

DUPLICATE SHIP NAMES.

It is somewhat confusing to those who have an interest in shipping matters to note in the cable dispatches the arrival of a vessel in San Francisco one day, and the next to read of a craft of the same name being wrecked in the West Indies or some other distant region.

As ships have not the quality, possessed by Sir Boyle Roche's bird, of being in two places at the same time, the seeker after marine information must conclude that they are different vessels, but the names do not indicate it.

An examination of the official list of the merchant marine will show as many as a score of vessels bearing the same name. There is a whole fleet of "Alerts," "Onwards," and "Stars," with every imaginable prefix, and quite a respectable merchant navy could be formed of the "Marys," "Ellens," and "Annies."

Some of the selections are very curious. For instance, the name "Dago" would not seem to recommend itself to a British shipowner, but there is such a vessel.

Much confusion arises from the use of the same name by many vessels, and it has been suggested that a regulation be adopted to correct the practice.—*N. Y. Times.*

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