SEA SLUG STORIES

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tell.

Well, to go back to the monitor. We all went aboard and were given breakfast. In the ward room one of the officers told us some interesting things about their work.

"These tubs," he explained, referring to the monitors, "are not armored. We carry heavy guns forward, and the barbette is the only part of the craft that is protected by armor plate.

"All along the coast we have buoys anchored to mark fire positions. We cruise along, pick up one of the buoys and let go a few shots. Of course/we know the range and where the German forts and batteries are, although we can't see them. Sometimes we have hydroplanes observing for us, so that we can tell whether we're on the target, but we have been doing it so long and we have the const so well plotted and the buoys so carefully planted that it's mostly a matter of mathematics.

"It's all very impersonal. We drop a few shells into a harbor or fort, then move on to a new position and drop a few more.

"The Germans don't seem to have any planes along the coast here, and they aren't able to reply with any accuracy whatever, for they can't see us, as we always pick a day with a slight mist or haze or operate at nigut

"But the other day we dropped down the coast for a little party, when all of a sudden, after our first shot, a shell plumped into the water just beyond us. We let go another, and the second German shell fell just a little short. Both were in line.

"We thought it was luck, so we moved to a new position. The same thing happened, only this time one shell came on board and did some damage and hurt some of our crew. Of course we thought the Huns must have some planes up giving the batteries our range, but we couldn't spot one anywhere. This sort of thing kept up all morning until it became positively uncanny. The day was heavy with fog, making aerial observation difficult.

How the Germans Got the Range.

"Then an officer who had been an observer in the Russo-Japanese war explained it. The Japanese had used a system at Port Arthur to locate some hidden Russian batteries that this chap said the Germans must be employing, and I guess he was right. In fact, we know now that he was. How we confirmed our original opinion I

"Every one familiar with the principles of artillery fire knows that a shell does not travel in a straight line. It travels in a curve called the trajectory. certain angle and fire it and the trajectory will always be practically the



After Our First Shot a Shell Plumped Into the Water Just Beyond Us.

same. The curve varies constantly, becoming steeper as the velocity of the shell decreases and it begins to be affected more and more by gravity.

The Mathematics of It.

"Now, what the Germans had done was this. They erected a series of gauze screens-at least three-between us and a battery which we were accustomed to shell. To hit the target our shells must pass through these screens. Electrical timing devices indicated the length of time the projectile required to travel between the screens, and of course the distance was already

"This gave the Germans the velocity of the shell when it reached the screen. The holes it made in the screens gave them three or more points in the curve. This enabled them to plot a section of the curve. They could tell from the explosion the size of the shell approximately This would enable them to know Jaroct y with which the shell would leave the gun.

"With these elements-a section of Office Ground Floor the trajectory, the velocity of the shell when it reached the screens and a knowledge of the initial velocity of a ecrtain sized shell-they had more than enough data to figure out exactly where the projectile came from.

"In fact, they could check themselves on it, because they could plot the whole curve from the section they had with their knowledge of the velocity, and they could figure the straight distance from the velocity of the shell when it reached the screens and the velocity they knew it must have when it left the muzzle of the cannon on board the monitor.

"The best proof that the system worked was the fact that, no matter where we moved to, their shots straddled us, and besides the one which came on board us one of our other ships got a shell in the boiler room."

Well, somebody's always taking the joy out of life, as we say in America. After mess we left the monitor, the

little damage which had been done the M. L. that ran up on the shelf baving been repaired. Before we went down over the rim of the horizon we saw our friend the monitor steaming as fast as she could go toward some vessels flying the Dutch flag.

"D- all neutrals anyway." said the Brass Hat. He didn't mean that there was anything particularly reprehensible in being neutral, but if there were no neutrals we'd always know who to fire on and who not to. The trouble is that a lot of ships are cruising around under neutral flags and cattering mines in their wake.

"We're always nervous when we're in waters a neutral has just traversed, Down at Dover- But I'm getting ahead of myself. I will tell about what happened at Dover in my next article.

The fourth and concluding article of this series will appear soon. It is en-

No. 4 .- The Dangers of Dover.

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