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myself. What a gentleman the King He was a funny little beggar; but

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story of Lord Fisher's Sweep-Revolution in British Methof Naval Warfare --- How Britain's Broomstick " Saved world --- Brains, Not Bluelood, Are Engiand's Need, Says Great Sailor.

BY HAROLD BEGBIE, in the "London Chronicle.)

tins said to me months ago. useless ships to spend millions on has been only only one back- ship that would scrap the navies of his war from the very begin- the world. He said to me afterwards witish Navy. Nothing elso "What hope would the Fleet have had of victory, called from the bright sunhe end certain." orld agrees with him. Civilishine and the blue air of the Mediwold agrees and by the Fleet terranean to fight a battle in the fogs about some improvement to be man

his been saved of the world's of the North Sea? There they ware is small column of but 1,300,000 with white topped caps and lines by only 100,000 British ousers, with beautiful polished decks nd shining brass work, living in a

yachtsmen's paradise; and God was not been a fight between Elewhate, but between Mas- saying every hour as loud as Sinai's thunders that Armageddon would be nd Minnow. The many milfought in the pea-soup of the North the Prussian hosts have be I wanted the Fleet to drill on into paralysis by a hundred that battle-ground. I wanted it to Britons guarding the seas. nose about in the fogs, smelling difof the minnow has broken ferent patches of pea-soupiness, snifrt of the mastodon. fing and peering until it could say,

as it happened, this miracle "Hello, here; the Dogger Bank." and till forever astonish the world, feel it had a friend. I wanted that; achievement which history and if England was not to be destroy with honor and glory to ed I had to get it."

Heb name? The magnificent work of Tyrwhitt be ascribed in chief to the nd his heroes was made possible only the heavens; they decided that there presented Admiral Tirpitz's apologies Tag and start dredging. fone man-to the vision, the and the cunning of the one gland whom the Kaiser said red-Admiral Fisher. But ground of the British Fleet. But Nel- old Neptune. He had been there all miral's name. He then clicked, salurould tell you that Germany gamble because she came up God and Nelson.

angth on the Wate was a great man," he hitting. The secret was gunnery. He nought!"

e world lasts England will

son and the sea."

so long, that is, as she

marks that what the world range gun. "A gun that carries far- the world's shipbuilding and then rethe fear of the Lord and a ther than the other fellow," he is fond volutionized naval warfare, was the story which is wonderfully and of saying, "make the other fellow's gun and Nelson, who was the And he tells you he means what ho

man that ever lived, gave says, declaring that the other fellow a broomstick. All we have might just as well have a pea-shoot-

to fear God and keep hold of er on board as a gun that can't reach I remember Fisher's account of his "That's true, isn't it?" he de-Napoleon, who stol Nelson's great sayings, saw mands, fixing you with glaring eyes. was invincible so long raising his brows, and depressing his er forgot her broomstick. underlip. And of course it's true. that we should smash when In this way came the Dreadnought. | of our alliance with Japan; therefore ea-power and tried to turn And in this way, too, while Fisher my escort is to consist of only two

into a land power. Our was at the Admiralty again came the cruisers; it would be bad manners. lay on the waters, danger lay greatest naval victory of this war, it would be vulgar, to take a squadron said. "You're a very clever fellow to answered: "Would you come out of akness for a redcoat. So the battle of Falkland Islands, of battleships." Well, I thought to see it." We parted on excellent terms. Now

may be safely told at this distant time. I have discussed it wit flicers ever since it first ins. I have followed it up, and and from its deck to the spotting of a ship that turned its guns inhe world woke up one day to find at naval warfare had been revolu

ised. A ship was on the sea which uld steam a prodigious pace, and eaming, hit a moving target miles away on the horizon, crashing enorm ous shells on that tiny mark one after other, bang, bang, bang! The Britsh Admiralty made no secret of this ccess. On the contrary that succ vas trumpeted all over the world. ne people thought that Fisher had lost his head, And when the Dreadought came into dock no at it had come back as a failure. It failed in one most urgent particu-It wouldn't steer. There it lay, with the brains of the Admiralty toilng to right this vital defect, and all that the world heard was gossip

in her gun mountings!

"But we were going through the Kiel Canal, and I had to think of Till it came Germany's naval strength The Super-Dreadnonght. ermany. It was necessary to obey lay in her shallow waters. No ships Fisher once said to me. "The secret the King, but I wanted to drop the could approach to attack her. But building is, Never lay down a Germans a hint. I had to do that, here was a ship which could blow he lot: lay down one." He says 't's like Well, we took two cruisers as an es- harbors into smithereens from the aking aeroplanes. Each improvecort for the royal yacht, but when horizon. All the ent leads to another. They used to mile at the Admiralty when they them behind. Off Kiel there were and shipbu heard that foreign nations were lay- two other cruisers waiting ing down four, six and eight Dreadcontinue the journey. A German Naval officer came noughts. We were making plans at this time for super-Dreadnoughts. He at Kiel, while the King was talking must first spend millions and mil-

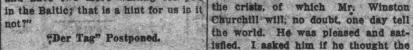
eclares that he did not create the to Prince Henry on the other side of "It was always there," "like the planet Neptune. Two astro- | He said he thought he was addressnomers, you remember, French and ing Sir John Fisher, and bowed again. a ship that put her seaways out of English, noticed a perturbation in I bowed and said he was. He then business. She had to postpone Der

by this revolution. By 1914 the North must be a planet thereabouts; they for not being present, and offered me Sea had become the familiar play- looked into matters and discovered a handsome compliment in the Adon inspired Fisher to make certain o. the time! It was like that with the ted, bowed; and I did the same. He his broomstick in another way. He Dreadnought. There was a perturba- was like a tin toy! saw that the Fleet nosing about in the | tion in the political heavens, and we "All of a sudden he became human

fogs of the North Sea, but be able to got our telescopes upon it, and there, The stiffness went out of him. He dredging in a state of panic. Fisher hit hard, to hit fast, and to keep on sure enough, was the planet Dread- became a man. He grinned and said took a pen'in his hand and wrote in on one occasion; "he pass- must have a swift ship carrying a long This vessel, which first paralyzed 'Yes,' I replied, pretending no interest. "And you have two more cruisers greatest blow the German Kaiser had over my shoulder, seaward. 'Yes.'

ever endured. No ship ever came from 'You call them cruisers?' he asked, the yards with a more Machiavellian purpose. claimed, you are very clever!-these cost was heavy. He worked it out, A King Edward Story. little cruisers of yours are too big to and it came to 1914. It was Then

go through the Kiel Canal; so you left two behind you in the North Sea, I saw him in the first days of the visit to Reval with King Edward after the Russo-Japanese war: "His and have two more waiting for you Majesty said to me, "I am going to visit Nicholas, and he is sore because not?"



"I tapped him on German fleet would come out. He



ad been exalted above gunnery? He hates war. He says he cannot ow walk the streets without bitterated men hobbling along under God's

"We are still a nation of lions led by asses. Wealth is in our way, and rank, and pride, and vain-glory. Away with all snobs! Every child in the naon must have a chance. The best is kept back or hindered or su nder the mass. What we want are rains-brains at the top. Never mind about blue-blood. Brains are England's need And we can't have many of them. A straight road for brains, that's my policy.

"When England is a real racy there'll be nothing like her under heaven: and then everybody'll se that we are the Lost Tribe of Israel Of course we are! God and the Ocean

tome fostering Star, in high cahal It is fitting that this man, ent

we entered the Kiel Canal we left she had spent on docks and canals ing the British Navy as a little boy from a long line of parsonic ances-Worse fate still; before she could should have signed his name spend more millions on building new John Arbuthnot Fisher, in Nelson's ships of this Dreadnought type she Victory, should have been nominate for the Royal Navy by two ladies ro lions in dredging her harbours, belts lated to two of Nelson's captains, and the deck, and clicked his heels, and and canals, including her famous Kiel should have served under Captain he says, saluted, and bowed. I did the same, Canal, which had to be widened. This Parker the last of those noble can

was the blow of blows. We had built Links With Nelson. When he went from Portsmouth t the Admiralty in 1904 the fisg was

hauled down from the Victory. He and seen as a boy on the grave of one Naval Estimates became modest. We Death found him fighting"-and the of this place, and her numerous toiled at his words haunted him. Full of the Nelfriends here fully vertify her statesonic spirit, and thinking only of Eagland, he went up to the Admiralty to

"For nearly two years," Mrs. Plante to me. 'You came with two cruisers?' a book that war with Germany would fight, knowing that he would have to continuos, "kidney disease tortured come in 1914. That was in 1908. He fight, and prepared to die fighting. me. I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills, who had postponed the Day knew In that great fight of his he-saved the and made up my mind to try tham. waiting for you out there?" I glanced that Germany would strike when her world. and to my surprise they did me good dredging was over and her Dread-That the world may have forgotten almost at once. Two boxes cured me noughts were ready. He knew that h.m does not bother either his heart winking his eyes. 'Yes, why not?' I she could not afford to wait. She was completely. I recommend them to all or his head. He goes on his way, affected bewilderment. 'Ah!' he ex- gambling for World-Power, and the my friends. vigorous, upright, dynamic, sunning

over the cheerfulness, and more in love then over with a numerous host of nephews and nieces. He reads the sees gladly that Democracy is at last on the march and occasionally kidneys. The diseased kidneys were wonders as he cocks his legs up on a the cause of all the trouble. They chair, how long it will be before he were failing to strain the impurities and Nelson sit down to sing an old seaout of the blood, and the result was chanty together in some snug parlor of disease all over the body. Dodd's the many mansions. Kidney Pills helped the kidneys, the While these two great npurities were strained out of the



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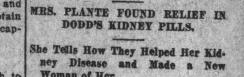
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policy at the Admiralty was 2 m the saying of Nelson that 3 hattleground should be your arground. This was his first stroke of preparation. For long England's battle-ground had e Mediterranean, and there our Fleet was wont to drill-and elf. But when Fisher came to lty, knowing in his bones sland's next battle-ground the North Sea. he set himake the North Sea our drill-But how to do this? If sted it to political audiscussed it with sailors, he tave had the whole vast armies alism howling for his Yet it had to be done. Happy and was it that this man of se had a cunning brain and to him once: "Men say you one splendid things for the ut in a way of which the traof the Navy disapprove." Ho "If my own brother stood in then I wanted to do some-England, I'd knock him d walk over his body"-leanard and hitting me a backblow in the chest, he demandouldn't you?" Well, as he put

> nning of Revolution days when he was fighting

ly to get things done, he me that he scarcely had one help him except King Ed-Not only was society against a great weight of naval oppposing him at every turn. to depend upon himself. He secretly. He had to break rule and many a fool. But one, with intervals of time berecalled ships from the an and set them to make ^{ce} with the North Sea. It Policy was revolutionised all of a sudden that the navy what had happene Sea had become our dri The Meditorranean had be e began to scrap old ship

as bug-traps, began to re-Naval Estimates, and there its against him, cruel, ma ous to the last o Irm; and King Edward t budge. He was scr

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"Let her come aboard," he said. "I an do with her and as many more as like to come'

The worker grew curious, for ho knew that the ship already possessed a mascot in the shape of a thoroughbred British bulldog.

"Want 'er for a pie?" he asked jokirgly. The skipper grew scrious. "There's many a man owes his life to a cat," he replied, "for even a cat it may seem a funny thing to say, but I wish I had a few rats aboard."

Trying it on the Cat. "You see," he continued, puffing at his pipe, "we never know what we are up against when we come across a derelict ship. There's all sorts and conditions of craft I have to board to camino, and sometimes it's unsafe." "Why?" queried the worker.

"Gases or poisonous fumes," was the rejoinder. 'Sometimes there is quite sufficient to kill a man. When we get aboard 'a stranger, I first of all have a cat lowered down into tho old, and keep it there for a minute or two. Then we pull him up. Some mes he's all right, just as alive and icking as when he was let down, so we know we can get on with the ex-amination of the hold. But sometimes the creature is pulled up dead or dyng; then we know it means loss of ife for my men if they go below. So let the little joker come aboard," he concluded. "She may be the means of ssening the Navy's casualty list." So the kitten duly became a memer of the L .- 's crew, and, like that rew, would be called upon, perha give its life in the service of its

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