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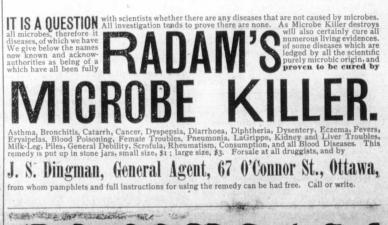
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to return to port for a reinforcement. PACES OF BRITISH HISTORY. Accordingly, he came to anchor at St. Helen's on the 27th of June ; and with

Historical Battles-Noteworthy Events in the Story of the Creation of the British Empire. OFF BREST, 1778.

Formidable preparations were made in France for the sudden invasion of Britain, and a scheme for the execution of such a movement had been carefully prepared ten years before by Grant of Blairfinly, a Jacobite refugee, who was a colonel of French light infantry. According to his plan, 6,000 dismounted dragoons, 40,000 infantry, and 4,000 light troops were sufficient for the Frenchmen marched towards the Channel ports from Havre to St. Malo, she found herself in the centre of them, while England had an equal number of militia under arms.

The advanced division of the French army was commanded by the Count de Rochambeau, and their main body by the Marshal Duke de Broglie. The great object was to enable the fleet three divisions. which was lying at Brest, under Count d'Orvilliers, to effect a junction with the Spanish fleet; and an immediate descent on the English coast was threatened, for the purpose of compelling our fleet to keep near its own shores.

The command of the Channel squa dron was conferred on Admiral the Hon. Augustus Keppel, who captured Goree, and had distinguished himself at Belleisle and the Havanah; and on the 13th of June he sailed from St. Helen's to cruise in the Bay of Biscay, with a fleet consisting of thirty sail, twenty-one of which ranged from six-

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purpose; so the year 1778 saw 50,000 watch the motions of the enemy, a fog

guns, and 21,850 men.

Admiral Keppel threw out the signal for forming line, but his fleet were so much dispersed that night came on before they were in their several sta-tions; and when grey dawn began to steal over the sea and the distant hills of Bretagne, it was found the French of Bretagne, it was found the French had contrived to get the weather-gage, and that, moreover, they manifested no desire for fighting, their great object being to effect a junction with

charitable order. It now consists of the home of the Sisters of Providence, known as the Providence House; a Helen's on the 27th of June ; and with such dispatch were the measures for adding to his force carried out, that he Rectory in which the priest make their JOHN FLETT, ESQ., Toronto. FRANK TURNER, ESQ., C.E., Toronto. FREDERICK CROMPTON, ESQ., Toronto

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uch dispatch were the measures for dding to his force carried out, that he vas again at sea by the middle of July, with the addition of ten line-of-battle hips. In the meantime the French fleet, inder Count d'Orvilliers, had crept out of Brest, and immediately on its safe leparture general letters of reprisal against the King of Britain and his subjects, grounded on the capture of the *Licorne* and *Pallas*, were issued by the French Court. As an augury of success, the fleet of D'Orvilliers captur-ed the *Lively*. Having been left to watch the motions of the enemy, a fog overspread the sea, and on its clearing she found herself in the centre of them. Admiral Keppel led thirty ships of the line, carrying 2,588 guns 19,088 men, with nine frigates and fire-ships, in three divisions. Count d'Orvilliers led thirty-two ships of the line, having on board 2,270 Mathematical Keppel threw out the signal

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