I want to sing something-but this is all-I try and I try, but the rhymes are dull; As though they were damp, and the echoes fail Limp and unlovable.

Words will not say what I yearn to say— They will not walk as I want them to; But they stumble and fall in the path of the of my telling my love for you.

Simply take what the scrawl is worth-Knowing I love you as sup the soft Knowing I love you as sun the sod On the ripening side of the great round earth That swings in the smile of God. —James Whitcomb Riley.

A City Courtship. The proper place for courting,
By the story books' reporting,
Is some lane or meadow pathway, out of sight
of town;
With the sweetness blowing over
From the fields of beans and clover, And the skylark dropping nestward as the sun goes down.

But I've met my little Sall?
At the mouth of Dawson's elley,
And we've walked along together tow'rd the
dome of Paul's, 'Mid the jostly crowd that passes
'Neath the flaring lamps and gases,
And the shouting of the drivers and the news-

And the lily of the valley That I gave my little Sally Was the faded penny bouquet that a flower girl sells; She has never seen one growing, As it's easy to be showing.

For its birthplace is the Dreamland that's beyond Bow Bells.

Oh, it pains me in our walking-All the oaths and shameful talking, And the folks that brush her passing, and the glances bold! But though evil things may touch her,

They can never hurt or smutch her,
For she turns the dirt to sweetness, as a flower
does the mold. Nay, it's not in country places,
'Mid the fields and simple faces,
Out of sight and sound of evil, that a pure

heart grows; It is here in London city, In the sin and shame and pity: For the pure heart draws its pureness from the wrong it knows. When my Sally's sweetness found me,

I was like the men around me—
I was coarse and low and selfish as the beast that dies:
But her grace began to win me,
And my heart was changed within me,
And I learned to pray from gazing in my dar-

ling's eyes.
-Frederick Labryndge. Give Us Men of Brains. Yea, give us brains behind the plow, Behind the counter's hem; Set on the manufacturer's brow

Like royal diadem— Yea, give us men of brains! Of finer sense, of larger thought, Wherever manhood reigns— By all the pow'rs of learning fraught In might its kingship trains— Yea, give us men of brains!

For they survive when empires fade, When naught but dust remains To tell of lordly acolade On time's incipient gains— Yea, give us men of brains!

Brains for the mind, brains for the mart,

Brains for the home and Barri.
In consecration set apart
For princely coronal!
Yea, give us men of brains!
—Woman's Work.

The Great War Syndicate. By FRANK R. STOCKTON.

Author of "Rudder Grange," "Amos Kilbright," "The Bee Man of Orn," "The Christmas Wreck," "The Lady or the Ther." "The Late Mrs. Null." "The Mundredta Stan," "The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine," "The



FRANK R. STOCKTON. In the spring of a certain year, not far from the close of the Nineteenth century, when the political relations between the United States and Great Britain became so strained that careful observers on both sides of the Atlantic were forced to the belief that a serious break in these relations might be looked for at any time, the fishing schooner Eliza Drum sailed from a port in Maine for the banks

It was in this year that a new system of protection for American fishing vessels had been adopted in Washington. Every fleet of these vessels was accompanied by one or more United States cruisers, which remained on the fishing grounds, not only for the purpose of warning unwary American craft who might approach too near the three mile limit, but also to overlook the action of the British naval vessels on the coast, and to interfere, at least by protest, with such seizures of American fishing boats as might appear to be unjust. In the opinion of all persons of sober judgment affairs at this time so dangerous to the peace of the two countries as the pres-

The Eliza Drum was late in her arrival on the fishing grounds, and having, under orders from Washington, reported to the commander of the Lennehaha, the United States vessel in charge at that place, her captain and crew went vigorously to work to make up for lost time. They worked so vigorously and with eyes so single to the catching of fish, that on the morning of the day after their arrival they were hauling up cod at a point which, according to the two and three-quarters or three and onequarter miles from the Canadian coast.

the apparent extent of the marine mile | their people suffer. the Eliza Drum, a little before noon, was overhauled and seized by the Britdangerous position of the Eliza Drum, in a boat to the Dog Star to state the re- sirous of a war with England.

take the Eliza Drum into port. commander of the Lennehaha steamed anxious. closer to the Dog Star and informed her captain by means of a speaking trumpet, Canadian port, he would first have to sail over his ship. To this the captain of

Eliza Drum ran up a large American customed to occupying themselves with flag; in five minutes afterward the captain of the prize crew hauled it down; in they met together with closed doors, an additional outside armor, formed of allowed, and several American merless than ten minutes after this the Len- until they had matured the scheme which strips of elastic steel, each reaching from chantmen had been already captured by nehaha and the Dog Star were blazing at they had been considering. As soon as the gunwales nearly to the surface of fast British cruisers. each other with their bow guns. The this work was done, a committee was the water. These strips, about a foot

spark had been struck. The contest was not a long one. The the government. Dog Star was of much greater tonnage as prizes both the Eliza Drum and the Britain.

All that night, at every point in the and the next morning, when the regular and extra editions of the newspapers could afford to disregard. were poured out upon the land, the fire | The plan of the syndicate was compre burst into a roaring blaze. From lakes hensive, direct and simple. It offered to to gulf, from ocean to ocean, on mount-ain and plain, in city and prairie, it the war, and to effect a satisfactory peace roared and blazed. Parties, sections, within one year. As a guarantee that politics were all forgotten. Every Amerithis contract would be properly percan formed part of an electric system; formed, an immense sum of money the same fire flashed into every soul. No would be deposited in the treasury at matter what might be thought on the Washington. Should the syndicate be morrow, or in the coming days which might bring better understanding, this day the unreasoning fire blazed and anything it had done.

'hould do? Eliza Drum was within the three mile

from president to page, ventured to oppose the tempestuous demands of the people. The day for argument upon the naval forces of the United States should time the syndicate possessed several of exciting question had been a long and weary one, and it had gone by. In less weary one, and it had gone by. In less than a week the great shout of the peoda as a defensive force and not brought than a week the great shout of the peoda as a defensive force and not brought than a week the great shout of the peoda as a defensive force and not brought the part of them which large, and the only part of them wh exciting question had been a long and remain under the entire control of the them ready for action. against Great Britain.

When this had been done those who action necessary.

strong upon the nation.

editorial office came the cry: "On to Canada!" [Copyrighted by P. F. Collier, of Collier's Once a Week, and published by special arrangement with him through the American Press Association. All rights reserved.] into Canada was all well enough, and repair the losses which might be susthat army would probably do well enough. tained by the citizens of the various

the world. And this war had been de- contest fresh and well prepared.

Canada. States would be forced to defend her ately began.

high seas?

responsibility. A wrathful nation ex- profit, not only to the business enteropinion of all persons of sober judgment there was nothing in the condition of affairs at this time so dangerous to the peace of the two countries as the pressure of the two countries as the press ence of these American cruisers in the with the government, who saw the a dragging war, and to save themselves particles of objects on the surface of the was a much larger vessel than Repeller perilous features of the situation, and from the effects of it, were the promptbeing considered traitors and more will- dicate.

vent England from rapidly pouring into and effectively. nationality of the calculator, might be perhaps those of allied nations, these ments in the art of war had been thor-

ish cruiser Dog Star. A few miles From the interior there were clamors for mised in certain quarters that the syndiaway the Lennehaha had perceived the troops to be massed on the northern cate had secured possession of important and had started toward her to warn her there came a cry for ships that were and how they acted was a secret care- showed at any moment the position of to take a less doubtful position. But worthy to be called men-of-war; ships to fully guarded and protected. before she arrived the capture had taken place. When he reached the spot where place. When he reached the spot where place and bays; ships to the sea surface. The first step of the syndicate was to purchase from the United States governbefore the discovery control of the sea surface. the Eliza Drum had been fishing the were innumerable. There was no time ment ten war vessels. These were of commander of the Lennehaha made an to build, it was urged; the government medium size and in good condition, but entific men which accurately determined observation of the distance from the could call upon friendly nations. But they were of an old fashioned type, and the distance to the object to be aimed at, shore, and calculated it to be more than wise men smiled sadly at these sugges- it had not been considered expedient to and reference to a carefully prepared three miles. When he sent an officer tions; it was difficult to find a nation de- put them in commission. This action mathematical table showed to what

sult of his computations the captain of the British vessel replied that he was satisfied the distance was less than three of the capture of American merchant- scattered all over the world, would im- sition that it was when the observation miles, and hat he was now about to men by fast British cruisers. These re- mediately acquire, by purchase or lease, was taken a button was touched, and the

period of national turmoil, a party of this quarrel, paid no attention to public factor in this method of aiming. capain by means of a special responsion of the large opinion, and went to work in its own that if he took the Eliza Drum into a gentlemen met daily in one of the large opinion, and went to work in its own to work in its own capacitant of the spring armored vessels and five "crabs" were completed,

At this juncture the captain of the men were all great capitalists, and ac- were great, and in a very short time actual commencement of hostilities. But sent to Washington, to submit a plan to | wide, and placed an inch or two apart,

and heavier armament than her antago- themselves into a syndicate, with the more of them would be deprived of ing, a very short time had elapsed since nist, and early in the afternoon she object of taking entire charge of the war steamed for St. Johns, taking with her between the United States and Great ments upon the steel spring and buffers that a syndrate, with the much of its momentum. The experition of war, and the opportunity to take the initiative was still open.

This proposition was an astounding the force of the heaviest cannonading United States which was reached by treat it with respectful consideration. elasticity of this armor. telegraph, there burned a smothered fire; The men who offered it were a power in

The sum to be paid by the government With morning newspapers in their to the syndicate, should it bring the war hands men rushed from the breakfast to a satisfactory conclusion, would detables into the streets to meet their fel-low men. What was it that they That is to say, that as the shorter the duration of the war, the greater would Detailed accounts of the affair came be the benefit to the country, therefore, rapidly, but there was nothing in them | the larger must be the pay to the syndito quiet the national indignation. The cate. According to the proposed con-American flag had been hauled down by tract, the syndicate would receive, if the Englishmen, an American naval vessel war should continue for a year, one had been fired into and captured; that quarter the sum stipulated to be paid if like duties were expected. The fighting was enough! No matter whether the peace should be declared in three months. If at any time during the conduct of limit or not! No matter which vessel the war by the syndicate an American sea- scientific specialists and some practical the harbor of one of the principal Canafired first! If it were the Lennehaha, the more honor to her; she ought to British force landed on any point of the bomb proof canopies and a curved steel the harbor of one of the principal Canadian seaports. About five miles away the more honor to her; she ought to British force landed on any point of the have done it! From platform, pulpit, seacoast, the contract should be con- deck completed the defenses of the vessel. of the harbor could plainly be seen. It stump and editorial office came one ve- sidered at an end, and security and paystump and editorial office came one vehement, passionate shout directed toward Washington.

Sidered at an end, and security and paybenement, passionate shout directed toward Washington.

Besides equipping this little navy, the syndicate set about the construction of certain sea going vessels of an extraorthat vessel steamed about a mile nearer Congress was in session, and in its halls should be taken and occupied by the dinary kind. So great were the facili- the harbor, accompanied by Crab A. the fire roared louder and blazed higher enemy, \$1,000,000 of the deposited sethan on mountain or plain, in city or curity should be forfeited for every such and complete its methods, that ten or a their first position, ready to act in case prairie. No member of the government, occupation, but the contract should con- dozen shipyards and foundries were set they should be needed.

tinue.

who must direct the war breathed harder.

It was indeed a time for hard breath
distrust which were becoming apparent steel. These vessels were fitted with less than half an hour the British manelectric engines of extraordinary power, of-war Scarabæus, which had been lying ing, but the great mass of the people in congress and among the people, ex- and were capable of great speed. At at anchor a short distance outside the perceived no reason why this should be. erted an important influence in favor of their bows, fully protected by the over- harbor, came steaming out to meet the Money there was in vast abundance; in the syndicate. The government caught hanging deck, was the machinery by enemy. There were other naval vessels every state well drilled men by thousands stood ready for the word to march,
and the military experience and knowland the military edge given by a great war was yet departments of their perilous responsi- for the present it was contented with was perceived by Repeller No. 1, a boat bilities were men of great ability, promilities two classes of vessels. To the people at large the plan of the nent positions, and vast resources, whose | The armament for each of the large that vessel and was rapidly rowed to war appeared a very obvious and a very vast enterprises had already made them vessels, as has been said before, con- ward the British ship. When the latter simple one. Canada had given the of-fense, Canada should be made to pay the penalty. In a very short time 100,000, 200,000, 500,000 men, if necessary, could unless they had well founded reasons for never yet been used in warfare. The it was stated that the syndicate, which be made ready for the invasion of Can- believing that they would be successful. material and construction of this pro- had undertaken on the part of the United ada. From platform, pulpit, stump and | Even the largest amount stipulated to be | jectile were known only to three mem- | States the conduct of the war between At the seat of government, however, military and naval operations which had of their possession of this secret that this city, with its forts and defenses, and the plan of the war did not appear so ob- been anticipated; and in case of failure, they had been invited to join that body. all vessels within its harbor; and, as a vious, so simple. Throwing a great army the amount forfeited would go far to

breathing in the executive branch of the At all events, should the syndicate be government was the immediate protec- allowed to take immediate control of the tion of the sea coast-Atlantic, Gulf, and war, there would be time to put the army and navy, especially the latter, in In a storm of national indignation war had been declared against a power which at this period of her history had brought or and construction might up her naval forces to a point double in still go on, and, should it be necessary, strength to that of any other country in the army and navy could step into the

clared by a nation which, comparatively | All branches of the government united

improvement was not sufficient to make exerted by the interests controlled by the it worthy of reliance at this crisis. As men composing the syndicate had its powder or other explosive compound has been said, there was money enough, and every ship yard in the country could be set to work to build ironclad men-of-dicate to conduct a war as successfully war, but it takes a long time to build as they had conducted other gigantic ships, and England's havy was affoat. enterprises. Therefore, although predic-It was the British keel that America had tions of disaster came from many quar-

mail vessels of the British transatlantic | The government now proceeded to lines, which had been withdrawn upon mass froops at important points on the the declaration of war, were preparing northern frontier; forts were supplied at a slight angle, and those in the rear British ports to transport troops to with men and armaments; all coast de-It was not impossible that fenses were put in the best possible conthese great steamers might land an army dition; the navy was stationed at impor-in Canada before an American army tant ports, and work at the ship yards could be organized and marched to that went on. But, without reference to all province. It might be that the United this, the work of the syndicate immedi-

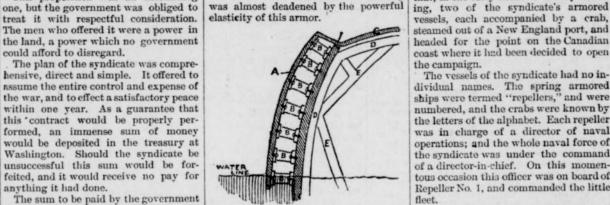
early success would be a direct profit to ined.

ing to declare their convictions of the | Without hesitation, the syndicate decountry's danger. Despite the continu-ance of the national enthusiasm, doubts, about to engage should be one of defense perplexities and fears began to show by means of offense. Such a war must necessarily be quick and effective; and In the states bordering upon Canada a reactionary feeling became evident. Un
with all the force of their fortunes, their cannon by means of electricity, while signals were made by jets of dense black smoke, which were ejected from a small smoke and their bodies. less the United States navy could pre- went to work to wage this war quickly

Canada, not only her own troops, but All known inventions and improvenorthern states might become the scene of warfare, and whatever the issue of by the eminent specialists whom it had In consequence of this inattention to the contest, their lands might be ravished, enlisted in its service. Certain recently were now pressed upon the government. | the syndicate. It was known or surfrontier, and from the seaboard cities warlike inventions, but what they were

there were eleven of these men, all from Its vessels, eight of which were on the the syndicate felt itself ready to begin the Dog Star replied that he did not in the great Atlantic cities, but their number object to sail over the Lennehaha, and proceeded to put a prize crew parts of the country, until at last they service in which they were to be en- British merchantmen hastening homenumbered twenty-three. These gentle- gaged. The resources of the syndicate ward, or to friendly ports, before the

were each backed by several powerful adopted by the syndicate showed that

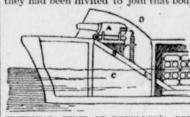


SECTIONAL VIEW OF SIDE OF REPELLER

NO. 1. A, spring tempered bars: B, air buffers; C, iron deck; D, teak lining; E, teak braces. bomb proof covering. Each vessel was merchant service, from whom no war- day.

of the syndicate should render such projected above the water, was the middle of an elliptical deck, slightly con- as its defenders. Every man who had a demanded war breathed easier, but those The state of feeling in governmental vex, and heavily mailed with ribs of post of duty was instantly at it; and in

paid them in case of success would be less than the ordinary estimates for the and perfected it, and it was on account prepared to demand the surrender of



SECTIONAL VIEW OF REPELLER'S BOW SHOWING:

A, gigantic gun used in projecting the instanta-neous motor: BB, incline elevator used in loading gun; C, loading chamber; D, bomb proof hood to

all.

For some years the United states navy had been steadily improving, but this improvement was not sufficient to make the order of the syndicate.

The contract was signed, and the world ary sense of the word, an explosive, and was named by its inventors "The Instantaneous Motor." It was discharged stantaneous Motor." It was discharged to duties of this kind. In eight minutes they had reached their vessel and were safe on board.

Just seven minutes afterward the first stantaneous Motor." It was discharged to duties of this kind. In eight minutes they had reached their vessel and were safe on board. This projectile was not, in the ordinto give it the proper direction.

These bombs were cylindrical in form, and pointed at the outer end. They were to fear.

By means of the continental cables it was known that many of the largest for the result of this novel undertaking.

They were filled with hundred; of small tubes, each radiating outward from a central line.

Those in the middle third of the bomb pointed directly outward, while these in its front portion were inclined forward portion backward at the same angle. One tube at the end of the bomb, and pointing directly backward, furnished

the motive power. Each of these tubes could exert a force sufficient to move an ordinary train of passenger cars one mile, and this power borders, instead of invading those of the This body of men were of various pol- | could be exerted instantaneously, so that itics and of various pursuits in life. But the difference in time in the starting of a In every fort and navy yard all was activity; the hammering of iron went on work they had undertaken than they rival at the other would not be appre-

by day and by night, but what was to be would have been in the purchase of land ciable. The difference in concussionary subjected. Some of the air buffers had one when the great ironclads of Eng- or of railroad iron. No manifestoes of force between a train moving at the rate land hammered upon our defenses? How motives and intentions were issued to of a mile in two minutes, or even one faults in their construction, but these long would it be before the American flag would be seen no more upon the to work. There could be no doubt that a mile in an instant, can easily be imaginary had been done the vessel. It was

ment found its position one of perilous its success would be a vast benefit and might direct their powers downward or was danger that the Englishman perceivday by day these grew less afraid of ing motives for the formation of the syn- far greater distance. The tube which sink her by mere preponderance of propelled the bomb was of a force grad- | weight. ead against the object aimed at.

depended on the eyesight of the gunner; perfected engines of war, novel in na- the personal equation was entirely elimi-From many quarters urgent demands ture, were the exclusive property of the exclusive property of nated. The gun was so mounted that its the personal equation was entirely elimitated. The gun was so mounted that its Thus, by means of long and short puffs, direction was accurately indicated by graduated scales; there was an instrument which was acted upon by the dip, rise or roll of the vessel, and which the gun with reference to the plane of

Before the discharge of the cannon an observation was taken by one of the scicaused surprise and disappointment in points on the graduated scales the gun ports made the American people more a fleet of fine ironclads culled from vari- bomb was instantaneously placed on On receiving this information, the commander of the Lennehaha steamed closer to the Dog Star and informed her substantial control of the Lennehaha steamed commander of the Lennehaha steamed c

The members of the syndicate well understood that if a war was to be carried on as they desired, they must strike These twenty-three men had formed | air buffers, so that a ball striking one or | the first real blow. Comparatively speak-It was in order to take this initiative that, in the early hours of a July mornvessels, each accompanied by a crab steamed out of a New England port, and headed for the point on the Canadian coast where it had been decided to open the campaign.

The vessels of the syndicate had no individual names. The spring armored ships were termed "repellers," and were numbered, and the crabs were known by the letters of the alphabet. Each repeller was in charge of a director of naval operations; and the whole naval force of the syndicate was under the command of a director-in-chief. On this momentous occasion this officer was on board of Repeller No. 1, and commanded the little

The repellers had never been vessels of great speed, and their present armor of steel strips, the lower portion of which was frequently under water, considerably The armament of each vessel consisted retarded their progress, but each of them of but one gun, of large caliber, placed was taken in tow by one of the swift and on the forward deck, and protected by a powerful crabs, and with this assistance they made very good time, reaching their manned by a captain and crew from the destination on the morning of thesecond

It was on a breezy day, with a cloudy operations were in charge of a small sky, and the sea moderately smooth, that body of men, composed of two or three | the little fleet of the syndicate lay to off

to work simultaneously to build one of | The approach of two vessels, evidently men-of-war, and carrying the American flag, was perceived from the forts and among the citizens of the place as well

bearing a white flag was lowered from first step, the immediate surrender of the vessel to the commander of which this note was delivered.

The overwhelming effrontery of this demand caused the commander of the Scarabæus to doubt whether he had to deal with a raving lunatic or a blustering fool; but he informed the person in charge of the flag of truce boat that he would give him fifteen minutes in which to get back to his vessel, and that he would then open fire upon that craft. The men who rowed the little boat were not men-of-war's men, and were unaccustomed to duties of this kind. In

passed over Repeller No. 1, and that vessel, instead of replying, immediately the new armor, and therefore ordered the vessel placed in such a position that the Englishman might have the best opportunity for using it as a target.

The Scarabæus lost no time in availing herself of the facilities offered. She was a large and powerful ship, with a heavy armament: and, soon getting the range of the syndicate's vessel, she hurled ball after ball upon her striped side. Repeller No. 1 made no reply, but quietly submitted to the terrible bombardment. Some of the great shot jarred her from bow to stern, but not one of them broke a steel spring, nor penetrated the heavy

After half an hour of this work the director-in-chief became satisfied that the new armor had well acquitted itself in the severe trial to which it had been been disabled, probably on account of not necessary, therefore, to continue the It is not surprising that the govern- it, but there could also be no doubt that In these bombs those tubes which experiment any longer, and besides there laterally upon the earth were capable of | ing that his antagonist did not appear to earth were instantaneously removed to a No. 1, and able to run into the latter and

uated according to circumstances, and it It was, therefore, decided to now test poses of aim could be made. Its force which had been lying with the larger Belts and Appliances. was brought into action while in the vessel between it and the enemy. These Thus, by means of long and short puffs, with the proper use of intervals, a message could be projected into the air as a proper use of intervals, a message could be projected into the air as a proper use of intervals. The extent of Pressure on the butter the success of Dr. Gregg's Eldetric in "DOING the Rest," is most said. telegraphic instrument would mark it

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Vessel between it and the enemy. These signals were made by jets of dense black to be seen that the TRUTH ONCE TOLD is enough. The Surprising Promptness small pipe on the repeller. These slender collections are the controlled to the same of small pipe on the repeller. These slender collections are the controlled to the control head against the object aimed at.

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In this manner Crab A was ordered to immediately proceed to the attack of the Scarabæus. The almost submerged to essel steamed rapidly from behind her consort, and made for the British manof-war.

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