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for sea which protected the roads. The town itself is of
very fine appearance towards the sea; the houses are small
and nearly all one-storied, the streets are narrow, with the
exception of High Street. The side-walks are flagged with
big stones and the carriage ways well paved. The arsenal
and dockyard are splendidly equipped. You can view
them except on Sundays and at meal times. The ramparts
are lined with fine trees and form a favourite promenade
for the townsfolk. They are mounted with 142 iron
cannon which command the roadstead. We had the plea-
sure of seeing a great warship still on the slips. She is the
"Britannia," of 120 guns, 220 ft. stem to stern and 52 beam,
with a crew of 700. She is to be more powerful than any
foreign ship afloat—power is her strong point, as she can
only sail with a good breeze.

The Marine Hospital, which strikes the stranger's eye
more than anything else, is on the other side of the har-
bour. (Opposite lies Gosport with its ramparts and bat-
teries.) It is a large copper-roofed building excellently
adapted for its purpose. Here those who have served their
country by sea for many years may calmly pass the rest of
their days in peace, not forgetting to bless the King who, if
he has done little else in a philanthropic way, is at least in
this instance of the Marine Hospital entitled to the heartfelt
thanks of his subjects. What reflexions the mere sight of
his building gives rise to—the perils of battle, of the sea,
the loss of ship mates, the glories of victory. The inhabi-
tants' manners are mid-way between the lightsomeness of
the French and the gravity of the English. The continual
presence of so many strangers has undoubtedly altered the
national character here. They are open-hearted, wide-
awake, ready to oblige if you only win their confidence by
our unaffected goodfellowship. Goods of all kinds are