

matter of her marriage with Doctor Irving, and concluded to let her have her own way, and that should she in the future suffer for it, not to lay the blame upon her shoulders.

And that same day Mr. Blender presented her with the picture of "Telling Past Fortune," which she with her own hands cut to pieces and burned in the privacy of her own room.

And as to Delphine and her husband, they have never allowed Miss Stratton to suspect that they knew by what means her gracious consent to their marriage was brought about.—Saturday Night.

Squadron Drills at Sea.

The smooth clean hulls of the new cruisers, their glistening steel weapons, their speed and power, the evidences of strength, both offensive and defensive, which they display, their numerous mechanical and scientific appliances, all mark them as fully abreast of the development of this age of steel, and as worthy to maintain the honor of the flag under its new and altered conditions. Once more the navy of the United States seems equal to any demands that might be made upon it, to be a sure reliance in time of National emergency, a defence in the event of National peril.

The ships weigh from four thousand to ten thousand tons each. They would be moving at a speed of fifteen knots or more. Their formation must be compact and regular, for at such a speed a mere touch of one to another might be a disabling blow, and if the squadron is scattered by ships losing distance an alert enemy may find his opportunity. Then the admiral's signals must be looked to. If the vessels change direction, they should change as one. If the admiral desires to change his formation or his front, it must be done without confusion. A captain of a ship in a fleet action has therefore a double duty—first, to employ his own weapons to the best advantage and to endeavor to avoid those of the enemy; second, to manoeuvre his ship with her consorts, obeying and supporting his admiral; and the latter he must do amidst the terrible din, confusion, and destruction of the former. Quick manoeuvring must therefore become to him a second nature—something to be done almost unconsciously as a matter of habit, and this habit can be acquired only by long and constant practice. The highest school of naval war in time of peace, that work which solves its problems, and is the best guarantee of future success, is manoeuvring vessels in company with others—in professional language, fleet or squadron tactics.

Proficiency in this art has always accompanied naval supremacy. It was so in the galley period and, much later, during that long period when vessels were propelled by sails alone. The victories of St. Vincent and Nelson were the joint product of their genius and of fleets of unusual mobility and tactical training. With modern vessels of great speed and power, independent of the wind, and armed with weapons of variety and precision, this kind of training and drill is more valuable—is, in fact, essential. Naval writers of all countries dwell upon its importance, and continually urge that increasing attention be given to it during those times of peace which afford the only real opportunity of preparing for the sharp and decisive wars of modern times.—Harper's Weekly.

Increase of Georgia Marble.

The division of mining statistics and technology of the United States geological survey has received from Dr. William C. Day, the special agent in charge of the statistics of stone, a statement of the production of marble in Georgia in 1894. This product, which comes entirely from Pickens County, was 481,529 cubic feet, valued at \$716,385, as compared with \$261,666, the value in 1893, an increase of 174 per cent. Georgia ranks second among the marble-producing States, Vermont being first.—Washington Star.

Buffalo robes are scarce, but a seal-skin sacque will soon be a curiosity, predicts the New York Mail and Express.

More than half of the States in the Union have incorporated in their statutes a provision for compulsory education.

There seems, to the Atlanta Journal, to be a new disease in this land of liberty. For lack of a better name it is termed "titlemania."

German Mayors have a playful habit of warning their people by proclamation against eating American dried apples, on the ground that they are dried on zinc netting and are poisonous.

Students of economical housekeeping will be interested to know that the expenses of the Queen of England's household last year amounted to \$865,000, three-quarters of which was salaries.

A writer of some note in Newfoundland declares that of the various pronunciations of the name of that country Newfoundland is preferable. Newfoundland allowable, and Newfoundland execrable.

In 1894 Connecticut took out one patent for every 993 of its inhabitants and Massachusetts one for every 1335. These were the most inventive States. South Carolina, with one patent for every 25,581 inhabitants, was least so.

Recently a court in New York decided that money dropped upon the floor of a street car, although by falling between the slats of the wooden mat it had become entirely hidden, was a lawful tender of fare, which the conductor must not only accept, but supply the required change.

Germany is in a plethoric condition. Her population now exceeds fifty-one millions, and the Argonaut believes that but for the safety-valve afforded by emigration to this country, her numbers—especially in the cities—would be a source of embarrassment. Germans have had too much sense to accept ex-Chancellor Bismaack's invitation to emigrate to Angra Pequena, or the Zanzibar country, or Papau.

Mrs. Samuel Crawbaugh, of Cleveland, is the first woman in Ohio to register as a qualified voter. She went to the Board of Election rooms in Cleveland the other day and remarked that she desired to register, as she would be out of the city on the regular registration days. She said she was sixty-one years old. Secretary Rowbottom placed the pen which was used in the safe, and will present it to the Western Reserve Historical Society.

The New York Sun announces that "Red Mule Smith, of the Kentucky Mountains, has been sentenced to be hanged, having been convicted of the last of his murders. He is small, and for a noted desperado very modest. Common report credited him with the killing of twenty men, but he would only acknowledge to having done for eight. This strict adherence to truth is remarkable in a professional assassin who offered his services for a fee. Red Mule Smith must have had some other good qualities.

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"Why do you oppose Mr. Dinsmore's attentions to Susie?" said Mrs. Cawker to her husband. "Because I am extremely anxious for her to marry him," was the reply.—Harlem Life.

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