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GUNNER'S MATE PHILLIPS WAS IN CHARGE OF OLYMPIA'S TURNET.

The Shot Slew 150 Men and Wrecked Montojo's Ship-A Single Projectile Traversed the Spanish Vessel from Stern to Stern-

The hero of Olympia's forward 8inch guns is Nicholas W. Phillips, official rating "gunner's mate first call U. S.S. Olympia." It was he, who with one shot from the starboard 8-inch gun, destroyed Admiral Montojo's flagship, the Reina Cristina, and the shell killed about one hundred and fifty men The shot went from stern to bow of the Cristina.

Admiral Dewey himself, standing on the bridge directly over the great gun, testifies to the accuracy of the shot. Phillips is short and stocky built and exceeding modest. His sterling worth has endeared him to his comrades. He is an expert mechanic and can readily replace or repair any of the delicate mechanism of his well-loved guns. On the memorable morning of May 1,

1898, he was in charge of the gun crew of the forward turret, in which are the big guns of the Olympia. While the small rapid-fire guns had the hopor of being the first used, the big starboard 8-inch gun of the Olympia is held in reverence by the members of the gun crew and the other "jackies" on board. Because of his modesty Phillips gives credit of firing the shot to Chief Boat-

swain Pat Murray, one of the men in the turret. It was Phillips's experienced eye and master hand that sight-Gunner's Mate Phillips tells the story ed the big gun. of that morning before the battle in

these words: My men were all asleep in the turrets waiting for the word. We had ex-pected a fight in Seebig Bay, but the Spaniards were not there. When the guns on Corredior Island began to boom we knew we had a fight on. It was the greatest relief imaginable.

Everybody had been under a tremen-

dous strain for days. The Spanish ships, although taken by surprise, started out for us. The 'old man' gave us the order to close in on Montojo's flagship. As the Olympla was manoeuvring for position the Spanish Admiral on the Cristina came at us. He expected to ram us, and as soon as her nose was pointed directly at us we let her have one of the 8-inch shells from the starboard forward gun. The shell struck her full in the face, carring away the Admiral's bridge and some of her upper works. We saw, the shot was too high, and Admiral Dewey on the bridge, sent word to the turret that the shots must be nearer

the water line. "The Cristina was in trouble and immediately undertook to check her headway in order to get out of range. She made a wide turn and we followed her around. When the stern post wa opposite the gun we gave her another shell from the same gun. That was the one which put the Cristina out of buel-It went from stern to bow.

"The officers' cabins were being need for hospitals, but after that shell went through they didn't need any more hospitals. Funerals were in order. The same shell broke a steam ripe below, and I know none of the engineers or firemen escaped. That one shot we ostimated killed nearly 150 persons.
"How did we feel when firing? The same as at target practice. We knew that if we made a failure we were a long way from home and that our chances for returning were slim uness the Spanish fleet was destroyed. The gun from which the shell was thrown which played such havoc was

Out It Went.

made in the Washington Navy-Yard.

In the good old days in Kentucky there was a court composed of three magistrates to try certain cases appealed from a single justice of the peace. The three magistrates were backwoodsmen. A case was being tried one day that was very important and several hours of listening to the reading of depositions and the arguments of counsel, pro and con, and pro and con again, had so nearly entangled the court in a labyrinth of preplexing questions of law and fact that they doubted their ability to blaze their way out. So they whispered to the leading lawyer at the bar, who was sitting by as a spectator; and asked him what he thought ought to be done with the case. "I think it ought to be thrown out of court," was the prompt and emphatic

That settled it. "Mr. Clerk," said the chief magistrate, "pass up them papers." The papers, which made quite a large

bundle, were handed the chief magis-"Now, Mr. Sheriff," said he, deliber-

ately, "open that window."

The Sheriff opened the window and the case was thrown out of court. The feud that followed lasted for fifteen years.

Notes on Science and Industry. Geologists are of the opinion that the rast territory now known as Wyom-ing once had numerous fresh water lakes and a climate approaching the semitropical, and that the snimals whose bones are from time to time coming to light inhabited these lakes and adjoining swamps in invriads. They sank into the mud in lying and their bones were covered with other deposits and became retrified. The large beds are found at points supposed to the supposed ed to have been the mouths of great rivers, the animals after death having floated down these rivers to places where they were deposited in these estuaries, thus accounting for the vast deposits which characterize certain localities and which have proved such a study to scientific investigators.

A great many people who live in the ountry or who spend their summers there are busy at this season getting flower seeds together and labelling them. As fast as the flowers fade and the seed bulbs appear it is time to col-

ABSENT MINDEDNESS.

Men Famous For Learning. Lapse of memory is a disease that has fastened on many men famous for earning. It is related of Benjamin Franklin that he was driving along Pennsylvania avenue in the days when Washington was a village and the avenue was no more than a country groad, when a sapling was caught between the wheel and the body of the wagon. Dr. Franklin sat there for some time, apparently in deep thought. A friend passing asked him what was the mat-

"I was wondering," said the doctor "how I could get my wagon away from here without cutting down the tree." The absent-mindedness of Edison

is well known. Among the numerous anecdotes told of the famous inventor is the following: One day, after he had spent many hours in his laboratory on an experiment, he sat down to dinner, which was served in an adjoining room. One of his assistants was dining with him, for the great "wizard" objects to eating alone. After he had helped himself liberally, Edison, lost in thought, finally dropped off into a doze without having touched anything. While he was asleep his assistant removed his full plate and substituted an empty one. Presently Edison awoke and, on seeing his empty plate, exclaimed: "I'm hanged if I haven't eaten my dinner and forgotten all about

Sir Isaac Newton, it is said, used the finger of his niece to jam down the hot tobacco in his pipe. The story of how he cut a large hole through his study door to permit the passage of his favorite cat, and added a small one when she brought to him a litter of kittens, so that they should not be excluded, is too well known to bear repetition.

Henry Ward Beecher was so absentminded that if he did not have his own personal hymn book at prayer meeting he was lost. One of his deacons saw him looking anxiously about one evening in the prayer meeting room. He asked him what he was looking for. "My hymn book," said the preacher. "Never mind," said the deacon,"take

"No. I want my own," said Mr. Beecher. "I have the names of all the deacons written in the cover, and we I don't find it I won't know whom to

call on for prayer." One evening the soup at dinner did not suit Ms taste and he complained to Mrs. Beecher about it. The next evening they were dining out and the same kind of soup was served. Mr. Beecher absent-mindedly turned to his wife and remarked: "My dear, I am sorry to say that the soup is again a

Could Skate on His Head. "The recent death of Romanloff, the Russian skater and the old-time champion, reminds me," said an' old resident, "of the fact that he gave exhibitions of his skating in this city over thirty-five years ago. He was not only a fast skater, but he was specially skillful in all kinds of fancy and trick skating, surpassing in his grotesque skating any of the roller skaters seen on the stage. The particular exhibition which I remember, and at which I was present, took place on the ice which had formed in the foundation of the Lutheran Memorial church,

on Fourteenth street. "Romanloff gave his exhibition to some of his friends, who had been invited to see him by Mr. Bodisco, long the Russian Minister at Washington. He was the only skater I ever saw who could skate on his head. He had a fur cap on his head, on which a skate was attached. He would turn a handspring from his feet and land on his head, and skate away upside down. He also did a trick with skates on his hands and feet in which he represented a bear skating on all fours. The foundation of the church afforded a skating place seventy-five feet by about forty, which was sufficient for him to do his work, the audience standing on the foundation walls."-Washington Star.

Curious Ear of the Catfish.

The catfish uses his lungs as an or gan of hearing, says the Popular Science Monthly. The needless lung be-comes a closed sac filled with air, and commonly known as the swim bladder. In the catfish (as in the suckers, chube and most brook fishes) the air bladder is large, and is conected by a slender tube, the remains of the trachea, to the sophagus. At its front it fits closely to the vertebral column. The anterior vertebrae are much enlarged. Twisted together and through them passes a chain of bones which connect with the hidden cavity of the air. The air bladder therefore assists the ear of the catfish as the tympanum and its bones assist the ear of the higher antmals. An ear of this sort can carry little range of variety in sound. It probably gives only the impression of jars or disturbances in the water.

Augustin Daly's Library, Mr. Daly's library, which he bequeathed to his widow, is one of the finest private collections in this country, and ought to become part of a public library. Among other of its treasures is a set of Thackeray's correspondence, containing a large numper of unpublished letters. Mr. Daly also had a Bible, to which he had been adding illustrations for many years. This priceless book will probably go to the St. Francis Xavier college. Mr. Daly had also collected in about twenty volumes everything he could find in regard to the leaders of the Civil war. The volumes include original letters, mauscripts and autographs. He also owned an early copy of Shakespeare, and the library is, of course, rich in



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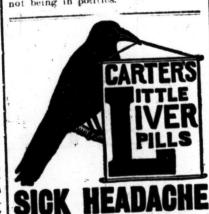
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"One tidy little refrigerator about ix feet wide and twice that depth is the butterman's stall in this market inder the sea," writes Helen C. Can dee, in telling of "Housekeeping Ocean Steamship," in The Ladier Home Journal. "Little tubs of butter are arranged on shelves to amount of five thousand pounds, and in company with these are twenty thousand eggs. Twenty-five hundred juarts of milk and cream in a separate room, all having bee sterilized. This market has a room especially for salt meats, and here ar hams, bacon and torgues to the amount of four thousand pounds. There are some articles of food with out which the epicure would be un happy, and which must be alive wh ooked. Thief among these are of coom shelters. This market in -about thirty-three pounds a day of tea and fifty pounds of coffee. Pershalle supplies are taken on board in copostion to the number of passen gers booked, and anything of kind which is left over when the ship reaches port is eaten by the crew.

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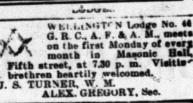
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