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THE UNITED STATES MARINE.

The Marine Review, of Cleveland, O., has an editorial upon the aptness of the present opportunity for raising a great American merchant marine, a commission having been appointed by Congress to look thoroughly into the whole sub-This commission has been subdivided into committees, one for the Atlantic coast, another for the Pacific, and the third for the Great Lakes, the three great divisions, from a maritime standpoint, of the United States. The Review takes to task those people who are alleged to have found grounds for hostility between the lake and the other shipping interests. Chicago, it points out, is as much an American seaport as New York. It is not separated by the sea, but is joined to it by 2,000 miles of fresh water. Ships have gone from Chicago to Liverpool and will go again. It is not conceivable that the Welland and other canals will be allowed to remain with a draught of only 14 feet. But what has already been done by the Federal Government, for the improvement of American waterways, thinks our contemporary, is but a beggar's pittance wealth and population considered, in comparison with what Canada has done to improve her channels of communication with the sea. A 20 ft. draught is the commercial minimum which may be expected in these days of great ships. "But," remarks the Review, "in the great question of maritime development, shipping interests are, after all, only an incident. The commerce which it quickens into life is the thing. It will serve to give to the United States a proportionate share of the markets of the world to which its resources, its various industries, and its population entitle it. Is there a man alive to-day who would dare to dream what it would mean to the United States in the contest for the world's markets, if she had as many ships as Britain has, in proportion to her resources, her coast line and the number of her people? What a frightful handicap it is for a manufacturer of reapers who, in order to send his output to South America, has first to send it to Liverpool, where it may be transferred to a ship engaged in the South American trade."

-Mrs. Leo Hunter, that society-loving blue-stocking of the Pickwick papers, is never extinct. When the late Lord Tennyson visited the Royal Academy with his wife, an interested female dogged his foosteps, trusting to hear some gem fall from his lip which she-and she alone -might enshrine for the benefit of posterity. Patience was rewarded. amateur shadower was justified, at length, by hearing the poet say to his wife: "You hold the catalogue while I get a glass of beer." That most loveable of men, the late Sir Edwin Arnold, was once pursued in a similar manner. The dodger longed for a pearl of wisdom from the grand old journalist. She was rewarded also. "I think I could eat an oyster," said Sir Edwin. Mrs. Hunter did not think the oyster much of a "pearl."-London Opinion.

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