

Aunt Eppie Hogg, the Fattest Woman in Three Counties, Never Has Any Trouble Getting Odd Jobs Done Around the House at This Season.

There were turned out after the
began five Queen Elizabeths and
Royal Sovereigns, that jointly c
\$0 15-inch guns, and jointly,

Sept. 1, 1914, the U. S. fleet was composed of nearly 500 ships, of an aggregate displacement of about two and one-quarter million tons; and as it was built by no means exclusive; it merely measured up to the enormous responsibilities that were laid upon it.

The first fighting line was made up of 31 ships of the dreadnought class. These ships had a speed of from 12 to 32 knots, and their displacement varied from 18,000 to 28,000 tons. They were built somewhat on the lines of the German ships, and were launched prior to 1911. They are not to be confounded with the big 16-inch gun ships, which were built later, and moved only 10 to 12-inch guns in five turrets, two on the centre line and one on each beam. The belt armor was 11 inches thick, and there was an upper belt above this of eight-inch armor. Each also carried for torpedo defense a battery of four-inch guns.

There were three dreadnoughts of the "Hercules" class, of 30,000 tons

The British navy was at that time strong in the armored cruiser class. First of this class was the ship "Hood," 6,000 tons, from 22 to 23.5 knots, and carried guns varying from 7.5 to 9.2 inches. While the number of ships in 1914, it was estimated that in 1916 there were 107 of this particular type of armored ships. There were also 74 armored cruisers, which were free of hostilities. These had no side armor, but the decks were protected at the waterline by armor plates of 1.5 to 2 inches. They carried guns and magazines. Some of these ships were of the scout class as represented by the "Chatham," which carried a speed of 25.5 knots and carrying eight six-inch guns each.

Included in the fleet were 167 torpedo boat destroyers and 49 torpedo boats. In the 1916 report it was noted that the fleet had 100 destroyers, numbered 108 craft; the ocean-going destroyers numbered 120, the first-

Each and All

CHRISTMAS DAY

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