

LIFE ON A FIGHTING SHIP.

Not as Monotonous as It Once Was for the American Naval Officer.

Wardroom life aboard American men-of-war has greatly changed with the growth of the new navy. The bigger ships of to-day carry more officers than those of twenty years ago, and the hastened promotion of the last five years has changed somewhat the character of the personnel in the wardroom. The officer who presides at the head of the wardroom table is no longer a grizzled veteran who has eaten his heart out with twenty years of monotonous service in the grades below lieutenant-commander. Bearded ensigns 30 years of age and drawing pay that barely enables them to live no longer haunt the ships of the United States navy, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Promotion and command come earlier, and men who even ten years ago would have been seated well toward the foot of the wardroom table now dine in the lone dignity of the cabin. With the fuller table of the wardroom there is more variety of character and conversation and with greater activity everywhere throughout the service men have livelier interests. Old stories are not heard so frequently, and men do not harden into set peculiarities of views and manner as they did when promotion was slow and duty, from being the same for long years together, was dull and insipid.

Some things remain, however, much as they were, because tradition is powerful in the navy. Chaff? Yes, a good deal of it as of yore. There is always some man in the twenty or more who live in the wardroom keen enough to penetrate the most secretive of his fellows and discover their lurking weakness. Once discovered, that weakness is a proper subject for chaff. The freshness of "the young doctor," the indolence of the paymaster, the susceptibility of the junior lieutenant, are subjects that furnish unending amusement when conversation runs low. On the whole, the chaff of the new navy is fresher, and less monotonous than that of the old, because there is a wider range of individual peculiarities.

Wardroom hospitality is of the old flavor, though perhaps the increased variety of wardroom life makes the landsman a little less welcome as a dispeller of monotony. It is a singularly hearty and courteous reception, however, that awaits the guest in the bowels of the great iron pots in which American naval officers now go to sea. The presence of a guest always carries with it certain privileges. Then it is a matter of course that the executive officer at the head of the table nods in the affirmative when the request is made that smoking be permitted after dinner. Ordinarily the smoking is done on deck above hatches, but a landsman may be supposed to find it more agreeable not to leave his seat at table when the time to smoke arrives.

The landsman's breeding is put to a pretty test when he becomes a guest aboard ship, and the officers are quick to detect the fact that the visitor has failed to realize that the wardroom is both drawing room and dining room, and to comport himself accordingly. He may not feel any marked coolness in the attitude of those with whom he is dining, but his individual host is likely to hear something from his messmates that will prevent the reappearance of the offensive guest. The visitor who makes no mistakes and has something to say worth hearing is sure of a welcome, and is made to see that he is the guest not only of the officer who brings him on board, but of every denizen of the wardroom. To the guest the talk of the table is likely to be fresh and interesting, no matter how trite it may be to some of his hosts. Nobody objects to an old story so long as the guest seems to relish it, though after his departure ample revenge may be taken upon the offender.

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