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## Fancy Gingham

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# New Arrivals of American Goods.

This week we are offering many attractive lines recently purchased by our Buyer in the American Markets. Daily advances in the Foreign Markets on all classes of Dry Goods will make corresponding advances here later on inevitable. We have been fortunate in securing many desirable lines, and the early caller will get the full benefit of our lucky purchasing. We enumerate a few only of the offerings now at your disposal.

## JOB LACE CURTAINS

107 pairs, priced from 40c. to \$1.00 per pair, worth double. The 40c. line have slight defects.

## TABLE OIL BAIZES

Another clearing lot, all in serviceable ends, priced at 42c. per yard. If purchased and sold in a regular way they would be marked 70c.

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## Scrims

Will be popular again this season for window decoration. Now while our assortment is complete is a good time to supply your needs.

## American Waists

Very smart and stylish are these New Waists. Altogether, they are about the best looking lot of Waists we have shown in a long time.

## Corset Covers

A clearing lot of 15 dozen, priced from  
45c. to 60c. each.  
All worth a great deal more money.

## Fancy Muslins

We have some very smart lines here, all moderately priced.

## Untruthful People.

By RUTH CAMERON.



like.

Someone brought up the topic the other day and one of her friends said, "I'm crazy to see her and I suggested going out to call, but Lucy didn't seem a bit cordial. I think it's awfully queer. Do you suppose she doesn't want us to meet him?"

The Explanation Was Simple.

"Why, Gertrude," spoke up another woman, "how can you suggest that? The reason Lucy doesn't want us to come out yet is because she lives so far out yet is because she lives so the other day that she was afraid we wouldn't feel repaid if we came just for the day and that as soon as she gets her guest-room fixed up, she wants us to come out and spend the night."

Before the vigorous breath of this explanation the insinuation of "Do you suppose she doesn't want us to meet him?" was thoroughly withered. But suppose the second woman had not been there to deliver that explanation, what then? Can't you imagine into what ugly monster of rumor that accusation might have grown? It would be only a step from "Do you suppose she doesn't want us to meet him?" to "She doesn't seem to want us to meet him," and from that to "She's ashamed of him," and from that to guessing at a cause for that shame.

and thence to stating that guess as a fact.

Not a Lie But an Untruth.

"Rose telephoned that she was up a lot in the night with the baby," one of my housemates told me the other day.

"Why, that's funny," said I. "She told me that the baby was better and slept all night."

"Well, now I think of it, she didn't exactly say that she was up with the baby, but she said she didn't get much sleep and I supposed she meant that."

"I imagine she meant that she had a short sleep, because she didn't get home from the dance until one o'clock."

"Oh, yes," said my informant, "I guess that's what she did mean. I'm glad the baby is better."

The Way We Mix Facts and Fiction.

That's another example of the way facts become transformed as they pass from mouth to mouth. In this case there was no unkind insinuation and no harm done. I quote it merely because it shows the way in which we translate and add to facts, incorporate the translation or the addition with the original fact, and pass it on as a part thereof.

I know that either of these women would be horrified to be told that she was not truthful. But surely no one who garbles and misinterprets what has been said to her is truthful in the very strictest sense of the word.

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## Germany's Secret Coast Defences

THIS REMARKABLE ARTICLE, BY OUR GREATEST NAVAL WRITER, TELLS OF HOW THE GERMANS, HAVING BUILT A FLEET, SPENT ENOUGH MONEY ON A CAGE TO PUT IT IN, AS WOULD HAVE BUILT ANOTHER 30 DREAD-NOUGHTS.

Germany Having Only a Very Small Coastline Has Spent Many Millions in Defending It Against an Attack that Will Never be Made. Because it is necessary to make it—The Kaiser's Crowning Absurdity Was Reached With Secret Submerged Forts Armed With Torpedo Tubes, But Our Admiralty Knows Exactly Where they are. They Will of Course, be Avoided.

(By Fred T. Jane.)

"Had we spent every mark in the same way that you English spent every shilling, our Fleet would be as big as yours."

So said to me a German naval officer not long before the war, and he was literally true. German naval estimates have nominally never equalled British ones; but the sum total expended on ships and coast defences in the two countries was for years about the same.

The result, of course, is different. Acting on a thousand years of experience we, who are a naval people first and military afterwards, put nineteen shillings in the pound on ships, and the balance on shore defences at a few essential places.

Our argument (its exponents are known as the "Blue Water School") was, and is, that if you have ships enough to prevent the enemy leaving harbor, it is waste of money to build forts to prevent a coast which he cannot attack. We have, of course, certain defences at certain places, but these com-

precautions against odd raiders who might chance to elude our blockade.

How the Kaiser Became Ambitious.

The Germans, on the other hand, are primarily soldiers. "Soldiers at sea" they used to be called; and the phrase is correct. Roughly, their original policy can be summed up as follows:

"We have only a very small coast-line, and its waters are shallow. It is easily made impregnable. We, therefore, need no navy to speak of."

This, in its day was quite correct. But presently there came a time when the German Mercantile Marine expanded, and the Kaiser—maybe fancying himself very much in the uniform of an Honorary British Admiral of the Fleet—conceived naval ambitions.

Be all this, however, as it may, the Kaiser himself conceived the idea of a powerful German fleet and talked largely of "Our future lies on the water."

To his intellectual credit may be placed the fact that he seems to have been the first German to realize that in case of hostilities, only warships could safeguard his growing Mercantile Marine on the high seas.

So far, so good. But here the essentially military idea of an impregnable base to work from, obsessed both the Kaiser and his advisers, and coincident with naval expansion they proceeded to spend millions of pounds in making Heligoland into a fortress at least tenfold stronger than necessary and in blisful disregard of the fact which sailors have ever recognized that (save in exceptional circumstances) ships cannot compete with forts. It is simpler to go elsewhere outside the range of fort guns.

The Germans did manage to recognize this, so—having but a small front to the North Sea—they proceeded to put still more and more guns along this front, until at present there are rather more gun positions than spaces in between.

In theory, these forts were secret. In practice it is about as easy to build a secret fort of the German pattern (heavily armoured turrets containing big guns which take a long time to fix up) as it would be secretly to build a big hotel in the centre of London.

In front of these forts they placed "secret minefields"—about as secret

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as would be the hall-porter at the hypothetical big hotel in question.

The crowning absurdity was reached with a secret submerged fort armed with torpedo tubes. One or two of these were installed off Cuxhaven as a further protection to the Kiel Canal.

The exact location of them was, of course, known to everybody interested in knowing. Any tourist could see this defence being placed. I myself watched one being got into position. Whether or no they are still there I do not know. But it really does not matter, for the simple reason that being fixed defences any attacker would carefully keep clear of them.

German Dreadnoughts are Useless.

Behind all these defences lies the German Fleet. These defences I call the Kaiser's Folly. They must one way and another have cost as much as would thirty Dreadnoughts and their necessary auxiliary ships, and nearly every farthing an utter waste of money.

For there are two things which the Germans overlooked. Of these, the first is that if our fleet keeps the German Dreadnoughts in the Kiel Canal, these German Dreadnoughts might just as well be there as under the water. They cannot do any mischief in either case.

The second thing is, that to build a lot of Dreadnoughts just to lie secure behind impregnable fortifications is merely an expenditure in Dreadnoughts suggestive of a lunatic asylum. Of what use the Dreadnoughts?

Of course the Germans trusted to a "Der Tag," when in one way and another they would by "attrition" have destroyed enough of our Dreadnoughts for theirs to be able to come out and offer battle. But here again was sheer fantasy—an assumption that Admiral Jellicoe and the British Navy were born fools unable to think of precautions.

Britain Mistress of the Seas.

However, it is not for us to complain. Britannia rules the waves, and what the Kaiser's Dreadnoughts do behind his vast defences matters to none of us, so long as we keep to them in, and retain our heritage of the seas. That these ships could have been nursed for a tiny fraction of the actual expenditure on that nursing, that the money spent on numerically equal terms is not our concern now. As indicated in a previous article, I believe that when the end does come the German Fleet will come out, and that its officers and men will do and die heroically.

And somewhere at the bottom of the North Sea will be piled a mighty and ghastly monument of ships and men, a monument to the fool who could not understand that the Mastery of the sea can only be fought for on the sea and only on the sea out of range of all shore defences.

And as they die the pluckiest of the German sailors will learn to the full the meaning of the phrase "The Kaiser's Folly."

PARADE RINK CARNIVAL.—Another highly successful carnival was held at the Parade Rink Thursday night. It was well attended, the number of managers being large. The Terra Nova band furnished the music and the prize winners were Mrs. E. Coffin and W. Auckinloch.

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In a sort of address Provost said this was many wonderful things he thought the most of the world had ever seen, the Mother of the world (applause). We hear and Britishers' children the ends of the earth—land, Australia, South and Newfoundland, to great struggle. These always ready to take the behalf of the Mother, not think it was altogether land that brought the try and ultimately to where. Great Britain stood for Faith, Hope, Freedom; and they those who stood for fullness and tyranny, what the Huns would country—including they had the power, having the contingent that when they left P.

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