

SHIPS AND DESTROYERS THAT ARE UNPOPULAR

A Difficulty in Finding Crews for Vessels to Which Misfortunes Have Come--Sailors Are Strongly Influenced By Superstition.

The disastrous explosion in Submarine Al of the British navy may make it difficult to find crews to man her in the future. She is the same vessel which earlier in her career sank with all on board.

Both in our navy and in our merchant service there are ships which have become unpopular because of the ill-luck which seems to dog them, says London Answers.

There was the destroyer Thrasher, after one or two small accidents she ran slap into the cruiser Phaeton off Plymouth. Having been repaired, she put to sea, but had not got no further than the Lizard before an explosion on board sent her home again, with three poor fellows stiff and stark.

There was the Lynx, also a destroyer. On her trial trip she ran into a merchant vessel called the Lizard and sank her, being badly damaged herself. Next a boiler tube burst and lastly, she drove ashore on the Lizard.

Lizard is an ill-omened name for a British ship. We have lost no fewer than three units of our navy which bore this name. All ships named after reptiles seem to share the same ill-fortune. We have lost four Vipers, four Serpents, two Snakes, two Dragons, one Adder, one Alligator, one Cobra.

Quite recently a ghastly explosion occurred aboard the French training ship La Couronne. A gun burst, killing four men and wounding twenty others. This was the third accident which had occurred in this ship within four years. The first was on April 20, 1906, the second on Aug. 3, 1907. In each case it was a 6.5 gun which burst; in each premature explosion of a cartridge was the cause and in each at least three men were killed.

The Texas is the hoodoo of the American navy. Within five years she experienced eight accidents. Twice she broke down, twice she went ashore. She had a series of explosions.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONVENTION

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 11--Resolutions and amendments calling for changing the name of the church, re-organization of the board of trustees, a general overhauling of the methods of examination at theological seminaries, and changes in the canon bearing on numerous subjects; and the question of revising the church canons regarding marriage and divorce are among the subjects to be discussed at the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church here.

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APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION AND CHRISTIAN UNITY

A Sermon By Rev. Canon Simpson of St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, "The Anglican Church Must Eventually Be a Great Factor in the Reunion of Christendom."

This is one of the four Sundays in the year upon which ordinations to the Sacred Ministry are held; for so important has the church always considered this ceremony, that from very early times it has decreed, that under ordinary circumstances it should not take place except at the Ember sessions, and that a special Ember prayer for the candidates and for the bishops and pastors be said daily during the preceding week, and on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of that week the faithful be asked to fast, as well as pray, on behalf of those who are to be ordained. Thus each recurring Ember-tide is a continuous witness, before God and man, of the interest which the whole body of the church has in the ordination of the clergy who are to minister in it.

The preaching office and the priestly office are quite distinct. Any layman of our own church may preach, if he receives a license from the bishop; but it requires much more than a license, it requires ordination, if one is to administer the Sacraments. And for the first fifteen hundred years of Christianity there is no record of any one being admitted to the sacred ministry, except by Episcopal Ordination. And further, those denominations, who now reject Apostolic Succession, did not give it up in the first place, because they considered it unnecessary, but because they are unable to obtain it.

The reformers on the continent and in Scotland, going to greater extremes than those in England, did not carry the bishops with them, and they decided that it was better to have a pure church without bishops, than a corrupt church with bishops, and so evolved Presbyterian and other forms of ordination. In England the bishops were the leaders of the reformation, and so the succession was preserved. We must remember, too, that although Protestantism is very strong in the part of the world in which we live, it is very small numerically, compared with Catholic Christianity. The Roman, Eastern, and Anglican Churches, all holding the doctrine of Apostolic Succession, number some 440 millions of souls, while those, who repudiate the doctrine number only about 143 millions, or less than one-third of the others.

The Anglican Church, holding, as it does, a unique position between the other branches of the Catholic Church on the one hand, and Protestant Christianity on the other, if she is true to herself and keeps her doctrines inviolate, must eventually be a great factor in the reunion of Christendom; but if she were to surrender the doctrine of Apostolic Succession for the sake of a speedy reunion with those sects immediately

those faithful men, who in learning and holiness of life often put us to preachers of the Gospel; they do not profess to be priests, they offer no sacrifice; their communion is simply a memorial service; they assert no power to remit sins, such as is conferred on us by the bishops at ordination, when he lays his hands on our head and says: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost, etc. . . in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

The Elizabethan age was an age of action. Before that time Englishmen had lived in a narrow world, but then the whole earth became their stage. The voyages of Drake and Raleigh inflamed the imagination of old and young alike, and the little island kingdom began that career of conquest and exploration that was to make her master of the high seas and controller of the destinies of nations--that was to plant her colonies, nations within an empire, in a circle girdling the earth. The learning of the Greeks and Latins; the culture, the art, the music of the Continent were all appealing to the minds of Englishmen. English fathers were sending their sons abroad "to seek preferment out," some "to stultious universities," some "to discover islands far away." In Shakespeare's time to any man of standing it would be great impeachment (reproach) to his age, "To have known no travelling in his youth."

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But there is vastly more good than harm done by foreign travel. England's greatness is due to the energy her sons have displayed in searching the corners of the earth and learning of all nations. In recent years Japan has leaped into the front rank of the world. Why? In she universities of Europe and America Japanese youths have been studying. In all countries citizens of Japan have been travelling. In the factories and shops they have been learning. Contact with other nations has broken down the barrier that insulated Japan from the rest of the world. The stay-at-home must drop behind in the race. The wise traveller, who learns of all men, is best fitted to achieve greatness. His mind has been broadened by contact with other men and manners. From a narrow village he becomes a citizen of the world. His soul grows cosmopolitan and his sympathies widen. Wherever men shut their eyes to institutions or communities a stunted spiritual life is to be found.

THE GUARDIAN'S WEEKLY SHAKESPEARIAN SERMON

From the Two Gentlemen of Verona Act I, Scene I--A Discourse Which Provides Food for Reflection Especially for the Younger People.

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NEW COLLAR AND PHILL. ITALY TO HAVE THE BOY SCOUTS.

ROME, Oct. 11--The boy scout indeed appears to be ubiquitous. The first battalion of Italian boy scouts, organized and trained by Sir Francis Vane at Lucca, has been organized in this country. The organization of the battalion has proved a great success, and the boys will discipline and thoroughly smart. Other towns are also organizing battalions of scouts, which are known by the name of "Piccoli Cavalieri."

MINERS ATTACK POLICE.

REMSHEID, Rhenish Prussia, Oct. 11--Miners who made a demonstration today against the new black list issued by the employment agencies attacked the police with stones when the officers attempted to disperse the crowd. The police charged the miners repeatedly, using the sabres freely. Velvets of stones from the windows of houses fell upon the officers who fired into the windows. Many persons were wounded but a number of casualties is not known.

INVESTIGATING "LUMBER TRUST" IN THE STATES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11--To determine if there is any foundation for the numerous complaints received at the department of justice, alleging the existence of a "lumber trust," special agents of the department are quietly investigating the operations of a large number of trade associations of a large number of organizations in all parts of the country connected with the manufacture and marketing of lumber.

A SPARROW'S STRATEGY

"Curious how many persons will tell in the nest of a sparrow in which the latter had already deposited one of her own eggs. When the sparrow returned, she saw the big, hated egg lying beside her own dainty one and felt disgusted. She understood perfectly what was expected of her, but she wasn't going to do it. Neither did she intend to desert the home she and her husband had spent so many days building for their babies. After consulting with her better half she fixed on her mode of procedure. To call a first-rate 'sucker' she never builds a nest. She knows so much, she doesn't have to. She simply lays her eggs in the nest of some below out of the reach of warmth of bird, whose young, like her own, are her body. In the upper story she deposited four eggs and reared her four children, and in the museum at Salisbury you can see that nest with two imprisoned eggs to this day."--Commercial Advertiser.

FURS.

Ermine, the royal, will be the fashionable fur in Paris and London this season. After an undesired obscurity, the ermine fur is again coming into its own. And such masses of it. It would seem as though having the desire for it dammed up so long has made it come in to the fashion mark in greater quantities than ever. And it is so expensive.

But all the furs are bigger this season than usual, and so, of course, this had to be true of ermine. There are perfectly enormous stoles, of which the borders only are of ermine skin, while the central part will be of fox, or other furs of beautiful iridescent silks.

A SHARP-WITTED THRUSH.

Here is a story of a thrush that built a nest in a blue-stone quarry and learned to evade the danger of blasting, as soon as he learned that a steam whistle always gave warning of the event. The west singer, unfortunately, had located in the very heart of the quarry. Here blasting went on at intervals of five or ten minutes, and the flying fragments and the loud reports of the exploding dynamite, but she would not quit her eggs for the best dynamite ever moulded into cartridges.

Before long she observed that when over a blast was to be a steam whistle would give warning, and all the laborers would retreat to safe distances. In a few days it was noticed that as soon as the signal was "tooted" she would quit her nest for the time being and fly back to it right after the explosion.

From the story of the intelligent bird got to the owners of the quarry and to visitors, and several times the whistle warning was given just to illustrate the flight of the bird for the benefit of interested strangers. A number of times this false alarm worked like a charm, but the thrush soon perceived she was being trifled with and thereafter, unless she could see the workmen in retreat in answer to the whistle, she stayed where she was doing the most good, on her nest.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.

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"Large and generous widow. Too large. Put in three weeks to take off 30 pounds of her weight. Took on 20 instead. Charged her accordingly. Charged for the increase weight and her disappearance as well. Clear profits, about \$15."

"Man with family of five. Wanted fresh air for his children. Charged them for breathing it. Wanted new built mattress, but saw the suns and left me \$21. Clear profit, about \$15."

"The old maid who wanted to see the shimmer of the moon on the lakes while holding hands with someone. No lakes--no shimmer--no moon. However, she fell for \$17. Clear profit, \$11."

"Young man from the music store. Wanted to hear the rolunds and bluebirds and catch their notes for a

new melody. No songs--no melody. Kicked about the ten days. Clear profits, about \$6.

BATHING BARRED IN PALMER, MASS.

PALMER, Mass., Oct. 11--Tub bathing, unless one cares to use the Quahog river for a bath tub, is prohibited in an order issued by the Palmer Water Company today in an effort to conserve the rapidly diminishing supply which the town's reservoirs hold, until artesian wells can be sunk and other steps taken. The water today had reached a point where it is but a few inches above the pipes through which it is pumped to the houses and stores and Chief Summers of the fire department declares that with two fire streams he could completely empty the pipes in ten minutes. It was this condition that caused the water company to issue the notice to householders today forbidding the drawing of water for bath tubs until further notice.

The water company has already made arrangement for the sinking of artesian wells to fill the town over until the reservoirs fill up again, and this work will probably be started early tomorrow. It will be several days, however, before the town will be able to draw upon this new supply to any extent.

Meanwhile Fire Chief Summers has made arrangements for the protecting of property in case of fire to the best of his ability. The town's fire engine has been placed under a temporary shelter at the bank of the Quahog river, with lines running in to the engine and steam constantly from the engine a line of hose 900 feet long extends to Main street, in the heart of the business district ready for instant use, and another to a hydrant on Water street from which the back streets of the town could be supplied if the necessity arises. In addition scores of chemical fire extinguishers are being distributed throughout the town. Citizens are aiding the water company officials in conserving the supply as best they can, many of those living near the river making it a point to carry water from the river for all household purposes, using the town water for drinking purposes only.

TRY THIS ONE.

(From the Manchester Guardian.) If you want a hard case, there is the case of the man who late at night bought a bottle of medicine at a drugstore--price 3s. 6d. He handed over a £5 note, and the druggist would not change it. "All right," said the customer, "Give me the bottle and 16s. 6 d. and keep my £5 note." Next morning the customer came in, unslaked down four sovereigns, and said, "Give me back my £5 note, and we shall be straight." The druggist and the sinner looked at each other. Can you tell at a glance which got the better of the bargain when the customer went away with his £5 note in his pocket?

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March--Violet. Who in this world of ours their eyes In March first open shall be wise, In days of peril firm and brave, And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

April--Easter Lily. She who from April dates her years, Diamonds should wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow; This stone Emblem of innocence is known.

May--Lily-of-the-Valley. Who first beholds the light of day In Spring's sweet flowery month of May, And wears an emerald all her life, Shall be a loved and happy wife.

June--Rose. Who comes with summer to this earth And owes to June her day of birth, With ring of agate on her hand Can health, wealth and long life command.

July--Daisy. The glowing ruby should adorn Those who in warm July are born; Then they will be exempt and free From love's doubts and anxiety.

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September--Poppy. A maiden born when autumn leaves Are rustling in September's breeze, A sapphire on her brow should bind-- 'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

October--Cosmos. October's child is born for woe, And life's vicissitudes must know; But lay the opal on her breast, And hope will null those woes to rest.

November--Chrysanthemum. Who first comes to this world below With drar November's fog and snow, Should prize the topaz's golden hue, Emblem of friend and lover true.

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The idea that there is gold hidden to the fire-assay test that yield to a "process" is a myth that will not down. Perennially does it bob up severely, notes the Engineering and Mining Journal. "We call it the go, in the early days of California mining, for our recollection of the fact introduced at it with an ingenious explanation to wit: "The only gold that the fire assay determines is the perfect metal, such as we know in our watch-chains, coins, etc., if we are lucky enough to have them. Now, there is also in some ores an impure, immature and a young gold, which has not existed through sufficient geological eons to ripen in other words, "green gold"--which in its tenderness escapes collection by the assayer's rude methods. But by treatment with the right kind of chemicals from the nurturing hands of the "professor" this delicate gold could be ripened as quickly as preservative the doctrine of Apostolic Succession for the sake of a speedy reunion with those sects immediately

"THE GREEN GOLD MYTH."

All bulls are not born in Ireland. Others besides Irishmen blunder when unsuspected minerals are made upon them. A well known public man was lately assured by the chairman of the assembly welcomed him "with no unfeigned pleasure," at which the visitor was so embarrassed as to say, "I'm always glad to be here--or anywhere else." It was an English mayor who ordered an intruder to sit down and go out. A suburban speaker suggested that the pending proposition "be postponed to the future--or some other time." The appointment by a Midland authority of a lady as medical officer brought a protest "against" woman becoming a "doctor," which reminds one of the convening of meeting of "women of every class--regardless of sex or condition." Sir Francis Scott, who commanded in Ashantee, in substance reviewing his troops, said that "if there had been any lightning there would have been no present in the day." This recalls the scantly-attended meeting at which the chairman said: "I am sorry to see so many absent faces here."

COMMON BLUNDERS.

Dear Jack, when we quarrelled last night. I told you to go, and you went, And I've not seen you since I must write To say I said more than I meant.

But your smile was so cuttlingly calm, Your manner so slightly short, That my sensitive feelings found In the shape of bitter retort.

I told you to go in disgust, Omitting the usual kiss, Our tender adieu, which I trust, Like me, you've continued to miss.

To a small exhibition of claws, Last night you were treated, I own, A character of gullies and swans, Till then I'd consistently shown.

My temper was hot, I confess, I really won't argue again, Much love, yours as ever--P. S.: I am sure I was right in the main. (Punch.)

IN EDEN DAYS.

Eve--Abel, for goodness sake, what is your father tussling about now? Abel--Oh, he says you've taken his 'best Sunday suit' to make the salad--from the Bohemian.