, Johnny?" the teacher asked.

"Because," said Johnny, stonily, "it belongs to a little girl in Somerville."

"Don't leave the table," said the kindly, as her new boarder rose from his scanty breakfast. "I must, madam; it's hard wood, and my teeth are not what they used to be."—Tit-Bits.

In the Horseless Future.

The following is the Chicago Tribune's prognostication: "What was the matter with that cab driver you were called to see last week?" asked Doctor Squillie. "As nearly as I can describe his case," answered Doctor Kallomel, "it is automobileness."

The Isthmus of Panama.

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His Head's Course.

On the second day out one of the sailors on a White Star steamer had a bad fall and sustained a severe cut on his head. One of the ladies on board was very solicitous about him, and inquired of the captain that evening how he was doing. Rough weather came on, and she was compelled to forget the wounded sailor in her own suffering. Four days later, when she emerged white and weak, from her stateroom, she saw the poor sailor with a strip of plaster on his forehead. "How is your head?" she asked, kindly, as he passed by on some duty. "West by south, m'am," was the reply, delivered with respectful but hasty clearness, and he was gone.

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The Word Splitter Squelched.

They were gazing across the lake. "It looks like rain," said the man who was reckless with his English.

"What looks like rain?" coldly inquired the word splitter.

"Water," said the reckless man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Pico della Mirandola, a learned Italian of the 15th century, was eloquent in 22 languages, and M. Fulgence Fresnel was familiar with 20.

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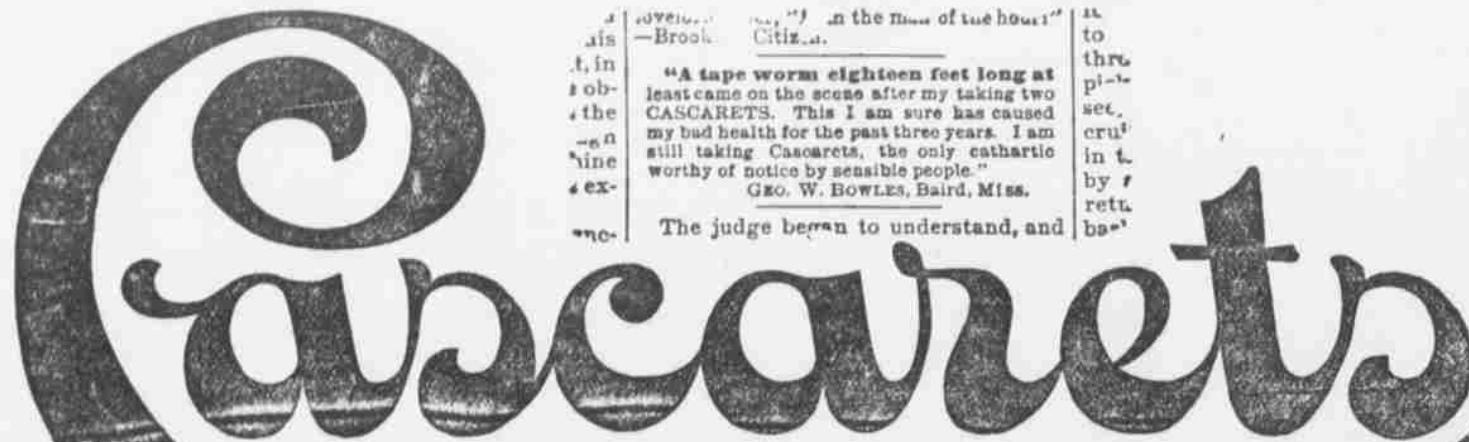
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