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-American Gunners Superior. "If the United States and Japan" should go to war the world would such as it never

an interview by Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, retired, who for six years up to 1904 had command of the British squadron in the Far East, and who "ALL DEALERS' before that was at the Admiralty. "But," added the celebrated nava

King Edward At Work

strategist, "I see nothing that would be gain by either country in going to The return of King Edward is al-ways particularly welcome to Lord war. One might say without fear of heated contradiction that America is Knollys, and also to the under secre-taries employed by His Majesty, for when on a holiday the King does not care about transacting any but the almost ready to give away the Philip-pines, which, on the other hand, may be regarded as the sum and substance, of all the possible gain that could come to Japan through a conflict with most pressing business, which means that a great deal of extra work falls the American people. What America shoulders of his secretaries, on the would like to give away, however, she would not allow to be taken from and also that a large accumulation of ndence has to be on His Majesty's return.

Won't Rush Into War. At each of the royal residences there "But really the Japanese people are too level-headed to rush headlong inis a special office fitted up for the King's use, furnished with one of His to war with America. One great re-straining factor would be the treaty Majesty's favorite flat-topped writing tables and Morocco leather arm between England and Japan. The people of Japan, of course, know the chairs. The King is generally in this office before ten o'clock, when Lord ong relations of blood and friend-Knollys arrives, and remains until a little before lunch time, provided, of ship that unite Britain and America. ship that unite Britain and America, and would, in my opinion, hesitate a long time before entering on a conflict that would greatly distress their allies. Again, the result of a war in the long run, regardless of what might be the immediate out-come, would be considered carefully by the Ianeires Fran admitting fu huge correspondence requires the per-sonal attention of His Majesty.

SUGOS AND HIS SYSTEM. Sharks and the Dead Whale His Deep Breathing Course Came to Be Interrupted.

Putsifer Suggs appeared on Ms fron orch just as his neighbor came out on his own steps. The neighbor glanc ed over and saw that Mr. Suggs cheeks were puffed out and that his He lging. ed also that Mr. Suggs walked methodically the length of his porch. then turned and retraced his steps. cheeks still puffed and eyes still bulg-

> "Good morning," called the neighbor cheerily

"One!" said Mr. Suggs, with a mighty outpuffing of breath. Then his cheeks sank in and his eyes went back to subormal, while his shoulders curved for ward and his chest became concave His waist line also became smaller and Mr. Suggs walked the length of his porch and back in this shape, while neighbor looked on with amaze

"Good morning," the neighbor said again when Mr. Suggs returned to his end of the porch.

"Two-oo-oo!" hissed Mr. Suggs, with tremendous inrush of breath. Once more Mr. Suggs' cheeks grew round and round. Once more his eves bulged out and his face grew purple. Once more he paced the length of his porch and back. Again the neighbor said "Good morning." and this time Mr. Suggs blew out his breath in a raucous "Three-ee-ce!"

Again his shoulders were curving forward: again his cheeks were sluking inward, but the neighbor ran across the lot and demanded:

"What in the dickens do you mean by snubbing me, sir? I'll give you to understand I'm as good as you or anybody else, and when I say 'Good morning' it's up to you or anybody else to acknowledge it."

Mr. Suggs gasped and replied "Good morning, then, dodgast it! I'm taking one of these deep breath-

The presence of any large quantity obtainable food alway afficient to secure the undivided attention of the shark tribe. When "cu ting in" whales at sea, I have ofte been amazed at the inc redible nu bers of these creatures that gather in a short space of time, attracted by some mysterious means from heave only knows what remote distances

has often occurred to us when what in the neighborhood of New Ze land to get a sperm whale alongsid without a sign of a shark below or a bird above. Within an hour from the time of our securing the vast mas of flesh to the ship the within at least an acre has been aliv with a seething multitude of sharks while from every quarter came drift ing silently an incalculable host of se birds, converting the blue surfac

the sea into the semblance of new fallen snow. The harpooners and officers from their lofty position on the cutting stage slew scores upon scores by simply dropping their keen edged blut

spades upon the soft crowns of the struggling fish, the only place where a shark is vulnerable to instant death The weapon sinks into the creature's brain, he gives a convulsive writhe o releases his hold and slowl sinks, followed in his descent by knot of his immediate neighbors, all auxious to provide him with prompt sepulture within their own yearning

Star Scintillation Much of the beauty of the stars de-

pends upon their scintillation. The multitudinous flashing of their tiny rays gives a wonderful life and bril liance to a winter's night. The great star Sirius excites the most admiration when, near the horizon, it corns cates with rainbow hues.

astronomer would be glad if he could put a stop to the scintillation of the

stars. That unsteadiness of their light one of the chief obstacles he has to

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