

### The Proper Pen for Busy Men

No business man of today would light his store, warehouse or office with candlelight. Yet many of them are still tied down to an inkwell when they write. Perhaps they think that fountain pens are not practical. Perhaps years ago they had experience with some of the crude fountain pens of the period and found them unsatisfactory. But no man who buys one of the fountain pens of today will ever be without one hereafter. We sell the Parker Lucky Curve and the Laughlin, two as good makes as the world contains. If you do not own a fountain we ought to sell you one. Won't you let us?

Corner State and Liberty Streets, Salem.



### Local Events in the Social Realm

John Gray, the contractor, went to Brooks this morning for the day, to look after his contract at that place. J. L. Stockton, the merchant, went to Portland this morning for a short business visit. J. P. Jones, the Southern Pacific passenger agent, was in Salem last evening, going to Portland this morning. F. A. Wann went to Portland this morning. Jos. Harris went to Portland this morning to inspect some hop yards in which he is interested. Mrs. H. B. Holland has returned from an extended visit to Portland friends. F. E. Rizer and son, Ellsworth, have returned from a 10-days' stay at Newport, where Mrs. Rizer and daughters are encamped for the summer. Miss Edna Knight goes to Aurora this afternoon to spend a week with friends. Miss Hallie Thomas has gone to Whatcom on a visit. Mrs. Frank Smith and son, of Kentucky, left this morning for Corvallis. Mrs. W. H. Byrd and son, spent Monday at Fairfield, with relatives. R. O. Thomas, of Turner, was a Salem visitor yesterday. Miss Helen Calbreath returned yesterday from a two-weeks' stay at Gladstone Park. Mrs. Ray Gilbert and Miss Marie Steiwer have returned from their Portland trip. F. P. Miles, of Portland, left this morning for Columbia county, after an extended stay at the home of Judge and Mrs. F. A. Moores, in this city.

**Better Make a Note of your Grocery Needs.**

### Many Little Things

are needed, especially if you're going on a picnic or a day's outing. Or if you are going camping for several days, there's a whole lot of ready-to-eat things you will want to take with you. Let us suggest a few as reminders.

### We Have Them All

Boiled hams, chipped beef, minced ham and Saratoga chips. In canned meats there's corned, chipped and loaf beef, veal, ham and chicken loaf, devilled and potted ham, turkey and chicken. In pickles, sweet, sour, mixed, chowchow. All kinds of olives, breakfast foods, puddings, cakes, cheese, canned vegetables, cocoa, crackers, in short everything that can be just placed on a platter and let you enjoy every moment of your outing without all the worry of cooking and planning the meals.

### Fuller & Douglas

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### It Handles the Big Guns

It takes a pretty strong crane to lift 122,000 pounds of solid metal, and it would not be pleasant to be standing under if anything happened to give way. There were no cranes at the Brooklyn navy yard strong enough to give the officers and men working thereabouts comforting assurance that nothing would give, so they had to secure a special wrecking crane before the first step of all in the complete overhauling of the battleship Iowa could be undertaken.

This first step of all was finally accomplished last week. It was the removal from the replacement in her forward turrets of the remains of the great 12-inch gun which exploded, with such fatal results, off Pensacola, on Good Friday last. This was about the most serious accident that ever happened on one of our battleships. The Iowa was at target practice in the gulf. The forward port 12-inch gun had been loaded to fire. Its projectile was a bomb, supposed to explode at 1700 yards by means of a time fuse. It exploded, instead, the instant the gun was fired, wrecking more than 12 feet of the great gun's length, ripping it into fragments, sending these fragments, weighing some of them, a ton each, high into the air, and dropping them on the vessel again to crash through the spar and gun decks of the great battleship as if they had been so much pastboard, to crush the lives out of three men seated at mess on the third deck, and to seriously injure five more, and then to splinter their way through this deck to the armored protective deck, where thick steel plates stopped the terrible missiles from cutting down the machinists and firemen below.

There was no explanation of the accident at the time. Subsequent investigation leaves unexplained. Lieutenant Reed, the officer in charge of the turret, had inspected it just before firing. It was in good condition and had been fired a dozen times within as many days. Some defect "in the shell or fuse," is the only possible way of accounting for it. The great barrel was broken off just above its long end joint, and that 13-foot section of heavy rifled steel shattered into fragments. The men who were in the turret working the gun were unhurt and hardly realized that anything had happened. The concussion was but little more than usually accompanied the gun's discharge. The only consolation was in the fact that five minutes later it would have killed many more than it did, for dinner call had just sounded and the men were all pouring down to the mess room.

Later on, when the Iowa was ordered to Brooklyn for repairs, it was found that the whole vessel had been much more wrecked and strained by the force of the explosion than had been at all realized, and that nothing short of a complete overhauling would render her thoroughly fit. So the Iowa "the pride of the navy," "the greatest fighting ship of them all," first put into active service about five years ago, was ordered out of commission indefinitely and has been pretty thorough dismantled.

The first step in the overhauling was, of course, getting out the old gun. And that proved something of a problem. The Iowa's turret is of rather different construction from those of the older vessels which have heretofore been in the navy yard for repairs, and it took some time to loosen the top of the turret. Moreover, it is not every day that one of those great naval guns is replaced. Had it been all there, the gun proper would have been 38 feet long. It's bore would have been 12 inches in diameter at the muzzle. It would have weighed in itself 101,000 pounds, and its jacket, which it wore on the occasion of its first and last shroue, weighed an additional 21,000 pounds.

It was an anxious moment when all the great cables were adjusted and the engines started and the great crane's iron arm began to lift, lift, lift, and the ropes grew taut under the strain. Would "she" move? She did. Slowly she lifted out; slowly she swung over the deck. And every man on it held his breath. Supporting the proverbial "something" should "give!" What would happen to the Iowa then, when a few fragments, no one of them one-tenth the weight of this great stump of a gun, had wrought the vessel such woe? Probably every one who finally saw it swing safely over the side drew a breath of relief—a breath which was duplicated when "she" was finally lowered gently into the cradle that awaited her. It was a giant cradle, bulged of the heaviest beams to support the great weight that it was about to receive, and under which they groaned and creaked—a rockless cradle—modern science frowns on rockers, anyhow—a twin cradle, for resting alongside, was the new gun which was to replace the old, full length, full weight full power of deadliners.

It seemed in its perfection almost to mock at the poor old battered, broken wreck that was let down alongside of it, that had seen service and been broken on the wheel of duty. But it must have taken its pride down a bit and lowered the insolence of its bearing when it found that for all the glory of its youth and strength it must wear a mere hand-me-down jacket—that the 21,000 pounds of steel that had encased, or rather encaged, the poor old broken remnant of a gun beside which it was flaunting itself were to be stripped off and clamped upon its lusty strength. But that was the next step in furnishing the Iowa with a new gun. For the old jacket was perfectly good—not a rip in it and "hardly worn at all."

That also was something of an undertaking. There were a great many bolts to be unscrewed before the

crane could lift off first one part and then the other of this gigantic steel jacket. And a great deal of adjusting and testing, of bolting and screwing before it was properly fitted to the new gun, which was to replace the old. It took time. The three operations of moving the old gun out, taking its jacket off and getting it properly adjusted to the new; and finally lifting the new gun into place extended over many days.

It was in the lifting of the new gun that the cranes first felt the full weight of one of Uncle Sam's big guns clothed and in its right mind. For the new gun was all there and it had the old gun's jacket on. It was rather a ticklish job but it went off without a hitch to the music of much creaking of straining cables, and many a hoarsely shouted order. And it went off very simply. There were no ceremonies marking the installation of the new big gun. There was no reception committee on board the Iowa awaiting its arrival; no cheering jacksies, no nothing to mark the event. Scarcely half a dozen people outside the navy yard—and for that matter scarcely half a dozen people inside knew that the new gun was finally to be set between 1 and 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

But this is what happened. The biggest single detail of the Iowa's overhauling—a detail rather unusual in the overhauling of battleships—was successfully accomplished.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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### A First Class Entertainment

Cool and delightful are the accommodations offered at Shields Park during this spasm of hot weather. The open air and the breeze of night makes the park one of the most popular resorts to be found in the city. In addition to these comforts the management offers a show this week of more than ordinary merit. There is fun and melody in the air, and the comedians and artists of various specialties are as good as can be found in their respective lines. Last night a very enthusiastic audience greeted the Shields' company, and all pronounced it the best bill yet offered. Those who have failed to see Baby Owens, the talented child artist, are missing a rare treat, then, too, Campbell Bros., the great jugglers, are doing a turn that is worth going miles to see. Dan McGreevy, in monologue, is a good talker and dancer, and is able to hold any audience. Eva Thatcher, "The Irish Lady," is making an immense hit, and is repeatedly encored. No better Irish turn has ever been in Salem. Chas. Chenoweth, the cornetist, is always pleasing. The poly-scope shows new scenes, introducing a ride on the O. R. & N., with all the beautiful scenery. Same bill tonight, and balance of week, with an entire change Sunday.

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### To Save the Decorations

Cork, July 28.—Special police were appointed to prevent the destruction of decorations by those who oppose the visit of the king and queen. Many cases of vandalism are already reported.

### Hearing is Postponed

Albany, N. Y., July 28.—The promised hearing in the petition for a receiver for the New York Building Loan & Banking Company, said to be the largest concern of its kind in the world, has been postponed until Saturday.

### Ladies' Summer Underwear

While the weather is warm we are going to unload all odd pieces of underwear. A few of these garments at the prices quoted will not come amiss. 15c to 25c values 9c each. 25c to 50c values 14c each. 50c to 75c values 19c each.

The clean-up sale of all summer stuffs is making things lively.

### Dalrymple's



Two Steamers Inspected. Astoria, July 28.—Government inspectors Edwards and Fuller, of Portland, were in the city today, and inspected the steamers Nachotta and Canby.

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