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## American Interest in Sea Supremacy.

Cogent Questions Asked by Correspondent of Harper's Weekly—With Great Britain Defeated by Germany, Where Would the United States "Get Off At?"

New York, Aug. 16.—The London correspondent of Harper's Weekly, Mr. Sydney Brooks (whose journalistic work is well known, and whose observations are accepted as especially worthy of attention), writes on "The Warning of Germany's Naval Increase and why it should interest Americans."

He quotes Admiral Mahan's recent utterance as part of his introductory remarks:

This is the fundamental condition which the British democracy of today have to recognize as regards their national security, upon which their economic future—their food, clothing and housing—depends; that they stand face to face with a nation one-fourth more numerous than themselves, and one more highly organized for the sustenance by force of a national policy. It is so because it has a government more efficient in the ordering of national life, in that it can be, and is, more consecutive in purpose than one balanced unsteadily upon the shoulders of a shifting popular majority.

After discussing various phases of the struggle for naval supremacy as between Great Britain and Germany, the correspondent goes on to point out how the United States is concerned in the great question of naval armament. He rejects the generally accepted American idea that one set of world politics applies on one side of the Atlantic and not on the other.

Some Pertinent Questions.

"Has the United States an interest in the fact that Germany is now the second naval power in the world?" he asks. "Has she an interest in the prodigious preparations for war, or for warding off war, that are being hurriedly pressed forward on both sides of the North Sea? Has she an interest in the possibility that supremacy at sea may one day suddenly pass from British to German hands, and that England may be irretrievably humbled and that the British Empire may be convulsively dissolved? Have Americans ever conceived themselves menaced by the British command of the sea? Would they be equally satisfied if Germany were to occupy the position so long and with such general acceptance held by Great Britain? They are well aware, no doubt, that the possessions of Canada binds Great Britain automatically to good behaviour throughout the Americas. Do they feel confident that they have any equal hold over Germany? They have long since, I believe, acquiesced Great Britain of all 'designs' upon the Monroe Doctrine. Have they returned an equally favorable verdict in the case of Germany? American commerce and power are inextricably intermingled with those of Great Britain; the downfall of the British Empire, which would be the inevitable consequence of the destruction of British sea-power, would paralyze every financial and commercial interest in the United States for at least a couple of decades. Would the destruction of German sea-power have any such disastrous and reverberant results? In the scale of American material interests which weighs the

heavier—Germany or Great Britain? In the scale of American naval interests the same question has to be asked and answered. Are Americans more in sympathy with the British or the German form of civilization and of government; with British or with German ideas and ethical principles; with the British or the German language, spirit and genius? I question whether British supremacy at sea gives an American statesman a moment's anxiety on behalf of a single one of America's possessions or policies. Would Germany's supremacy at sea be equally innocuous?

Upkeep of British Empire. Next to the security and well-being of their own country have Americans any greater or more obvious and tangible interests than the preservation of the British Empire on its present footing? Would its collapse react anywhere so disastrously as upon the United States? Of the two powers, it is Great Britain or it is Germany that is the more aggressive, the more hungry for fresh territory; the greater centre of international disturbance and unrest? Would the rise of a Greater Germany to the power and influence now owned by Greater Britain be regarded by Americans as a happy development or as one that menaced their position and freedom as a world-power? Losing command of the sea, Great Britain loses everything; the destruction of the German navy would no more ruin Germany than Tushima ruined Russia. If, therefore, matters come to a crisis, is it clear that Germany will be fighting for a dominion, and Great Britain for life; Germany for a world-wide upheaval, and Great Britain for the status quo. Which power, under these circumstances, would make the better appeal for American sympathies? I pose these questions, but I have no wish to prejudice the answers to them. I pose them as one who believes that most of them will never require an answer, for the reason that Great Britain is strong enough and alert enough to face single-handed the crisis that seems to be approaching. But if I were an American I should pose them just the same and, what is more, I should try to answer them as dispassionately as I knew how. There is every probability that Great Britain will survive the ordeal that awaits her. But there is just a possibility that she may not, and if I were an American that possibility would mightily concern me. There is good reason to think that Germany has risen to be the second naval power in the world with a view to challenging Great Britain. But there is a chance that she may, after all, be thinking of some one else, and, if I were an American, I should not ignore that chance."

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## Famous Performances in Courts of Justice.

Singing and Dancing Before the Judge.

On a certain memorable occasion all who were present at the Court of Justice at Berlin had the great pleasure of listening to a free performance by a world-famous violinist. It appeared from the evidence that a dealer in musical instruments was charged with cheating a customer by representing that a violin which he offered for sale at five shillings was an instrument that could be played. The great professor was called in as an expert witness, and, taking up the impugned instrument, he proceeded to play upon it. Under his magic fingers it really sounded like a violin; but in a few moments, much to the regret of his listeners, the maestro laid the instrument down with an evident air of contempt. But he had secured the accused's acquittal.

Saved By His Voice.

The great tenor Mario once had to give a free exhibition of his magnificent vocal powers in court in order to gain freedom for himself. He had been arrested in Madrid in mistake for a mischievous political agitator, and in vain proclaimed his identity to the powers that be. Finally he was told that if he really was the famous singer his voice was a certain means of convincing the Court of the truth of his claim. For seven or eight minutes Mario held all within hearing spell-bound, and he was then allowed to take his departure amid profuse apologies.

Danced on a Table.

It is seldom, indeed, that a lawsuit is determined by a dance, yet in

more than one instance a case has been actually won by such a performance before a judicial tribunal. A few weeks ago a suit was decided in this extraordinary fashion at a Berlin Court of Justice.

According to the report, a lady who was appearing in the Prussian capital under the professional title of "She" was summoned before the courts by Miss Lote Fuller, of world-wide fame, to answer a charge of using her patented apparatus in what was described as a fire-dance. This charge the lady denied, and, much to the delight of the spectators, and in order that the Bench may be able to judge for themselves, she offered to go through the performance there and then in court. A table was accordingly brought forth for the purpose, and on this, attired in a loose-fitting garment, "She" went through her dance. We are not told whether the judges applauded in the usual way, but they dismissed the charge.

Judge Decides for Himself.

A similarly unusual scene was once witnessed in a French law court—the Civil Tribunal at Nantes. In this case the proprietor of a local theatre had engaged a young lady dancer, whose performances at rehearsals did not come up to his expectations. He therefore would not let her appear, and the fair dancer took action against him for breach of contract. The defendant alleged that she had not even learnt the first steps of her art; and here being a plain issue the judge determined to decide it for himself.

A space was accordingly forthwith cleared on the floor of the court, and in these unusual surroundings the young lady duly went through her steps and pirouettes. In the result the judge felt justified in certifying that she was quite an expert dancer and decided the case in her favor. Henceforward she advertised herself as the only dancer in the country with a legal certificate of proficiency.

## Shark Steaks and Porcupines

The Latest in London Menus.

Strolling down Fleet Street recently the T.B. man was startled to see shark steaks advertised in a certain fish restaurant. That they were very palatable was evident from the steady demand of customers for this latest novelty in food-stuffs. At least, it appears to be a novelty so far as Fleet Street is concerned. The T.B. man learns, however, that shark steaks are now a somewhat common item on the menu of city restaurants and so are bear steaks. Enterprising Smithfield salesmen require some fine Russian bears which are sent to this country in a frozen condition. Only certain portions of the carcass are considered suitable for the table, and when the item is on the menu it usually proves very popular.

Bear and Porcupine.

By the way, two or three years ago, when the London Scottish Regiment celebrated Burns Night, bear steaks cut from an animal shot by one of the regiment near the shores of Lake Huron, Canada, were one of the items of the menu. Porcupine, enriched by the flavour of "a wee drappie o' th' uild kirk" was the next dish. These table novelties remind one that it was not until the beginning of this year that baby kangaroos were imported into this country for the table. The baby kangaroo, known as a "wallaby," might be mistaken by Englishmen for a rabbit. It is eaten as a delicacy in Australia and on the Continent, but never until March last—when 3,000 "wallabies" in a frozen state were shipped to this

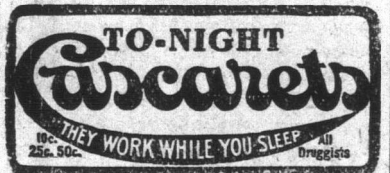
country from Australia—had it been eaten at a dinner table in London.

Perhaps one of the most extraordinary menus on record was that provided by Dr. Hamstern, a professor of the Agricultural School of Christiania, when four years ago he entertained his professional colleagues at a banquet of common Iceland moss.

Dinner for Six—One Penny.

The doctor ascribes to the moss rare virtues as a food when properly prepared, and beats all vegetarian claims by announcing that he can provide a satisfying, nutritious meal for six people at the cost of a penny. His menu for the professors consisted of moss with boiled ham, moss a la haricot, moss au naturel, and pure moss bread.

The banquet was a great success, the guests declaring themselves delighted with the appetizing quality of the fare. The doctor declares that, by cleaning the moss and chemically treating it, he has produced a substance possessing all the nutritious qualities of various vegetables, and that from yellow moss he has extracted a wholesome, fine white flour. This, when mixed with common wheat flour, makes delicious bread and pastry.—Tit-Bits.



CONVICT ON PRISON ROOF

Bombardment of Warders With Slates.

Escaping while at exercise in Parkhurst prison yard, Isle of Wight, a young convict named Johns climbed like a monkey up a pipe to the roof of the prison hospital and for an hour defied his guards.

He darted about the roof, repeatedly stripped off slates to throw at the officials, slipped through a skylight but caught in the framework, scrambled back to the roof, smashed other skylights, and then, cut and bleeding, quietly climbed back down the pipe and submitted. He did about £15 worth of damage.

He was placed in a straight jacket to await medical examination.

JUVENILE TRADING.

There are 37,000 street traders in England under seventeen, and probably twice as many unlicensed. A Commission has been taken evidence recently and the majority of the members recommend the prohibition by statute of street trading by boys under seventeen and by girls under eighteen.

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