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BY WILL WILLOWILL. The Objection, or Love's Labor Lost.

CHAPTER I.

"The love of gambling is the worst of ills; With ceaseless storms the blacken'd soul it fills ; Inveighs at Heaven, neglects the ties of blood; Destroys the power and will of doing good; Kills health, pawns honor, plunges in disgrace. And, what is still more dreadful, spoils her face." Young.

Arthur Moore, a young Englishman of noble parentage, acted in the capacity of midthe Peninsular war. He was distinguished for his courageous valor and amiability of disposition, and his many deeds of daring and

whom he could negotiate "a game at Whist." consideration, and every sentiment seemed resolved upon the prosecution of a practice demoralizing in its character, debasing in its nature, and ruinous in its practice.

"I' th' ballot of a box and die" his whole energies seemed to be consolidated and his idle hours, which were more plenteons than was wont, were consecrated to the

shrine of fortune, and he wildly and madly

chased the ignus fatus of chance. During his stay in the Tagus he joined, with a companion, in a small boat, a company of Portuguese in a row up the river on a pleasure trip. The excursion was a very pleasant one to the parties concerned; wine was freely used on the excursion, and when they reached the place of their destination, a green cove on the margin of the stream, the effects of the day's indulgence was strikingly evidenced in the fluent volubility which characterized the pic nic. Towards night, cards gregate was qu te a considerale sum.

plainly indicated their determination for revenge--and a scheme of assassination for the recovery of their lost money was plainly demonstrated. The two Englishmen concealed their fear as well as they could, and by their persuasion induced the Portuguese to indulge further in the wine. As soon as con venient they proposed going back to the lown, near which the British forces were quarfered, and after a short conference among the Portuguese they started. The boat occupied by the Portuguese was very clumsy and unwieldly, while the two Englishmen were in a very light manageable skiff.

The moon shone down serenely on the placid stream, and the two oars of the English skiff cast up a heavy wave as they were bent under the impelling strength of the terrorstricken Englishmen. It was now evident that they were correct in their conjectures; for the shouts of the enraged Portuguese, and the savage rustle of their dozen oars, plainly indicated their determination to capture and assassinate the Englishmen. For two weary hours they threw their entire energies to the spray-washed oars, which impelled their skiff superiority in number of oars and men; that struck across a bar in the river, and the pursuing boat being too heavy to cross except when the stream was swollen, stuck fast in

The Englishmen seeing this sent back an exulting huzza and slackened their pace. They were well nigh exhausted to death with their exertions, and were glad to obtain a rest from their fatiguing labor. Their respite was short duration; for one after another the hardy Portuguese threw themselves overboard and pushed their boat off-they clambered wet and dripping into their boat again

and eagerly renewed the chase. The Englishmen directed their boat 10 some buildings situated on the river, occupied by the English forces—they touched the shore and ran to the gate of the barracks, when lo! was bolted and no one at hand to unbar it. they reflected for a moment, and seizing a ong timber that was laying close at hand, the loving lord; 'didn't I buy him?' sate, and with sailor-like agility mounted to ed the aristocratic lady. his foot slipping saved him from their hands. would have got me!

He received a slight wound in the leg from a stilleto thrust at him, and barely escaped with his life within the bounds of the barracks. He threw his bag of Mi-gotten gold ging a load of coal (twelve hundred weight) sloop St. Mary's, in June last, was transferfrom the top of the gate and leaped after it. 6,00 It was a narrow escape-a minute later and driver, some distance behind, was conversing and consists of the sloop-of-war Marion, Comthey would both have paid the forfeit with with a neighbor. The horse, on a slow walk, their lives. Arthur bound up his wound came up to a child, sitting in the middle of with his handkerchief, and wiped the cold the road, gathering up the dust with its little during the past year are fully detailed in the perspiration from his throbbing brow.

He slept but little during the night, for when he would doze, he fancied he could feel child-there was no room to turn off. With plied:-

"No, no! never again will I turn a card !" "Better take a glass of wine, and a game, Arthur; it will enliven you, and make you forget last night."

"Never will I forget my narrow escape,and never will I shuffle a pack of cards." said Arthur; "it came too nigh being my

CHAPTER II.

Twas pitiful to hear the murderous thrust Of Ruffian's blade that sought the life entire; Twas sad to hear the blood come guzzling forth From out the throat of the wild suicide.

For a short time Arthur conducted himself with commendable propriety; but the aflushipman on board the frigate - during ring bait was thrown out to him in Lisbon, and he had not sufficient moral courage to withstand the temptation; he fell into his old habits; his passion for the gaming table chivalry won the commendation of his sover- was doubly increased. & he indulged in druneign and his fellow men. He was universal- kenness and debauchery; his companions early beloved by all who knew him, and indeed nestly entreated him to relinquish his ruin- had seen performed by Signor Blitz and the he was an honor to the family to which he be- ous habits, but their friendly admonitions rest of the conjuring family, expressed his were disregarded." His losses were greater contempt for the whole tribe, declaring that The frigate to which he was attached lay than his gains, he drew upon his father again he could perform any of their tricks, especialfor a time in the Tagus, during which time for money to uphold him in his gaming. At ly that of beating a watch in pieces and reof idleness Arthur contracted a deep passion length his father refused to cash a bill of storing it whole. It being doubted, he defor gaming, in which he indulged daily with £400, which he had drawn upon him. This manded a trial, Several watches were at a fellow midshipman, and with any with circumstance hurried him along in the path once produced for the experiment. 'There," of crime. He had many friends, and among said he. "there are the pieces," "Yes," al His passion seemed to absorb every other his most intimate friends, he numbered two wealthy Spanish brothers who resided near Lisbon; these brothers opened their houses to Arthur, they bestowed their hospitality; he knew where their wealth was-he knew their money chest. He was reduced to beggary-to fraud-to desperation, and he determined to rob his friends and thus again sacisfy his inordinate passion for gaming .-He stole a chisel from an iron-monger's store, and armed himself with a poignard-this last was proved by the books of a cutler who sold it, and corroborated by a gentlemen who was present at the time.

A few days after, he was aware that his friends, the two brothers, were from home .-He went that day to the house as usual, pretending not to be aware of the absence of his friends-he had the chisel and poignard in his pockets-he was admitted by the only male attendant about the house, and as he was well acquainted, he was invited to the room where the gold was kept. He was left were proposed, and the play introduced; Ar- alone to rest himself-he laid the poignard thur was foremost in the game; and the gods on the table-he forced open the safe with of luck so favored him, that he soon won all his chisel. The operation made some noise, the Portuguese had to bet, which in the ag- and the servant hearing it, rushed up to the room, and no doubt was astonished to find The loss of their gold, and the inflaming Arthur, his master's friend, robbing him of effects of wine, aroused to fiery madness the his wealth. Arthur seized the poignard and Portuguese; their actions and countenances rushed upon him-they flew down stairs-the servant fled to the parlor and Arthur there throat of the terrified servant-the smoking blood gurdled forth, and soon the servaat servant was by and witnessed the horrible deed; she screamed and screamed, and Arthur stood, knife in hand, petrified to the spot lows: the maiden assembled the authorities to the commanding, whose field of operations ex- various navy yards and docks completed and low a lieutenancy a sufficient number for the bending over his bloody victim--the cries of house, and Arthur was arrested and commit- tends from the Banks of Newfoundland to in course of construction: ted to prison.

His trial came on and the evidence was conclusively and awfully clear, and he was crime. The day was appointed, and the unhappy man was removed to prison to await the dreadful day of his doom.

He became hardened and reckless, and none wished to visit him. The day of his Turner and has been chiefly occupied in the a highly important manufactory of ordnance execution came-hundreds were assembled West Indies and the Gulf of Mexico. in Lisbon to witness the execution of the wretched murderer. The jailor unbolted the command of Commodore T. Ap C. Jones unprison doors, and when he approached the til the month of June last, when cell of the destined victim of the law, he fell lieved and succeeded by Commodore McCau- ment long wanted, as well on the score of back with pale and mute astonishment. ley. It consists of the frigate Savannah, economy as to furnish a better quality of rolllorward like a creature of life, and would soon There lay the unfortunate Arthur Moore Captain Page, bearing the broad penant of ed copper for sheathing vessels than can be have left their foes far in the rear, but for their weltering in his own hot blood! He had the commander of the squadron; the frigate obtained in market.' severed the main venus and arteries of his Raritan, Captain Gaunit; the sloops Vandasevered the mail veins and his life lia Commander Gardner; Vincennes, Comanwidely craft, and the hot pursuit of the had ebbed away with the scarlet current. had ebbed away with the scarlet current and the had ebbed away with the scarlet current and after Pearson; St. Mary's, Commander Magruder; a reckless career of a few short months, the Warren, (unseawortny and used as a storeaccomplished, talented, educated Arthur ship.) Lieut. Pickering; the steamer Massa-Moore, blest with high birth, and an exalted chusetts, Lieut. Knox, and the storeship Supstation, and granted every facility which ply. Lieut. Kennedy. would lead to honorable distinction in his profession perished by the demoralizing agency

of the gaming table? May the sad, but true story be a warning to others who begin to feel a pleasure when around the dangerous board-may they form a resolution, as he did, when he said, " never will I turn a card," and may they never relinquish the good resolve to meet the horrible consequences:

CONNUBIAL SHARP SHOOTING. 'My love,' said an amiable spouse to her husband, 'don't sell that horse, I like him, and I want to keep him.

'He's my horse, and I'll sell him,' replied by placed one end on the top of the iron 'It was my money that bought him,' retort-

A NOBLE HORSE.

in a cart. The lane was very narrow—the red to the command of Commodore Voorhees, hands, and making 'mountains out of mole- report, and with regard to the Pacific squadhills.' The horse stopped-he smelt of the rons the Secretary says: the murderous stilletto feeling for his heart's his thick lips he gathered the frock between efficient fleet in the Pacific for the protection blood. The next morning his companion as- his teeth, lifted the child, laid him gently on of an extended territory and sudden and wonked him if he felt like taking "a game of the outside of the wheel truck, and went on derful commerce in that hitherto unoccupied whist" to rub off his night's labor? He re- his way rejoicing, and well he might rejoice region of the world, cannot be too highly es- accustomed regulation and direction, is adap--he had done a noble deed.

> An old physician was declaring in our There is not a vegetable growing in our ers, the Secretary says: gardens that is not best when arrived at maturity, and most of them are positively injurious unless fully ripe."

it's ripe as 'tis green." asserted a little boy the offence has been atoned for by explanain a very confidential but modest manner.

a mere boy. "A cucumber!" responded the lad. The Doctor winked at us with both eyes, but said nothing.

A RIVAL OF SIGNOR BLITZ.

A wag in a country bar-room, where each man was reciting the wonderful tricks they exclaimed, "now let's see the watch" He used mysterious words, shook up the fragments, and at length put down the pestle and mortar. observing, "well, I tho't I could do it, but by George, I can't !"

YANKEE COURTSHIP. A love-lorn swain broke a wish-bone with his 'heart's queen,' somewhere up in New

'Neow what d'you wish Sally? demanded Jonathan, with a tender grin of expectation. 'I wished I was handsome,' replied the fair damsel-'handsome as Queen Victory.' 'Jerusalem! what a wish!' replied Jonathan—'when you're handsome 'nuff neow!— But I'll tell yer what I wished Sally, I wished you was locked up my arms and the key

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAYY.

The great length of the report of the Hon. Wm. A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy, usually interesting.

'The home squadron, Commodore Parker the mouth of the Amazon river, has compriwitch, Lieutenant Commanding Totten, and riod. the schooner Flirt, Lieutenant Commanding

mander Hudson: Falmouth. Commander

modore McKeever commanding, is composed of the frigate Congress, Captain McIntosh, bearing the broad penant of the commodore the sloop St. Louis, Commander Cocke; the brig Bainbridge, Lt. Manning, and the store-

ship Relief, Lt. Totten. 'The Mediterranean squadron, under the command of Commodore Morgan, consists of his flag-ship the Razee Independence, Capt. Jameson; the frigate Cumberland, Captain made in connexion therewith; Latimer; the steamer Mississippi, Captain Long, and the storeship Lexington, Lieut.

ry, Lieut. Foote.

The squadron in the East India and Chi-Grant Thorburn says:—"I once saw a na seas, lately under the command of Com-horse in the neighborhood of New York, drag-modore Geisenger, who returned home in the mander Glendy.

'The advantage, indeed the necessity of an sequel of this communication.

hearing the other day, upon the propensity on the coast of Africa are highly approved institution? And, in considering these queshearing the other day, upon the propensity on the coast of Africa are highly approved institution? And, in considering these ques-which a majority of people display for eating of, and. with reference to recent alleged outunripe fruit and vegetables. Said he- rages on American vessels by English cruis- we have arrived at a new era in our history, age in every grade, upon the attainment of

bearing our flag on that coast, upon suspi-"I know one thing that ain't so good when cion of their being slavers; but in each case which has grown to its present dimensions the ripe as 'tis green." asserted a little boy the offence has been atoned for by explana- without any law of increase, should be found tions and apologies to our officers on that sta- unshapely and disproportioned. An obvious "What's that?" sharply said the physici- tion, and the reports thereof have been trans- fault of the present organization of the peran, vexed at having his principle disputed by mitted from this Department to the Depart- sonnel of the navy, as above set forth, is the ment of State.

> wherever our flag has been displayed by a has brought into the higher grades a greater national vessel it has received the respect due number of officers than is required by the to the national character, and that our inte- present force of ships and men, or than will be rests and commerce in every sea have been required in any state of things likely soon to secure and prosperous under its protection.'

> The report then proceeds with a detail of The shore stations, comprehending navy the departure and operations of the Grinnell yards, receiving ships, and naval asylum, and expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, including one of each for the Pacific coast, will under command of officers of the navy, and require 18 captains, 21 commanders, 56 lieustates that when last heard from they were tenants, 27 surgeons, 10 passed and assistant gallantly contending with the icebergs, but surgeons, 14 pursers, 12 chaplains, 60 passed yet not without hope of success in their hu- and other midshipmen; leaving for sea service

mane but perilous enterprise. eight in the Atlautic and one in the Pacific. er midshipmen. each in charge of a lieutenant in the navy, recommends that the Coast Survey be assigned wholly to the control of the Navy De-

The following review is given of the present naval establishment:

The vessels of the Navy of the United steamers less than 1st class; 5 storeships. 'Of these there are in commission, I razee;

6 frigates; 15 sloops-of-war; 4 brigs; 2 schrs.; (coast survey;) 2 steam frigates; 1 steamer of er do.; 1 sloop do.

ress of construction, but the work thereon now suspended, four ships of the line and two

To these are added the contingent force of of war, namely:

that the vessels in commission during the past on the line between New York and Liverpool. year, exclusive of the steamer Michigan, un- A fifth is contracted for, but not yet construct- be reduced to 60 captains. 80 commanders. overtook him, and with his porgnard cut the der the command of Commodore Bullus, ed. One steamer of the first class between 300 lieutenants, with corresponding modifiwhich has been cruising on the lakes above New York and Panama. 'A second steamer cations in the inferior grades. Such a reduc- on, and the following recommendation made: Niagara, giving protection to our commerce, on this line has been brought into use, but tion would adapt the supply of officers to was still in death! It happened that a maid and rendering assistance to our distressed has not been finished so as to undergo inspecmerchantmen on those inland seas, have been tion and be received. The contract on this playment to all, with occasional intervals of employed in six different squadrons, as fol- line, as on that to Liverpool, provides for five steamships.'

sed the frigate Rantan, Captain Page; the and railways are expected to be completed service, besides active duty at sea and at the sloop-of-war Albany, Commander Randolph; for use at Portsmouth and Pensacola in the navy, and other shore stations. condemned to die, to expatiate his horrible the sloop-of-war Germantown, Commander course of the ensuing year, and a floating Lowndes, the steamer Vixen, Lieutenant sectional dock also with a stone basin and Commanding Smith; the steamer Water- railway, at Philadelphia within the same pe- that suitable remuneration shall be made to

'The navy yard at Washington carries on and ordnance stores, of anchors, chain cables. 'The Pacific squadron continued under the steam engines, and other fabrics of iron, and preparations are in progress to erect there machinery for rolling copper, an establish-

Proposals have been received and are now

The stores on hand at the various navy yards for construction and equipment are 'equal in value to \$6,500,000.

The Secretary doubts the propriety of resorting to the contract system for the erection of national vessels, and gives various reasons why such a change of system would operate to the inconvenience and inefficiency of the Department,

The report then proceeds to review the history of the navy with regard to its increase and decrease in time past, of both officers and lished, seniority shall not be regarded, and practical instruction in seamanship and genvessels. The following is given as the present limit, of officers and men, and suggestions

'The personnel of the navy. thus established, comprises 68 captains, 97 commanders. vancement in the naval service is allowed to demic term, in conformity with the new ar-327 lieutenants, 68 surgeons, 37 passed assis- reward the most heroic exploit or acknowl- rangement, commenced on the 1st of Octo-The squadron on the coast of Africa, un- tant surgeons, 64 pursers, 24 chaplains, 12 edged professional superiority, promotion ber, under the direction of Commander Stribder the command of Commodore Gregory, professors of mathematics, 11 masters in the coming none the best, none the hing as superintendent, and is in successful embraces his flag-ship, the sloop-of-war Ports- line of promotion, and 464 passed and other later to the worst, provided they can escape progress. Plans and estimates for improvemouth, Commander Peck; the sloop-of-war midshipmen; to which is to be added, besides John Adams, Commander Powell; the sloop- other warrant officers, according to the annu- of a court-martial.' to led the aristocratic lady.

Yes, madam,' said the husband, 'and by of-war Dale, Commander Pearson; the brig al appropriation for pay and subsistance, like foot slipping one of his foot, but like foot slipping and subsistance, like foot slipping and slipping and slipping and slipping and slipping and slipping and s landsmen, and boys.

'The capacity of the country this force, whenever desi ly perceived by stating that are have now in and Macdonough when they achieved their the mercantile marine 3,000,000 of tons of victories with so much renown to the country; shipping, an amount greater than that of any the senior lieutenants past the age when miliother nation of the world; and, according to tary duty is required of the citizen in the milthe ordinary estimate of six men to every one fina; and the commanders and captains prohundred tons, there are in our mercantile ser-vice 180,000 seamen. In this array of the hardy mariners to recruit arming ships of war, we possess the elements of a naval power un- ascertained to be the average duration of husurpassed in the history of nations. The man life." far these elements are to be brought into use. Whether the present establishment, with its of Congress; timated, and will be again adverted to in the ted to our present necessities, or whether it may be reformed, regulated, and improved, be required to supply the higher grades as The vigilance and energy of the squadron so as better to answer the great objects of its vacancies may occur? arising from our occupation and vast exten- which, if no vacancy exists for promotion, Occasional instances have occurred of the sion of our territories on the coast of the Pa- they may be retired from the navy to find

It is not a matter of surprise that a system disparity between the head and the subordi-'It is a source of high gratification that, nate parts. The natural desire for promotion occur.

56 captains, 76 commanders, 271 lieutenants. With regard to the Coast Survey, it is 41 surgeons, 70 passed and assistant surgons, partment itself, when not on more active duty, stated that during the last year, nine parties, 50 pursers, 10 chaplains, 404 passed and oth- in such supervision and direction of the per-

accompanied by a competent force of mid- ty officers, seamen, ordinary seamen, lands- to the connexion of the Ceneral-in-Chief and shipmen as assistants, have been actively en- men, and boys, as the force to be commanded, the Adjutant General with Department of gaged in this survey. The Secretary also and dividing it into six squadrons, each to War. The other, when not in command at consist of 1 ship of the line, 1 frigate 1 steam- sea, should establish his quarters at San er of the 1st class, 1 steamer of the 2d class, Francisco, or other point on the Pacific 2 sloops of war, it will give employment at coast, should be invested with command over one time to 24 captains. 30 commanders, 156 all the naval officers and seamen west of the tant surgeons. 42 pursers, 6 chaplains, 396 ces in the Pacific and in the China and East States consist of 7 ships of the line; 1 razee: passed and other midshipmen; leaving unem India seas, reporting all his orders and ope-12 frigates; 21 sloops-of-war; 4 brigs; 2 schrs.; ployed, either on land or sea, 26 captains, 46 ration and proceeding under them to the De-5 steam frigates; 3 steamers of the 1st class; commanders, 115 lieutenants, 5 surgeons. 10 partment, as stated and early periods. passed and assistant surgeons, 8 pursers, 4

ger and deprivation of the comforts of demes- recommendations presented: the 1st class; 3 steamers less than 1st class; 3 tic life, there should be, at all times, such a ships of the line; as receiving ships; I steam | number of officers as to allow a reasonable | the Atlantic coast for the Pacific fleet : respite between active cruises at sea, and to There are also on the stocks and in pro- provide against losses from sudden casualty.' be placed on that side of the continent, to re-After thus enumerating the present naval | tain them there for permant use: and force, the Secretary makes the following recommendation of a reduction;

and I therefore recommend that the numbers to another. the state of the service, and, by affording emrelaxation, would tend to advance the standing of professional skill and acquirement. The report then proceeds to enumerate the It would still leave in the grades of and bedaties of ordnance hydrography, scientific 'Floating balance docks with stone basins observation, the coast survey, and all special

He further recommends, should his suggestions of a reduction be deemed advisable, those discharged, who have devoted the prime of their manhood to the service, and that all officers who may be superanuated or the Saranac alone is ready for sea, but the decline in capacity for useful public service, others will be ready in a few months. While be retired from the active list on terms both the Saranac will be retained in the home liberal and just, and adds a

should be viewed with displeasure-incompetency from unavoidable and honorable cause with commiseration and kindness. But in neither case should gommand or promotion also proposed that the various squadrons be denied to those who must really and effec- meet at certain periods for the purpose of tually stand between the country and its ene- exercising in fleets. mies in the hour of danger. Even in judicial The Naval Academy at Annapolis havoffices, held during good behaviour, in all ing been placed under a new and improved well regulated States, provision has been system of regulations, to take effect from the made for removal from office for mental or 1st day of July last, and under an enlarged phisical Incompetency as well as for criminal- corps of professors, affords facilities and

serious consideration whether mere seniority ing the service, and it is to be hoped is desof commission should not be disregarded in tined to furnish the navy with what has been promotions to grades above that of comman- so long and so beneficially enjoyed by the

der, and recommends: cy or to a higher rank, it such shall be estab- emy of a practice ship, for the purpose of merit shall be esteemed the only criterion of nery, on short cruises, under the direction of selection. This will appear to be the more the Superintendent, in analogy to the system eminently just and proper, since, under the of encampment by the Cadets, is regarded as present system, no brevet rank or other ad- an improvement of great value. The acabeing cut off from the service by the sentence

With regard to the disparity between subaltern officers and their grades the Secretary I drography, which are approved and recom-

he senior passed midshipmen, now in the rvice, are older than were Perry, Decatur

problem to be solved by the statesman is, how To remedy this delect the following propositions are recommended to the consideration

> '1st. To reduce the number of midshipman, so as to furnish only so many as m

> employment in the merchant service, and supply a reserve corps, in case of war of the most efficient character.

> The Secretary also most earnestly recomnends that the service itself be elevated by recognising by law the office of Commodore, and by the creation of at least two officers of the rank of Rear-Admiral. The highest post in our navy at present being that of Captain, the rank of Commodore is one of mere courtesy. After giving a comparison of the relative ranks and duties of officers of the navy and army, the report says:

'If Congress shall think proper to add the rank of lightenant-general to the army as a reward for the long service and brilliant success of a veteran soldier, it may be accompanted or followed by its corelative of vice-admirai of the navy, according to the pleasure of the Legislature.

'Of the two rear-admirals proposed, one might be most ucefully employed at the Desonnel of the navy as might be assigned him 'Assuming the present number of 7,500 pet- by the head of the Department, in analogy lieutenants, 36 surgeons, 60 passed and assis- Rocky Mountains, as well as the naval for-

The necessity af maintaining our nava chaplains, 8 passed and other midshipmen. | force in the Pacific is urged, and various rea-In a service subjected to hardship, dan- sons therefor pointed out, and the following

> 1st. To build ships and recruit sailors on · When a sufficient number of vessels shall

'3d. That when crews are wanted to man them, after the expiration of the term of But as duty on shore is itself a relief from those originally carried out, to enlist them in renders it necessary for us to make a conden- mail steamers, liable in any emergency to be duty at sea, it is believed that the above list the Atlantic ports and send them ort in Govsation of its contents, which will be found un- taken at valuation and converted into vessels of supernumerary officers, at least in the ernment transports on the ordinary line of three highest grades, is greater than is de- travel across the Isthmus of Panama, as they The report commences with a statement 'Four steamers of the first class employed manded for an effective naval establishment, are now transported from one Atlantic port

The introduction of steam vessels, and their efficiency in case of war is commented

'As connected with this subject, I likewise nvite your attention to the recommendation of the chief of the Bureau of Construction, that our sail ships of war hereafter to be constructed shall be furnished with steam propellers, to be used on occasions where celerity of motion adverse to the prevailing winds may be important. But with the improvements constantly going on in ocean steamers, I would not recommend a large addition to this species of naval lorce, except in the event of war, lest the progress of invention shall supplant them by others of superior

Of the four war steamers recently ordered squadron as an effective cruiser in any emer-Incompetency from vice and dissipation gency which may arise, it is contemplated to attach the Susquehanna to the East India squadron, and to send the two remaining ones to the Pacific and the coast of Brazil. - It is

means of professional education not hereto-The Secretary then suggests as worthy of fore er joyed by the young gentlemen enterarmy, in the Military Academy at West That in all future promotions to a captain- Point. The attachment to the Naval Acadments in the buildings and grounds of the Academy will be found in the report of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and Hymended by the department.