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At 39c each we will sell

very neatly embroid-

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worth 10c each,

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How the Explosive is Made, Handled, Stored Up and Then Supplied to

the Big us of the Frant-

ing Fortresses.

If one follows the road that leads from the town of Dover, N. J., up among the craggy and rock-seamed hills of Marsh county, he is surprised on approaching what seems to be the summit of this desolate assemblage to find himself confronted by a heavy gate bearing the legend, "U. S. Naval Powder Magazine-No Smoking." From the top of the hill floats the stars and stripes, and below its frowning crest clusters a group of long, low, yellow brick buildings, within whose walls is concentrated a force mighty enough to shake even these "eternal hills" to their foundations. For miles on either side, taking in the double line of lofty hills and the valley that lies between, stretches the government preserve, without a sign of life to disturb the solemn grandeur

of the solitule, save where the bright-hued banner floats above the little group of buildings in the heart of the wilderness.

At first thought there is something almost ludicrously incongruous in the idea of connecting this impregnable and almost or connecting this impregnance and almost fore him in pregnang powder for any gun inaccessible fastness with the navy. But when one looks through the yellow brick buildings on the hillside his attention is attracted to an interesting and little-known part in the scheme of national defense that of preparing and storing the force which makes our great floating fortresses which makes our great floating fortresses which makes our great floating fortresses.

The second important improvement in modern nowder is in its form. Many persons of the force of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the force of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form. Many persons of the powder is in its form.

Though much has been written about the have the idea that all powder is in the form navy and naval service of the United States of small grains, while some others, whose within the past few months, the manner in which the new navy is supplied with powder seems to have escaped attention.

REQUIREMENTS OF MODERN GUNS. It is an important subject, too, as a brief calculation will enable the reader to deter-mine to his own satisfaction. The battle-

thus consuming a quarter of a ton of powder while the second hand of your watch of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the powder if only all sparks of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the powder if only all sparks of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the top of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the top of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the top of the stout bag is ited up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are the top of the stout bag is ited up. Next with the stout bag is defended in the nothing is said the broad hand conklin's said the the house hands of the the tot with the stout bag is it as next to the plane of the stout bag is defended. In the tot with the stout bag is defended in the tot with the stout bag is dead of the stout bag

MAMMOTH NAVAL MAGAZINE

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NEEDS OF A MODERN WAR VESSEL

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Then the mounted shell is slipped to give the gan form of the exact size of the gun for which the powder cast the conclusion that a single enough to get the same as that of the better known is form of the vact to give the power that lies behind it can drive it off. Then the mounted shell is slipped in the same as that of the better known is form of the vact stage, and has not been used on a crew so tightly that nothing but the experimental stage, and has not been used on for some that ca ensive sport as well.

. THE GREAT POWDER MONOPOLY. The powder industry of this country, so far as supplying the government is con-cerned, is practically all in the hands of one concern, the DuPonts. Their principal establishment is in Wilmington, Del. and they have half a dozen branches in other parts of the country. Their dominance, however, comes as much from the control of secret processes, which have been handed down

as heirlooms for three generations, as it does on the extent of their business. They control the manufacture of brown prismatic powder in this country, and are beginning to make the smokeless. These two kinds are the only ones used in guns of the most recent make.

Probably not one man in a hundred, on

being shown the powder regularly used in the largest guns would know what to call it. Even an old gunner, who had served, let us say, in the civil war, would be surprised at the appearance of the modern powder, for it is a fact not generally known that the pow-der used for the guns of the new navy is essentially different from that of the old monitor and smooth-bore days.
Up-to-date powder is chiefly of two kinds the smokeless and the brown prismatic, though the black is still used for igniting. It has two advantages over the old fashioned

kind. One is in its ingredients; the other in its form. The goal which the maker sets always be-fore him in preparing powder for any gun The second important improvement in mod-ern powder is in its form. Many persons memory reaches back to the civil war, recall

the "cannon" powder of that day, which was in the form of small cubes, much like lozenges. QUEER KINDS AND SHAPES. To either of these classes the powder of mine to his own satisfaction. The battle-ships Indiana and Oregon, the most powerful in the navy, carry four thirteen-inch, eight eight-inch and four six-inch guns. To fire a single charge from one of the thirteen-inch, eight eight-inch and four six-inch guns. To fire a single charge from one of the thirteen-inch, eight eight-inch and four six-inch guns one of the shell tiself to explode it. Accordingly, every der, not counting that contained in the shell itself to explode it. Accordingly, every time the four chief guns in the Indiana's armanent speak tegether more than a ton if powder is turned into nothingness.

In actual fighting these guns could be fired perhaps ten times an hour. The eight-inch guns require a charge of 114 pounds and fifty pounds are needed to speed the six-inch shells. But although these smaller guns require much smaller charges than their more robust fellows, thin difference is more inch in the greater ease with which they may be operated. In some experiments conducted at Indian Head last summer it was found that a four-inch gun could fire eleven shots its sevenieen seconds, thus consuming a quarter of a ton of powder of course remain the same now they are stored away again in the numbered it and the powder of course remain the same now they are stored away again in the numbered it and the numbered of the content is most surprising in appearance. Its regular shape is that of a hexagon, with a small hole running through the center. The size varies, of course, with a beat or course, into the bore of the gun for which it is intended but for the largest calibers the beagens are difference being the center. The size varies of the bore of the gun four which it is intended to the content is into action of the reader to dever an inch in diameter. The little hole in the content is important, for it causes the block to burn of six or seven years. Its present location was selected partly because the government at least or six or seven years. Its present loca To either of these classes the powder of

making it practically air and water tight when it is closed. These cases are shipped off to one of the powder stations, say the one among the Dover mountains. Where it is possible to do so the powder is usually is possible to do so the powder is usually is likely to be Fort Wadsworth, in New shipped by boat, but to reach the Dover magazine requires part of the journey to be made by rail. The line that carries the powder up among the hills is a curious the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to the property of the present needs of the naval to t

into flat wooden cases, lined with tin. Where the sides fit on a small, slightly raised band of rubber runs about the edge of the case, ble, but for all that life is mighty dreary in

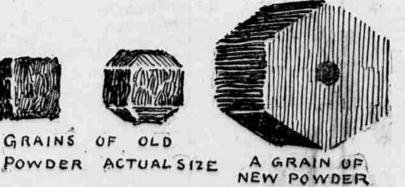
this winter weather among the lonely hills. Powder is shipped from the Dover station for the present needs of the naval service

PREPARING THE CHARGE. little railroad, which has grades as steep almost as those of a country highway, which carries little except government freight and prepare the charge for a big gun or that the









ACTUAL SIZE

where there is no danger of collisions-for, powder is poured in haphazard as you used

for six or seven years. Its present location smaller calbers a wooden frame containing was selected partly because the government already owned the land and could not put it to any other profitable use, but chiefly because of its isolation. Nothing is more detri-

he road boasts only one engine and very to do when you went squirrel hunting with your father's old musket. On the contrary, the loading of the charge is a task requiring the greatest nicety and care. For the gon over the wires, or laying them carefully in the form; first a tier of the black powder and then many more of the brown. When the column has been built up to the proper height, which for the large guns require some 600 of the largest hexagons shown in the illustration, a cloth bag, of exact width to fit is drawn over the ton. Then the to fit, is drawn over the top. Then the column is turned upside down, the wires are drawn out or the form removed and the top of the stout hag is tied up. Next it is taken to where the cartridge shells are

the rectangular boxes and cylindrical steel cases, into which it is impossible for air or water to penetrate. Another advantage of this new form for storage is that the pow-der, being protected from moisture, will keep for any length of time. For the small bore, rapid-fire guns smoke-less powder is used almost wholly at pres-

ent, and it comes in strips or tuber as shown in the accompanying cut, and these are tied together into a bundle in preparing the charge, much as one would tie a bundle of kindling wood. From the supply depot the ammunition, packed away in the cases, is sent to the vessels, on order of the Navy department, as it happens to be needed. In time of peace the ships of our navy are required to carry

100 rounds for each gun. That means for a cruiser of the Indiana's class something over 300,000 pounds of powder and a total am-munition load of some 250 tons in all. SAFE FROM FIRE AND WATER. This is stowed away in the magazines built below decks in the ship and is so carefully protected that even if fire were to start among the powder cases there would be no serious danger to the vessel. It is impossi ble for the fire to get at the powder and 'he magazine can be automatically flooded until

every spark is quenched. Then the water can be drawn off, leaving the ammunition uninjured. Some people not acquainted with modern cannon powder have had narrow escapes on account of their ignorance. One case of this he was sure he had kept within the com-kind is related by Gunner Suley, who has charge of the work at Fort Wadsworth. A resident of the town came to him one day

"One of your men who has been boarding with me skinged out the other day without paying his bill. If he'd left anything behind worth taking I'd have held on to it, but he didn't. About the only things in his as to what answer to give, but a little room were some unfinished wagon nuts and of 9, the eldest of several brothers and some strips of yellow wood. I'd have thrown sisters, came promptly to his aid. the pesky things into th stove if I'd thought "Please, sir," she said, smartly, "there they'd burn, but as it was I dumped them was nobody to nuss him!" out of the window.

and said:

back in this life."

Then he gave the man an object lesson in high explosives, which made that individual's hair stand on end as he thought of the risk he had run.

When one looks about the great magazines and reflects that each one of the largest projectiles contains powder enough to zines and reflects that each one of the larg-est projectiles contains powder enough to huri a 500-pound projectile a dozen miles,

shortly be extended to the larger guns.

The second important change that is expected to take place before long is the establishment of a great floating magazine somewhere in New York harbor. For this purpose it is probable that one of the old wooden vessels will be remodeled and used, supplanting the present mounting station at Fort Wadsworth, which is occupying army property and is cramped for room, and the new scheme has other advantages besides that of enlarged quarters. One of these will be the possibility of comparative isolation in the conter of a business district, and close to a paval station. The other will be the great case of loading the ammunition on the vessels. The wheels of the government departments move with proverbial slowness. but it is announced on reliable authority that this plan is now under consideration,

and will probably be put into effect within the next few months. It is interesting to discover among the stocks of powder of modern date and shape some small black cubes and squares. This is the powder of the civil war, now obsolete, but a supply of it is still kept on hand in view of the possibility that if pushed to an retremity the government might wish to rehabilitate some of the old monitors and in that case would need a stock of the old-fashioned powder. "All things are possible," says the old proverb, " and the wise man keeps in view all possibilities," so the wisdom of this course can scarcely be im-

IMPIETIES.

peached

A Sunday school superintendent at the close of an address on the creation, which scholars, and smilingly invited questions. A tiny boy, with a white, eager face and "Please sir, why was Adam never a baby?"

The superintendent coughed in some doubt as to what answer to give, but a little girl

"You want to thank your stars," replied the gunner, "that you didn't try to finish those nuts or throw them in the stove. As it is, you had better go back now and bury them in the deepest hole you can dig before you are blown so far that you can't get you should find fault with my reading, as back in this life."

Parson Richey of Owensboro, Ky.,

hurl a 500-pound projectile a dozen mites, he is apt to wonder what would be the result if some untoward accident were to set off the whole lot at once. As a matter of fact, however, the danger of the place being swallowed up by an earthquake is about as great, on the theory of probabilities. The men who work in it unite in saying that nothing is safer or healthler to handle than powder if only all sparks of fire are kept away from it.

Parson Richey of Owensboro, Ky. is very popular as a matrimonial mechanic, and is frequently called on for his services. One day a pretty hard-favored fellow came to him on a mission of this kind, and when he had told his business asked what the fee would be. "I do not make any regular charge," said the parson. "Pay me whatever you like." "No, I want you to say." said his customer. "Oh, well," said the parson pleasantly. "iust oay me according

Through wilds, where once in salted mines
Delved tenderfeet clate,
The hobo waits by two-track lines
To catch the eastbound freight,

The unshod mustang, lithe and thin, That bore the savage chief, Is corralled, slaughtered, put in tin And sold as canned corn beef.

Now in the haunts of buffalo The traction engine raves;
All kinds of garden sass they grow
Above old Injun graves.

The horse thief of another day, Who, unhung, plied his trade, Now swipes, and scorches swift away, The bikes of highest grade. The rough saloons, where not to drink Invoked the bullet's whizz, Are marbled drug stores where the wink Precedes the soda fizz.

No more the "prairie schooners" drift Across the alkall, For now the horseless carriage swift Goes whishing, swishing by,

No old tar bucket at its stern, Or yaller dorg is seen, Instead, a motor's cogwheels turn, Mid smells of gasoline. Ah, brave, wild west, that we in youth To romance used to link, Alas, 'tis truth, you're now, in sooth, Completely on the dink!

CONNUBIALITIES.

A man named Dollar was married to a Miss Nichol out in Ohlshoma the other day, Governor Leady of Kansas has just turned loose a penitentiary convict who has cleven wives. Serves the fellow right. A citizen of Harlem, N. Y., has recured a

verdict of \$50,000 against another citizen of Harlem for alienating his wife's affec-Speaking of the Texan who has sixteen un. divorced wives, a contemporary asks: "What shall be done with this fellow?" Why not condemn him to live with the lot?

A romantic New Jersey maiden was caught in the act of eloping and was punished by her mother with an old fashioned spanking. It was entirely fitting that this maternal "nay, nay," was administered at a town

An international marriage is announced to take place at Nashville, Tenn., where Hou. Archibald Majoribanks, brother of Lady Aberdeen, will be married to Miss Brown, granddaughter of the late Governor Nell S. Brown, minister to Russia under President Buchanan.

J. E. Conklin of Grove, N. Y., was married at Laporte, Ind., on the 24th to Mrs. Sarah R. Bennett of Beatrice Mich. Conklin is 88 years of age, while his wife is 86. The marriage of the couple furnished an interesting sequel to early love and marriage. Mrs. Bennett was Conklin's first wife, their marriage having taken place when they were aged 22 and 20 years respectively. After living together for two years they were di-vorced and both were married again. Conk-lin's first wife's husband and Conklin's second wife each passed away. The aged wid-ower and widow learned of each other's claim the bride of his first marriage for his