

ASTRANGS WARSHIP.

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The most novel warship in existence appears on the admiralty list. It is known as H. M. S. Excellent; but the H. M. S. Excellent never weighs anchor, never gets up steam with Belleville or any other boilers, and has never left the shores in search of an enemy.

The ship as a ship, in fact, does not exist. H. M. S. Excellent is an admiralty fiction. The name has been bestowed upon what was 30 yrs. ago a mere mudbank off Portsmouth, but which now, owing to the exertions of the handy man, is the most perfectly equipped gunnery establishment in the world.

On H. M. S. Excellent—or Whale Island as it is sometimes called—the armor plates for British warships are tested. Special proof butts have been built for this purpose. For its supply of armor plates the admiralty relies entirely upon the enterprise of private firms. Very few of these are wealthy enough to put down the costly plant necessary for producing armor plates and stand the expense of the not less costly experimental work that has to be constantly undertaken if the manufacturers would keep abreast of his rivals.

Great is the competition among the few big firms who do produce armor, and the result is that the admiralty is constantly being asked to try some make of plate that is designed to offer more resistance to projectiles than the older patterns did. In other words, the admiralty lets the private firms do the experimenting and selects the best from the material offered to it.

When a firm has produced something it deems an advance upon the product of rivals it sends it on board H. M. S. Excellent, and asks the admiralty to subject the plate to the official test. The armor is built up in proof-cells against a strong backing of oak to keep it rigid, and when everything is ready the day is fixed for the experiment.

This is conducted by a party of gunners under the direction of the captain of H. M. S. Excellent. Admiralty officials watch the proceedings, and the firm whose goods are on trial is permitted to send representatives, though the latter are little more than spectators.

Five projectiles are fired at the plate, one at each corner and one in the centre. For testing four inch plates a six inch gun, and for foot thick plates a six inch gun. The firing takes place at short range, with charges carefully calculated to give a high striking velocity to the armour-piercing projectile that is loaded into the gun. When the gun is laid (i. e. aimed) everybody goes into a bomb-proof shelter, and the weapon is fired by electricity.

As soon as danger is over the party emerges from shelter. The plate is carefully examined, photographed, and the depth of the indentation—if any—measured.

BORN.

- Digby, Jan 11, to the wife of O T Haines, a son.
Springhill, Jan 10, to the wife of S L Marcus, a son.
Springhill, Jan 12, to the wife of John Oakley, a son.
Cumberland, Jan 16, to the wife of Ernest Ripley, a son.
Sydney, Jan 13, to the wife of A T Grant, a daughter.
Springhill, Jan 12, to the wife of Jas W Duane, a daughter.
Sydney, Jan 19, to the wife of A L Wadden, a daughter.
Digby, Jan 8, to the wife of Freeman Garros, a daughter.
Pictou, Jan 8, to the wife of Angus McDonald, a daughter.
Halifax, Jan 20, to the wife of Rev. W J Armistead, a son.
New Glasgow, Jan 8, to the wife of Fraser Marshall, a daughter.
Malagawatch, C B, Jan 11, to the wife of R M McKenzie, a daughter.
Lawson Mill road, Hix Co, Jan 14, to the wife of Amos Yendon, a daughter.

MARRIED.

- Boston, Jan 6, Frank Horton to Annie Foote.
Cano, Jan 15, Alfred Bart to Hattie Shrador.
Ellisboro, Jan 15, Harry Filmore to May Steves.
Hillsboro, Jan 15, Arthur Bray to Fannie Steves.
Pictou, Jan 15, George Fogo to Harriett Johnson.
Annapolis, Jan 14, Henry Hersy to Mildred Porter.
Amherst, Jan 7, Alfred Gerard to Charlotte Munier.
Sydney, Jan 15, Oscar McCallum to Sarah McLeod.
Sydney, Jan 14, Hugh McPherson to Bessie McDonald.
Moncton, Jan 16, Walter Lewis to Margaret Winchester.
Charlottetown, Jan 9, Sylvan McCabe to Edith Redpath.
Queens county, Jan 11, William Naldrett to Florence Shann.
Scotch Village, Hunts, Jan 8, Watson Dearman to Sadie Brown.
Woodville, Hants, Jan 15, Albert Elderkin to Frances Burgess.
Dutch Settlement, Halifax, Jan 11, James Logan to May Fountain.
Halifax, Jan 15, Col. Sergt. C. J. Wimperis, to Elizabeth Clarke.
Argyle sound, Yarmouth, Jan 15, Ray Goodwin to Maggie Goodwin.

DIED.

- Sydney, Dec 22, John Mury, 28.
Boston, Jan 6, Eliza Henderson.
St. John, Jan 20, Edward Walsh, 52.
Sereple, Jan 18, William McQuern.
Kentville, Jan 18, Charlena, Dunham.
Pictou, Jan 8, Margaret Chambers, 55.
Annapolis, Jan 10, Amanda Harris, 47.
Dartmouth, Jan 18, Sarah Colbert, 56.
Springhill, Jan 12, Donald A McPhee, 48.
Montowas, Wis., Jan 11, John Vincent.
Halifax, Jan 19, Wintired Evelyn Ward, 2.
San Francisco, Dec 30, Capt A H Ferguson.

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YOUR NAME, ADDRESS,

Annapolis, Jan 10, Wm Henry Halliday, 64.
Sheburne, Jan 8, Elsie Jean Swansburg, 35.
Boston, Jan 15, Lorenzo Dow Raymond, 90.
New Glasgow, Jan 17, Elizabeth Stewart, 47.
Waipole, Mass, Dec 31, Scott C Newcomb, 30.
Pictou, Jan 11, Maggie May Fraser, 6 months.
Halifax, Jan 18, Mrs Jas W Staughtenwhite, 69.
Glen Falls, Dec 23, Marie Marguerite Ethier, 85.
Wolville, Jan 10, Morrill Woodworth, 4 months.
Marshalltown, Digby, Jan 12, Lydia Ellen Seeley, 75.
Rawdon, Hants, Jan 14, Letitia Riles, Kennetcook, 95.
Cheltenham, Eng., Dec 23, Major General Edward Douglas Harvest, 77.

What Makes You Cough

Did you ever wonder just what it is that makes you cough? In a general way it is understood to be an involuntary effort of nature to eject something from the breath-pipe. As a matter of fact merely a slight throat inflammation caused by a cold will cause a cough to start, and the more you cough the more you want to cough. If you allay the inflammation in the throat your cough will stop.

Don't lull the sensitiveness of the throat with medicine containing a narcotic, but give it soothing and healing treatment. This is difficult, because the inflamed parts are in the way of the passage of food and drink. The true cough remedy is something that will protect the throat from the ill effect of catarrhal discharges and also from the irritation of swallowing food. Such a remedy is Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam, which for many years has been conquering the most obstinate coughs. It is a soothing compound prepared from barks and gums. Its beneficent effect is quickly felt and the work of healing promptly begun. If you once take Adamson's Balsam for cough, you will never be satisfied without some of it at hand for any new cough. A trial size of the Balsam can be secured of any druggist for 10 cents. The regular size is 25c. In asking for the Balsam, be sure and get the genuine, which has 'F. W. Kinsman & Co.' blown in the bottle.

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'Great Saturn! Say, wouldn't there be fun to burn it they could hitch the 'Dipper' to its tail?

No one need fear cholera or any summer complaint if they have a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial ready for use. It corrects all looseness of the bowels promptly and causes a healthy and natural action. This is a medicine adapted for the young and old, rich and poor, and is rapidly becoming the most popular medicine for cholera, dysentery, etc; on the market.

Con. C. Tedbore—Really, I'm getting to be very absent-minded of late.

Miss Kostique—I can hardly believe that. An absent-minded man is one who forgets himself, is he not?

'Man is Filled With Misery.'—This is not true of all men. The well, sound of lung, clear of eye, alert and buoyant with health, are not miserable, whatever may be their social condition. To be well is to be happy, and we can all be well by getting and keeping our bodies in a healthful state. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will help to do this.

'Say!' cried the first feline in poor tabby's fur, 'we're simply making this cat wild.'
'Ha,' said the second, 'then she's a wild cat, and that makes us golfers.'

'How so?'
'Playing on the lynx.'

A Tonic for the Debilitated.—Farnese's Vegetable Pills by acting mildly but thoroughly on the secretions of the body are a valuable tonic stimulating the lagging organs to healthful action and restoring them to full vigor. They can be taken in graduated doses and so used that they can be discontinued at any time without any return of the ailments which they were used to allay.

Wearly Walker—No, ma'am, I ain't dirty from cho'ce. I'm bound my honor. I wrote a testimonial for a soapmaker once, an' promised 'to use no udder.'

Mrs. Housekeeper—Well, why not use that?

Wearly Walker—Because, ma'am, that firm failed just after the Civil War.

To Prevent Is Better Than To Repent.—A little medicine in the shape of the wonderful pills which are known as Farnese's Vegetable Pills, administered at the proper time and with the direct ions adhered to often prevent a serious attack of sickness and save money which would go to the doctor. In all irregularities of the digestive organs they are an invaluable corrective and by cleansing the blood they clear the skin of imperfections.

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Her Cousin—All the details of the wedding are arranged, I presume?

Prospective Bride—Yes. We are to be married three weeks from next Thursday. The first ceremony will be in his church, the second in my church, and the third at pa's country seat.

'Doesn't it make you the least bit envious to see what elegant furniture Mrs. Eyeasy is putting into her house next door?'

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Mrs. Tomkins: Mrs. Yabsley has had such an experience! Arrested for shop lifting! All a mistake of course.

Mrs. Jenkins: I suppose she must have been very much annoyed!

Mrs. Tomkins: Not at all. The papers all said she was of prepossessing appearance.

Jack Straight—Had any luck at poker lately?

Bob Flush (father of brand new twins) Haven't held more than one pair the last two sessions.