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The Launch of Shamrock IV.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Wonderful New Yacht--600 Pound Spar 120 Feet Long.

Gosport, May 20.—To-day there was an uneventful start in the quaint little town which at one time boasted the glorious title of God's Port, but which in a less reverent age is known as Gosport.

For a hundred years Gosport has been famous for its yachts and yachtsmen. One firm created the industry, and the same firm continues to this day. The yacht-building yards were established by the late Mr. Benjamin Nicholson, and his son Charles is the creator of Sir Thomas Lipton's latest challenger for the America Cup, Shamrock IV. Little wonder that Gosport should do holiday attire in honor of the launch day.

Like a Green Bottle.

A hundred journalists had travelled from London in a special shamrock-bedecked express. All eyes and all attentions were for the wonderful green yacht which lay naked and ready for the water, with her topsides sleek and shining as a beautiful green bottle. Telegrams and cables announced her launch to all corners of the globe.

Yet what must the ordinary spectator have thought about her? Not so wonderful, perhaps—not so marvelous. To him she was just a boat and an odd-looking one at that. The peculiar round of her topsides called "rumble-home" by sailor men would pass unquestioned; the swollen bow would have no meaning for him; the hollow near the hobsay bolt would never be noticed, and the long, heavy

stern would perhaps appear to him as something clumsy.

Under water, the long, easy floor, the deep, thick keel, would express nothing of the designer's mind. Yet these and a hundred other points are full of the greatest interest. Each curve, each line, each almost imperceptible fullness or hollow, were carefully considered before it appeared as it did yesterday.

To the yachtsman several features were evident, and the first, that Mr. Nicholson had designed what is technically known as a "big boat," and one which could and would have to carry enormous sail. There can be no doubt about this latter, for the main stock of the mast was promptly put in place after the launch and cannot have been much less than 120 feet in length, though a bare 7 feet of that was "in the yacht," that is, between the deck and the stem on which it was stepped.

A Mast in Pieces.

This enormous spar is built of innumerable pieces of fine silver spruce. It was so carefully jointed that only close examination could detect the system whereon it was built. In days not so long gone a good stout Oregon tree was dressed and put in place to serve as a mast. Then came hollow spars of steel, and then hollow and built masts of silver spruce—wonderfully light, wonderfully strong, and most expensive.

That long, bare stick standing in Shamrock IV. yesterday would prob-

ably cost over £600. And as one unexpected puff of wind would put it over the side, two masts are already built. From this it may be gathered that racing for the America Cup is not a poor man's recreation. But return to the yacht as we first saw her. She is a much more remarkable boat than any built in the United States, and the long, heavy counter and the pudding-ended bow will give her an extraordinary sailing length, so that although she may measure 75 feet on the water line when upright, immediately the wind pressure heels her the sailing length will be enormously increased, all of which goes for stability and speed.

To cope with the great hoist of sail the rigging is taken on board. Two huge outriggers stand out on either side, perhaps three feet or a little less, to take the end of the shrouds at the deck. So short is the bowsprit that it appears but a stump, but the fact will be appreciated that this large racing yacht will carry only one headsail, the first yacht of any size to do so on this side of the Atlantic, and probably the largest yacht to do so anywhere.

Throughout the boat simplicity is the most noticeable feature. Nothing that can be dispensed with is included. The deck is bare, save for the few necessary cleats and leads. A little cockpit contains the neat steering gear, connected with a quadrant working the rudder below deck, where, excepting one or two light partitions, there is nothing from one end of the boat to the other; nothing but a series of girders, struts, and beams, bewildering to the uninitiated, but full of interest to those conversant with the building of such craft.

Victory Salute Coincidence.

All this might have been noted by the spectator before at noon the old Victory, lying at a few cables off, rendered forth a royal salute in honor of Her Majesty's birthday. Almost simultaneously the Countess of Shaftesbury christened the yacht, willing hammers struck at the wedges supporting the hull, and one swinging blow dislodged the dog-shore which kept one sliding way upon the other. With champagne dripping from her bows the new yacht glided from her birthplace. Gathering way, she shot from the open end of the building shed into the blue waters of Port-aux-Fish Harbour. Amid ringing cheers she gracefully crossed the shore, and with a gentle lurch pitched over the beach bank and lay waterborne before the cheering thousands, a long, green hull upon which the sun shone with apparent good will.

It was immediately evident that the designer had calculated well. Only naval architects are conversant with the difficulty of making such a yacht float at a proper level and with a proper draught. A slight miscalculation, and homeward bound and expense would be incurred to alter the trim of such a boat, weighted as she is, with a concentrated, homogeneous mass of lead. She must float at a certain draught, and she must float at a given trim. Evidently there was no mistake in the Shamrock's design, so far as displacement and allocation of weights were concerned. Certainly if a good beginning counts for anything, Shamrock of the four leaves has had it.

Charge of Mascots.

In response to the toast of his health at the luncheon which followed the launch, Sir Thomas Lipton said very many people had a great

belief in mascots, and when he last attempted to "lift the cup" he had twenty-three horse shoes, including one from Fitzsimmons, the champion boxer. He also got tigers' whiskers, a green hen, partridge, pedigree rabbits, frogs' legs, chickens' wishbones, grasshoppers with legs like dromedaries, and a magnificent American eagle; in fact, his yacht was like a menagerie. A lady wrote to him wishing him to take her son, who was a young man with beautiful red hair. This offer, and also one of an elephant, he had to refuse.

This year he had a monkey given him by Sir Thomas Dewar, but the mascot he was relying on was a four-leaved shamrock.—London Daily Mail.

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Ponderous Personages

GENERAL WINFIELD R. SCOTT.
By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At God Old Siwash." General Winfield Scott, who became famous by strolling across Mexico in 1846, through a hostile army three times the size of his own, was a Virginian who was born in Petersburg in 1780, and became a captain in the army twenty-two years later.

In those days, when the United States was young and was picked upon with great enthusiasm by most anybody, a captain in the army led a busy life. In 1812, Scott was captured by the British at Queenstown, Canada, but was afterwards exchanged. The Yankees always could beat the British trading, but they never beat them so badly as they did at this time. A year later Scott raised such havoc with the British armies at Chippewa and Lundy's Lane that he was brevetted Brigadier-General, and was offered the Secretaryship of War.

Scott declined, however, and kept on doing odd jobs of fighting for many years. He had charge of the Seminole in Florida. In 1839, he got 62 votes for president in the Whig convention which nominated Harrison, and when the Mexican war broke out, he was in command of the United States army which went to Vera Cruz.

A great many people have deprecated the cruelty of the United States in pitching onto feeble little Mexico in this war, but it must be remembered that the pitching was done with an army of never more than half the size of the Mexican army. General Scott was of a methodical disposition, and when he set out for Mexico City, he didn't linger by the way. Each day he advanced the usual distance, and if he had to advance through a Mexican army of twice his size or over a citadel perched hundreds of feet above him, it was all in the day's business. He arrived in Mexico equipped on schedule time, and experts in the war business have said that Napoleon couldn't have done a more workmanlike job.

Scott was made Lieutenant-General for his Mexican campaign, and commanded the army until 1861. He ran for president in 1852, but was defeated by Pierce. This shows the difference between the United States and Mexico. When the commander of the Mexican army runs for president the other candidates all run in the opposite direction.

When the Civil War broke out, General Scott was 75 years old, and retired from command. He died in 1866. This was a mistake on his part. If he had died in 1860, he would have been a far greater man in memory. The Civil War got in front of him and hid him from the public view.

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