

pounds. On the other hand, the gun-deck batteries of the Constellation were nominally twenty-fours, but the shot probably weighed about 22 pounds.

In the action with la Vengeance, the two ships had the same nominal weight of metal on their gun-decks, *viz.* eighteen-pounders. But the eighteen-pound shot of the Vengeance must have weighed nearly 19½ English pounds, while those of the Constellation did not probably weigh 17 pounds, if indeed they weighed more than 16 pounds.

It has been asserted, that the English shot were over-weight, but the writer weighed a good many himself, and he found them all surprisingly accurate.

END OF THE FIRST VOLUME.

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