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LIQUID FUEL FOR STEAMSHIPS.

The steamship "Cowrie" recently steamed from Borneo to London, a distance of 9,250 miles, using only liquid fuel. This was reduced to a spray by a jet at the furnace door. It is said that the substitution of coal by a liquid proves most advantageous. Six stokers sufficed instead of sixteen. The speed was slightly improved, and the bunker space was also economized, a ton of oil occupying but thirty-four cubic feet compared with the forty-five cubic feet taken up by a ton of coal. Twenty-two tons of oil were consumed daily on this voyage, as against thirty-five tons of coal consumed on former voyages. Borneo oil is declared to be excellent fuel, and is superseding the Russian and American product in the far East, as it can be delivered at 30 shillings a ton in Hong Kong, 35 shillings in Japan and Colombo, and 50 shillings at Suez.

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to the Mutual Reserve for the benefit of policy-holders.—The Indicator.

—Questioned in London a few days ago as to the truth of the report that he had cornered the American pork market, Sir Thomas Lipton is reported to have replied: "It is a fact that I control to-day practically all the pork in the United States. I have no intention, however, of raising the price to an exorbitant degree. I am perfectly satisfied to make a fair profit out of the deal, and I shall do all possible to avoid causing serious trouble to those who sold short. In fact, I let some go the other day to save a few threatened failures."

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