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—chapter xx, on Nervines and Nerve
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OUR NEW BIG GUN.

It is the Most Powerful Weapon in
the World.

Undoubtedly the most spectacular
feature in connection with the new 16
inch United States seacoast defense
gun is its enormous range, which is es-
timated at 21 miles, or, to be exact,
20,978 miles. This theoretical range has
been calculated by Major James M. In-
galls, Fifth United States School For
Officers at Fort Monroe, Va.

A firing table for the gun prepared by
Major Ingalls shows that the above
range is obtainable with a muzzle ve-
locity of 2,300 feet per second, with the
necessary angle of elevation of the
piece. The trajectory of the projectile
shows that in ranging to 20,978 miles
the shell would reach the maximum
elevation of 30,516 feet.

This is enormously greater than the
maximum range hitherto obtained by
any other gun, which at present stands
to the credit of a Krupp 9.45 inch gun
fired on the Meppen range in the pres-
ence of the emperor of Germany in
1892. The measured range was found
to be 22,129 yards, or, roughly speak-
ing, 12½ miles. The greatest height
reached by the Krupp shell in its flight
was 21,450 feet, and the time occupied
between the firing of the gun and the
striking of the projectile was 79.2 sec-
onds.

It was pointed out that had this gun
been placed at Pre St. Didier, in the
Alps, elevated to 44 degrees and fired
its shell would have ranged 80,568 feet
higher than Mont Blanc, and its fall
would have been in the neighborhood of
Chamonix, on the other side of the
range.

This performance, great as it was, be-
comes positively insignificant compar-
ed with the capabilities of the new
United States army gun. With the ex-
treme height of trajectory of 30,516
feet, or over 5½ miles, the projectile
would in its flight rise higher than the
combined heights of Mont Blanc and
Pike's Peak, measuring, respectively,
15,779 feet and 14,083 feet.

The total length of the gun is 49 feet
3 inches. The diameter of the rear por-
tion is 60 inches, while the forward
part gradually diminishes to 28 inches
at the muzzle. The length of main bore
is 37 feet 4½ inches. The cylindrical
part of the powder chamber is 10.7
inches long, with a diameter of 18.9
inches. The weight of the gun is 126
tons.—Cassier's Magazine.

America Is Europe's Foe.

The European sees in America a
competitor who, while refusing to buy,
throws her wares on every market, and
who, while she drives the peasant
from his land, reduces the profits of
industry which support the wage ear-
ners of the town. Most ominous of all,
he marks a rapidly growing power,
which, while it undersells his mines,
closes to him every region of the wide
earth where he might find minerals
adapted to its needs. Lying like a
colossus across the western continent,
with her ports on either ocean, with
China opposite and South America at
her feet, the United States bars Euro-
pean expansion. South America and
China are held to be the only accessi-
ble regions which certainly contain the
iron, coal and copper which Europe
seeks, and the United States is deter-
mined that if she can prevent it South
America and China shall not be used
as bases for hostile competition. Re-
garding South America her declara-
tions are explicit, and during the last
12 months her actions in Asia have
spoken more emphatically than words.
—Brooks Adams in Atlantic.

Most Growsome Room in the World

Any one entering for the first time
this curious charnel house, not being
accustomed to the sights presented,
would perhaps suffer a shock to the
nerves which might result in a hasty
departure to a less unearthly neigh-
borhood.

Everywhere the eye turns in this
strange "bonerom" symbols of mor-
tality start into relief. But it is on
the large table against the south wall

that death veritably sits enthroned.
In the middle, heaped in a mound,
bones from all parts of the human
frame are surmounted by a skull. Here
a hand, there a crippled foot, a cran-
ium hollowed into a drinking cup—
oddities of all grisly shapes surround
the mound.

In a chair to the right sits a skeleton
in leisurely attitude, leaning one arm



upon the table as he watches the
skeletons over which the sun dances.
The name of the room is
spelled above the door in let-
ters made of finger bones. Crossing
and recrossing the room at logs of
bones interlace. Ribs alternate
with the slender bones of fingers and toes. Up
and down the walls, like ghastly white
serpents, crawl coils of vertebrae. Arm
and leg bones, with highly polished
surfaces, are hung on the cupboard
doors.

William Flater, a trained nurse, who
has charge of the dissecting rooms of
the Flower Homeopathic hospital and
medical college, New York, is the artist
whose eccentric inspiration is account-
able for the fantastic arrangement of
this remarkable display of human
anatomy. The apartment is officially
known as the demonstrator's room.
By the students it is called the "bone-
room." It was fitted up by Mr. Flater
as a practical optical object lesson in
comparative anatomy and is probably
the most weird and growsome apart-
ment in the world.

Improving Poor Fields.

Every season attempts should be
made to improve some portions of the
farm so that the soil will show the
highest standard of productivity.
There are crops which must be raised
on every farm which leave the soil
much poorer in fertility when they are
harvested. Systems of rotation may
tend to counteract this evil and keep
the general average of the fertility
good, but in spite of this there will be
a gradual decline unless special efforts
are directed toward the improvement
of the soil. This can best be done by
selecting certain fields or field each
year and making a point to raise the
standard of fertility of that section.
By thus changing off one goes over the
whole farm in the course of a few
years and makes the soil all of a high
standard.

The Parisian Jingo.

A Paris paper recently announced
that La Borgas was dead in compara-
tive poverty in some remote French
village. Not one in a hundred could
associate the name with any reminis-
cence, and yet 30 years ago she was
the "Jingarde" (if there is such a
word of Paris, as was Maedermott
"Jingo" of London. When hopes were
at the lowest La Borgas would ap-
pear in the streets and after announc-
ing a big French victory over the Prus-
sians drive about Paris waving the tri-
color and yelling patriotic songs.

Gigantic Oregon Mushrooms.

Oregon beats the world for rosy
checked girls, big red apples, roses, big
cherries, long timbers and lots of other
things, including edible mushrooms.
Two specimens, the latter of the spe-
cies "Lautinus monstrosus," were
found in the cellar of a resident of
Irvington. They made their presence
known by raising a pile of wood and
threatening to lift the house off its
foundation. They were secured by
William F. Woodward of Woodward,
Clarke & Co., who sent one of them to
Professor Sweetser of Forest Grove
and has placed the other on exhibition.
It is rather a formidable looking fun-
gus, the stem being two inches in
diameter and about ten inches long,
while the cap is the size of an ordinary
soup plate and about three inches in
thickness at the center. Such "vegeta-
bles" must not be grown under re-
straint of wood piles or anything else
short of an Egyptian pyramid, but
must be given space according to their
strength, which is something tremen-
dous.—Portland Oregonian.

H. Sengstacken.

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