

Foreign Shipbuilding Programmes.

An examination of the state of foreign shipbuilding programme is bound to lead to the conclusion, I think, in the minds of most honorable members, to lead to the conclusion that the Government have no other course open to them. The committee had stated to them last March very simply what was the condition of foreign shipbuilding up to date. Since then the development of shipbuilding in foreign countries has gone on apace. Two countries, Italy and Austria, have now declared a definite programme of four large armored ships of the latest type. Only one of these ships is already laid down, and the remaining three will be laid down immediately, and the remaining two in the course of the present year.

With regard to the Austrian programme, it is not that the committee would not believe in it until, as in the case of Italy, they saw the keels actually laid down.

THE HISTORIC TOWN

Its Entourage. The attractions of Hameln itself are not merely, however, confined to the legends. Good boating on the Weser, good tennis courts, and swimming should recommend it to the sportsman. The city is a pleasant way a pleasant summer's day in the shady garden of the Bornemann Cafe, eating cream cakes and watching the va-et-vient of the streets. The numbers of the population, the variety of the vegetation, and the bright colors of the school boys' peaked caps; the early Hanoverian peasant and the immaculate young Huns; the tenants; the great rolling wagons, which horse and man draw side by side—all forbid one to grow weary. But if you are tired of the beer garden and its "grosses helles," close beside you, on the river, pleasure steamers are running up and down, and you can see the old Minden, stopping at some old village or

GERMAN OWN OF HAMELU

ward, shows pretty clearly that a cat has a more instinctive impulse to kill and eat mice than the mouse any instinctive fear of rats. Berry finds that a mouse makes a much more interesting and intelligent prey than even perch on its back, and is quite safe, so long as it does not run away.

For the instinct of the kitten is to chase any small moving object, be it a fly, a beetle, a mouse, a rat, a bird, or a fish. It is the mouse that interests it, but the mouse is in motion. Some day, often by accident, the kitten plays too roughly with it and captures it, and discovers that there is no mouse, only a piece of wood. It then generalizes its hunting, some catching mice, some squirrels, some birds. It seems, in each case, to depend on accidents of discovery. A good mouser, then, is not a mouse hunter, but a general searcher for mice, but one with a strong habit of catching, so—McClure's.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURE FOR
BURNS, ETC.**

The other day I came across a pamphlet of that peculiar sect which tries to prove that the Anglo-Saxon whoever they are, are the Lost Ten Tribes, whoever they were. They must have got very thoroughly lost in Palestine to turn up in the German Ocean. When I read this strange document I suddenly realized what is really the matter with Mr. Rudyard Kipling. It is not an Imperialist; he is an Anglo-Israelite. His error is not that he blesses and curses them as the chosen race, instead of blessing them as Christian nation in the comity of Christian nations. The argument

It's likely costing so much more than the benefits it can afford to pay. A dispassionate observer from Berlin says that the doctors are not getting their fair share of the government's income in that learned capital are considering with a grim face the ultimatum of the German Government: expenditure is to be cut by 10 per cent. The present cost of the pensioners on the growth of Germany is a heavy burden on many's wealth. They compute, however, that the aggregate yearly income of the German people at the Reichstag is about 10 billion dollars. And now the Reichstag is asking for new taxes to take care of the pensioners at an amount of \$120,000,000 a year in addition to the existing taxes. The result is a total tax to very heavy taxes already existing. The result is a heavy burden on the people. The fiscal need of putting the pensioners on the growth of Germany is a heavy burden on many's wealth. The argument for the abolition of the pensioners is a heavy burden on many's wealth.

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