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### A NEW NAVY.

In the next five years there will be a complete revolution in the floating property of the navy. The outlook is that within that time there will be an entirely new navy with steel guns. It has been the cry since the war that the navy was top heavy, there being too many officers for the number of vessels. Naval officers of a practical turn of mind say that this state of things will soon be reversed. It will be the vessels that are too many and the officers too few. Besides the new vessels will be of a type that none of the present officers understand. The old officers have passed the age when new ideas can be taken. The only source from which officers for the new navy can be had is young men, and in order to render these capable and efficient officers of modern steel vessels it will be necessary to give them an extended course of instruction in the management of such vessels. The old officers are reconciled to the fact that these young officers will have to be depended on for commands in the future, and think that preparations should be commenced at once to fit them for the important duties soon to be imposed upon them.

### A SAD CASE.

About a month since W. F. Moines was in the Portland police court dock charged with drunkenness; when asked to plead he requested the court to give him thirty days to sober up in, and he received it. Moines is a fine looking man, about thirty-two years of age, and several days ago he was discharged from custody. He has somewhat of an interesting history. He belongs to one of the wealthiest and best families in Pennsylvania, who are engaged in the iron and colliery business. When he became of age his father gave him an interest in the business valued at \$200,000. Subsequent to this he married a lady, al-

so of good family, but he soon thereafter showed an uncontrollable appetite for liquor. In one of his drunken sprees he transferred, by a deed of trust, one half of his property to his wife and the other half to his father-in-law, stipulating, however, that a certain portion of the income thereof be paid to him at certain periods. His bibulous habit grew upon him to such an extent that he was sent to this coast to get him out of the way. Since arriving here, having no restraint upon him, he drinks harder than ever. His friends in the east heard of his incarceration in Portland and a remittance for him was received by the police department and Capt. Greitzmacher bought him a new outfit of clothing and gave him some pocket money. The same day however, the poor fellow was again locked up in a beastly state of intoxication. He appears to be beyond reclamation. His wife has recently instituted a suit for divorce. Judge Dement has received letters from a Pennsylvania congressman and a state senator, men evidently interested in him, in which they say all that is necessary to secure him a comfortable life will be furnished, but they do not want him to return home.

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