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Collector of Old Line-of-Battle Ships

As far as is known, there is but one man in the world whose hobby is the collection of old line-of-battle ships. His father collected old castles. He is G. Wheatley Cobb, and he dwells in the frigate Foudroyant, moored in Falmouth harbor, England.

When the British Admiralty would have sold the old vessel to the wreckers, Mr. Cobb bought her.

She is, in fact, the last of the thirty-eight gun frigates built in the early years of the nineteenth century. When Mr. Cobb bought her she was called the frigate Trincomalee, because she was built in India, and he renamed her Foudroyant, in memory of the two-decker, 80-gun Foudroyant, in which Lord Nelson hoisted his flag in 1799.

That very ship, Nelson's Foudroyant, of which Nelson wrote that she was the finest in the world to be alongside the largest and finest of French two-deckers, was actually in Mr. Cobb's possession. Her end was as tragic as her beginning was splendid. In 1797, while the Foudroyant was building, Nelson chose her to be his flagship. Had she been completed in time, he would have carried Nelson's flag at the battle of the Nile.

In 1798 Foudroyant was commanded by Capt. Sir T. Byard, helped to defeat Commodore Donopart's expedition to Ireland. Foudroyant served in the Mediterranean under the great Lord St. Vincent, took her share in the blockade of Cadiz, and in watching the French fleet in Toulon. In Toulon harbor some years earlier had lain the French two-decker Duguay-Trouin, which afterwards became the British Implacable, and which Mr. Cobb has also collected. After Toulon, Foudroyant went to Palermo, where Lord Nelson shifted his flag from the Vanguard to Foudroyant, which he placed under the command of Captain Hardy.

A NOTABLE HISTORY.

Then the Foudroyant became the seat of the government of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies whose king and queen dwelt on board, flying their

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help available. Mr. Cobb heard her cables part, one after the other. . . . The fine old ship grounded heavily; high seas battered her; her mast went by the board, and her back was broken. The vessel heeled over and her guns hung over the shattered sides held by their tackles.

When morning came and the tide ebbed, the noble ship was left high and dry on the sand. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars and years of work had gone in a single night, and Nelson's old flagship was a wreck.

It was found impossible to save the Foudroyant. Mr. Cobb and his crew worked for weeks to save what they could. With immense toil they got the guns on shore, and saved a few of the many relics of the old navy with which the ship was stored. The guns and other treasures are now in the present Foudroyant.

Now comes what is perhaps the most wonderful part of the story. Inside three months, Mr. Cobb, quite undefeated, and bought the frigate Trincomalee, and renamed her Foudroyant. And there, she lies in Falmouth harbor. Since 1897 Mr. Cobb has used Foudroyant II, as a training ship for the royal navy or the merchant service, and who have all done well.

BELIEVES IN WOODEN SHIPS.

Mr. Cobb believes that a wooden line-of-battle ship makes the finest possible home and school for youth. The ship herself is charged with noble associations of duty and of service. Her structure, with its vast sweep of clear decks, its thick wooden walls, keeping the ship cool in summer and warm in winter, its large square gun ports, giving plenty of light and air, is perfectly fitted for the purpose. Moreover, the economy of a ship teaches a boy cleanliness, order, handiness, and readiness in emergency. He learns the necessity for instant obedience. He is taught how to handle a boat in all weathers.

Mr. Cobb also believes that the extraordinary beauty of the old line-of-battle ships, in which naval architecture found its supreme achievement, is good for the boys. The upper deck, scrubbed to the hue and texture of ivory, sweeps clear from the break of the poop to the bows.

The gun deck below is solemn and still like the nave of a cathedral; running from after cabin to forecabin, its broad planks are the color of honey, and the light flowing through the open ports is interwoven with the shadows, and here and there a patch of sun light slightly oscillates as the ship moves to the brimming tide without.

In the captain's cabin, the wide windows slant inward to the rosy window seat, and thick beams, cunningly framed, make the ceiling. In this noble habitation, the boys learn and work and play and make music. In this austere and cheerful tranquility, the lads become hardy, strong and agile, excellent seamen, skilled in seamanship, disciplined, courteous and happy.

THE IMPLACABLE.

Mr. Cobb has never asked help to defray the expenses of his work in the Foudroyant. To-day, by reason of heavy taxation, he can no longer afford to maintain her; and it is open to any kind person who appreciates the enterprise to become responsible for the cost of maintaining a boy, or boys in the Foudroyant.

There is also another project, for Mr. Cobb, in 1912, collected the Implacable, the old two-decker 74-gun ship which was once the French Duguay-Trouin, and which lay in Toulon harbor some years before Nelson's Foudroyant kept watch outside. The Implacable is now waiting to be used as a home and training ship for the Sea Scouts, and an appeal is to be made for the money required to restore and to maintain her.

In the meantime, there she lies, secluded in a wooded reach of Falmouth harbor, the last of the two-deckers, a survivor of Trafalgar, a wanderer of the world, unknown, unnoticed. She has the high, galleried stern, and the ample, rounded sides of the French line-of-battle ships of the eighteenth century. After all her battles and broils her strong timbers are sound as in 1789, about which year she was launched.

THE SHIP THAT SUNG.

In 1798 she was captured by Lord Hood in Toulon harbor, where she was left when the admiral evacuated the town and dockyard. At the Trafalgar she engaged the Victory. A fortnight later she was captured by Sir Richard Sirhan, and renamed Implacable. Forty years of active service did the Implacable achieve, and in her last commission she carried a golden cock at her main truck, the sign of the smartest ship in the Mediterranean fleet, the smartest fleet in the world.

There she lies in Falmouth harbor, dismantled, scarred, solitary, forgotten, yet hale and hearty and invincible. She has one friend, Mr. Cobb. She had another in King Edward by whose orders she was removed from the sale list at the admiralty. Will she find others?

When Mr. Cobb moored her in Falmouth harbor, he brought his boys' band on board, and on the gun deck they played the "Marsellaise." As the wild strains died away, the ship hummed like a volute. "The old ship had another in King Edward by whose orders she was removed from the sale list at the admiralty. Will she find others?" whispered the bandmaster.

Maine Cat Adopts Five Baby Rats.

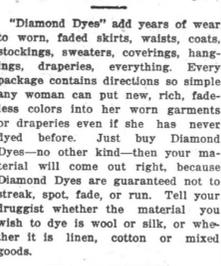
Bangor.—Many a Maine cat has acted as mother or stepmother to orphan puppies, but until this week no one ever had heard of a cat mothering rats. T. R. Savage Company, wholesale grocers, have such a wonder on their hands, and people are flocking to see it. A few days ago one of the clerks discovered a family of eight baby rats in a packing box, while nearby the mother rat lay dead, and in a sunny window the store cat sat licking her chops significantly.

The baby rats were dumped out on the floor, in the expectation that the cat would quickly finish them, and, sure enough, she did at once devour three.

To the astonishment of every one, however, Tabby purred and fussed over the remaining five young rats with every show of affection, and marshalled them into a cosy corner where, upon a nest of excelsior, she keeps a kindly and watchful eye upon them. When one of the rat family ventures out of the nest, Tabby takes it gently by the nape of the neck and brings it back. She wants to bring them up, evidently, as home-loving rats. The store force awaits with interest events that must follow when those five rats get their growth and begin to assert themselves.

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When his earthly struggle closes
You may send the florist's roses
His dark brow to lie upon;
When he cannot hear or see,
You very friendly be,
But 'twere better far, he'd vow,
If he had your friendship now.

You will speak about his worth
When he has no need of fame,
You will glory in his name,
When at last he quits the earth;
And if he should die to-day,
Many kind things you'd say,
But I wonder you do men
Always seem to wait till then?

When his front is on his cheek
And his hands lie still and cold,
All his good deeds will be told,
Many kind things you'd say,
When at last his journeying ends
He will pass through lines of friends,
But truly he mustn't know
That his neighbors love him so.

Draw up, friends, on either side
For the man who lives to-day!
Smile at him and smooth his way,
Let the line be long and wide,
Many kind things you'd say,
As you would if he were dead,
Make his living march as fine
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Except for the hand picking operation before washing, Libby's Beans are not touched by human fingers during the entire process, and every machine used is carefully cleaned and sterilized when the day's pack is finished. Libby's Beans are thoroughly cooked, but not crushed in the process, and when you open the can you find nearly every bean in perfect shape.

Order one can from your grocer and serve for tea to-night, and I think you will agree with me that Libby's Beans are without an equal.

Sincerely yours,
E. G. PITMAN.

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"The Board of Green Cloth."

The game of billiards has undergone numerous changes since it originated in France in the sixteenth century, the slate bed and cushions being introduced, leather tips fixed to the cue, and chalk used. In fact, so many improvements have been made that there doesn't seem any more left to be introduced.

It was a Bath marker named Carr who first realized the possibilities of side and screwing the ball, and, with the aid of the spot stroke, he was hailed as the first champion. Many players became adept at this particular stroke, however, and many years after W. J. Peall had made a break of 3,204, mostly by its means, it was abolished.

The anchor cannon was an invention which was too good to last long. After once obtaining the necessary position (rod and opponent's ball jammed together in the jaws of a pocket), the best players could literally go on for ever, and T. Reece actually made 249,552 consecutive cannons in a break of 499,135 unfinished.

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