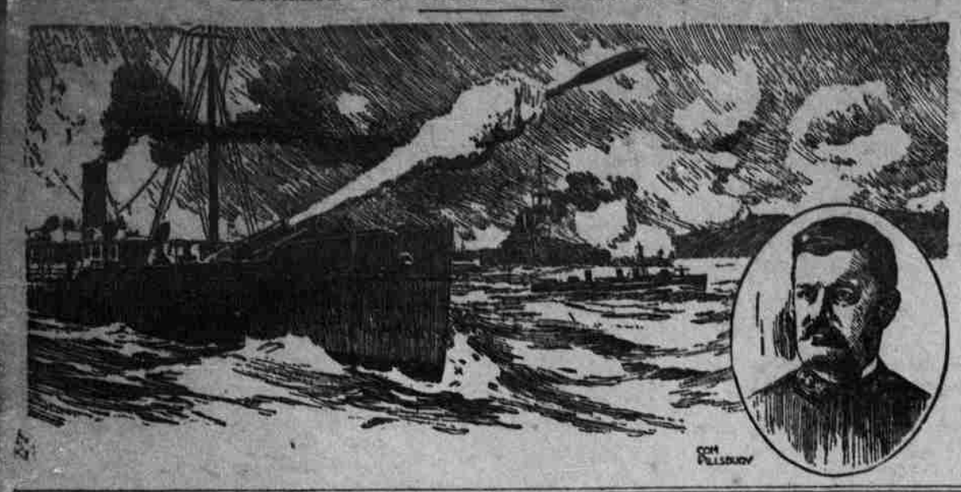
DYNAMITE GUN VESSEL VESUVIUS IN ACTION.



TARGET FOR ALL EYES.

The Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius May Revolutionize Naval Warfare.

The naval authorities of the world are anxiously watching the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, that tiny craft whose pneumatic guns did such terrible execution at Santiago. The Vesuvius is in a class by herself; there is no other vessel like her in the world. This is the first time in the history of warfare that high explosives have been used in pneumatic guns and the success that attended the trials of the Vesuvius at Santiago will in all probability revolutionize the construction of warships. With

REGULATING THE PRESSURE.

a greater range of fire, which it is believed by experts can and will be obtained by improvements in pneumatic guns, the Vesuvius, or a vessel carrying similar guns, would be more than a match for the best battleship afloat.

The Vesuvius was built by Cramps at Philadelphia in 1886 and was accepted by the government and placed in commission four years later. Its armament consists of three pneumatic guns, which are in the forward part of the vessel. The guns are built into the vessel, which acts as a movable gun carriage. Their muzzles are carried forward and project above the deck, near the bow, at an elevation of 18 degrees. They are made of thin cast iron, are 15 inches in diameter, and are 54 feet long. They are not rifled, the vanes upon the projectile being relied upon to give the desired axial rotation. The full-sized shells for the guns are 14¾ inches in diameter and about 7 feet long. A tail is fitted at the end of the shell with spiral vanes, which secures its alignment and rotation. They are designed to carry a charge of 150 to 200 pounds of dynamite or guncotton, and the effect of the latter charge the results at Santiago attest. Experts say that if one of these giant shells exploded within twenty feet of an armored vessel, a large section of the hull would disappear.

The shells are hurled from the guns by compressed air and so powerful is this force that they can be sent with accuracy a distance of two and a half miles. The air is compressed into reservoirs containing a large number of wrought iron tubes. Each shot that is fired at a mile range takes 150 pounds of air.

The guns are loaded and handled with ease. Under the rear of each gun are two "revolvers," each containing five chambers for the shells. When the

LOADING THE GUNS.

gun is to be loaded the breech is unfastened and falls on a pivot at the extreme rear end. The opening in the gun comes directly in line with the lowest chamber in the "revolver." A hydraulic ram pushes the shell forward into the breech, which is at once swung upward, completing the continuity of the barrel. The "revolver" is thus turned forward one division so as to be ready to supply the next shell. Hydraulic power is used to execute all the maneuvers. The complete armament of each gun is ten projectiles.

When the gun is to be fired the air is admitted to the chamber by means of a valve. The distance that the shell will be thrown depends upon the amount of air admitted into the pneumatic tube, which is controlled by the valve. The firing can take place as rapidly as the shells can be loaded into the tubes.

The Vesuvius is particularly well adapted for blowing up mines by exploding dynamite shells in the mine fields. A shot from one of her guns, it is estimated, will set off every mine within a radius of fifty feet from the point where the shell explodes. The great weakness of the Vesuvius lies in its armor, which is but 3-16 of an inch thick and could easily be pierced by a shell. The impact would be liable to set off the dynamite on board the vessel and that would be the last of the Vesuvius and the nervy men who man her. The destroyer is designed principally for night attacks, stealing up under cover of the darkness, noiselessly discharging a few shells and then rushing back, at a high rate of speed, out of harm's way.

LIEUTENANT VICTOR BLUE.

Went Ashore at Santiago, Traveled 72 Miles, and Spied Cervera's Fleet.

Lieutenant Victor Blue, whose bold tour of Santiago de Cuba Bay won for him high praise from Admiral Sampson, has taken his place beside Hobson, Rowan, Fremont and the other young men who have distinguished themselves in the war with Spain. Blue made a tour around the bay of seventy miles, and counted the four armored cruisers and the two torpedo boat destroyers of Cervera's famous armada. Young Blue had no lack of exciting adventures after Sampson's ships got into Cuban waters. He was in charge of the Suwanee (the transformed Mayflower) when hostilities began, and he accompanied the Gussie on her expedition. The Suwanee, backed up by the

LIEUTENANT VICTOR BLUE.

gunboat Newport, tried to entice the Spaniards into a fight, but they refused the bait. Blue's boat ran on a reef near Cape Francis, and would have made an easy prey for the Spaniards. She did not get away until after twelve hours had passed. Blue ran the gantlet of five Spanish gunboats, and reached the outposts of General Gomez, where he planted the American flag. On his return from his hazardous expedition around Santiago Bay he brought with him a copy of a Santiago newspaper. His daring trip into the very homes of the Spanish set at rest the fiction that the Cape Verde fleet was not bottled up in the little bay.

GROWING FAR FROM HOME.

Beautiful Tropical Plant Which Grows Off the Coast of England.

The breezy isles of Scilly, just off the Cornwall and Devonshire coast of England, are almost an eighth wonder of the world in regard to the remarkable way in which tropical plants flourish on them. In the spring London is buried under the daffodils and Arum lilies from these fragrant bits in the sea, and the flora of Australia, New Zealand, Algeria, Mexico and South Africa is lavishly represented in the northern islands. Tree ferns, the curious eucalyptus and groups of flowering dracaenas abound, but probably no foreign plant reaches a higher degree of perfection

ALOES IN BLOOM.

than does the tall aloe, which is particularly beautiful about the quaint old church on Tresco island, where the lord proprietor has his home.

Disproved the Slander.

There is a Mexican bull fighter—El Curita—whose enemies have made the statement against him that he had been beaten by a woman. He denied this and notified the local newspapers that the actual facts were that he had knocked the woman down four times with a chair. Moreover, he had been sentenced to jail, but his eight-day sentence had been commuted on the payment of a fine, which he construed

"UNCLE REMUS."

Joel Chandler Harris Began Life as a Printers' "Devil."

Mr. Harris will always be known, first and foremost, as the author of the "Uncle Remus" tales. Few men make two literary hits in one lifetime. It was genius that induced this Southern newspaper writer to give the world the negro folk tales which he had heard as a boy about the wide, old-fash-

MR. J. C. HARRIS.

ioned fireplace. It was literary instinct of a high order which enabled him to reproduce so perfectly the dialect of the Southern negro and at the same time make it clear to one who never lived in the South. Since "Uncle Remus" gave Harris a world-wide fame he has written many stories, all of which are marked by perfect simplicity and clearness of style and by admirable character-drawing. One long story he has essayed, but it was not a success. It will interest young writers to know that Mr. Harris' favorite book, when he was a boy, was "The Vicar of Wakefield," and that he read Goldsmith's story so often that even now he can repeat many pages of it. He began life as a printer's boy at 12 years of age, and it was at the printer's case, like Ben Franklin, that he first felt the impulse to put his thoughts into writing.

KING OF GUIDES.

Famous Old Swiss Who Piloted Many Travelers Over the Alps.

Of all the guides who have helped American travelers to love the Alps the chief, perhaps, was Christian Almer. He was the king of his tribe. He enjoyed his calling, and pursued it from boyhood with the zeal of an artist.

Until he was quite an old man the famous old Swiss was actively engaged in "guiding." His eye was keen, his foot sure, his judgment unerring and his delight in crossing the most difficult

CHRISTIAN ALMER AND HIS WIFE.

of the passes and mounting the steepest of the peaks was great long after most guides have retired to the chimney corner and given their business up to their sons. Almer lived at Grindelwald in Switzerland. He was photographed there a year ago with his wife on their golden wedding day. He died recently.

The Soldiers' Good-By.

She bravely bade her Horace good-by,
That girl with the auburn hair,
And smiled through the tear that dimmed her eye,
That girl with the auburn hair,
And she kissed him, and kissed him, and kissed him,
That girl with the auburn hair,
And kissed him, and kissed him, and kissed him,
And kissed him, and kissed him, and kissed him,
And his soldier comrades had to assist him
To leave that girl so fair.
—Chicago Tribune.

Another Powerful Anaesthetic.

According to the British and Colonial Druggist a Russian chemist has discovered a most powerful anaesthetic. It is several thousand times more powerful than chloroform, volatilizes powerfully and acts, when freely mixed with air at great distances. Experiments are being made at St. Petersburg to see if it cannot be inclosed in bombs, which would have the extraordinary effect of anaesthetizing instead of wounding the enemy.

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In treating the tin summer fabrics, says St. Paul's, the up-to-date modistes have hit on the happy plan of closely tucking the upper part of the skirt from the waist to above the knee, whence the material hangs full and free round the feet. The style is well expressed in a green and white foulard, the top of the skirt vertically tucked, the hem finished with two narrow pinked-out ruches of white silk. The bodice, something of the shape of a mess jacket, was entirely tucked, and opened over a pretty vest of white silk, adorned with green ribbon embroidery. The sleeves of the green and white foulard were tucked from shoulder to wrist, and ended with bell cuffs lined with white silk.

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The most ancient coin in Europe, the ducia, was first struck in the mint of Venice in the year 1284. The building is still in existence.

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Opium eating has become a habit with the Kaffirs in South Africa. The Chinese are the chief purveyors of the drug.

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Cobetz di Vaca explored the Gila river country in 1535, and reported that the natives were dressed in cotton garments.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Mifflinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1895.

The highest waterfall in the world is Cholock cascade, at Yosemite, Cal., which is 2,635 feet high, or just half a mile.

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Centennial of Electricity.

A centennial of electricity will be celebrated at Como, Italy, the birthplace of Volta, from May to October, 1899. It is understood that everything pertaining to the advancement of electricity will be represented. At the same time an electrical congress of the world's prominent electrical engineers will be held.

A new German antiseptic, called protargol, is a compound of silver and protien. A one per cent solution is reported to destroy the bacteria of anthrax and enteric fever.

A French journal states that among the recent uses which have been discovered for acetylene gas is a motor which has special advantages for use in automobile vehicles.

Clocks can be accurately leveled by a new shelf, which has a fixed wall plate supporting a pivoted, adjustable shelf, with levels in the top, to be set by thumb screws on the under side.

Matches Without Phosphorus.

The Belgian government has scattered broadcast over the world an announcement that a prize of 50,000 f. ($9,650) would be awarded to the originator of a scheme by which matches may be made without phosphorous. The competition is international and the matches must ignite on any surface. It is open until January 1, 1899, and competitors must furnish a quantity of the material as well as 10,000 matches. All communications and packages will be addressed to M. Woeste, state minister, president of the committee, department of industry and labor, No. 2 Rue Laterale, Brussels. These communications and packages can be forwarded any time from now until the first of January, 1899. The inventors whose matches fulfill the aforesaid conditions under title B will have to give proof that the industrial manufacture of said matches is practicable. They must pledge themselves to the manufacture of at least 1,000,000 matches on Belgian territory, in some place designated by agreement between the inventor and the committee, and in the presence of the committee or a delegation of the committee.

THE CLIMATE OF CUBA.

Because of frequent rains in Cuba malarial fevers are a common ailment there, just as they are in many sections of the United States. Ailments of this kind, no matter in what part of the globe they occur, are quickly cured with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Besides being a specific for malarial troubles, these Bitters also make pure blood, strong nerves and muscles, and firm, healthy flesh. They have no equal for dyspepsia and constipation.

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Modern Methods in the Old World.

The lighting of the tombs in the interior of the pyramids and the outlining of the tops of the pyramids with arc lamps has brought home to Western minds the fact that electricity is rapidly being adopted in the far Eastern countires. The Western Electrician in a recent issue states that electric lighting, especially for household purposes, is rapidly progressing in Egypt. It is offered at cheap rates, and is far preferable in the Egyptian climate to the very ordinary quality of gas supplied by the gas company at Cairo, which has been granted a concession to supply electric light. Only two trains on the government railway are at present equipped with electric lights, but other installations are proposed. The gas company mentioned has contracted to light all Cairo by electricity in lieu of gas, and it is confidently expected that Alexandria will soon adopt the same method.

Burglars, by boring a large hole in a door of the courthouse at Impendhl, Natal, gained admittance, smashed open the safe and carried off 700 pounds sterling of native hut-tax money just collected.—Natal Mercury.

No parental care ever falls to the lot of a single member of the insect tribe. In general the eggs of an insect are destined to be hatched long after the parents are dead, so that most insects are born orphans.

STORIES OF RELIEF.

Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS, Englishtown, N. J., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot begin to tell you how I suffered before taking your remedies. I was so weak that I could hardly walk across the floor without falling. I had womb trouble and such a bearing-down feeling; also suffered with my back and limbs, pain in womb, inflammation of the bladder, piles and indigestion. Before I had taken one bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great deal better, and after taking two and one-half bottles and half a box of your Liver Pills I was cured. If more would take your medicine they would not have to suffer so much."

MRS. JOSEPH PETERSON, 513 East St., Warren, Pa., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement and displacement of the womb. I had the backache constantly, also headache, and was so dizzy. I had heart trouble, it seemed as though my heart was in my throat at times choking me. I could not walk around and I could not lie down, for then my heart would beat so fast I would feel as though I was smothering. I had to sit up in bed nights in order to breathe. I was so weak I could not do anything.

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