

War Ships are Now Repaired out on the High Seas "While You Wait" -- Uncle Sam's Repair Ship, The Vulcan.

The queerest vessel in the United States navy, if not, indeed, the queerest afloat, is the aptly named Vulcan.

Her mission is to remain with the fleet and repair any damage that may be done to other vessels.

If you have ever visited a navy repair shop and can imagine the scene transferred to shipboard you can get a fairly good idea of what the Vulcan looks like.

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any other ship known. A dozen such officers is the usual complement for a warship, but the Vulcan, out of her crew of 200 men, has ninety-two men who have the right to wear double-breasted short coats and officer's caps.

Chief machinists, expert boiler-makers, molders, brass finishers and electricians, wrights, plumbers--all have the rating of first class petty officers.

Officially the Vulcan is described as an engineer's repair ship, but Eng near in Chief Melville, who was responsible for her purchase and transformation.

While the ship is not intended for fighting she carries two rapid fire six-pounder guns.

The men on board this vessel will be able to repair almost any damage that would naturally happen to a warship.

"Frank" was only 15 years old, quite small, refined of manner and had a fine figure.

"I fancy," said the war department clerk in a reminiscent tone, "that the boarding houses of other cities are not strikingly different from those we have right here in our midst."

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A Richmond Clergyman Tells how Southerners have Gallantly Entered the Ranks for Love of Their Country.

The attitude of the south in the latest unpleasantness has been given a prominence that is painfully out of proportion to its significance.

Of course it was all done with the best of motives, or perhaps I should say with the best of intentions.

On the other hand, the noticeable lack of enthusiasm in the South since the war began has been given a significance that is quite as wide of the mark.

While the north and south are not, and never have been, as one together, they are not so far apart as they are sometimes represented.

The most pathetic chapter of the history of the conflict is that which tells how men brought face to face with the awful truth broke down under it.

The above examples are generally given at country houses particularly well situated for this sport from being either parties, but kites of a godly size, and box kites at that.

At the signal the kites are started. Some, by force of luck or skill in handling, catch the breeze at once and dance vigorously.

Once up aloft with these kites the great problem is to keep the candles alight. A third or half of their candles suddenly extinguished, and the beauty and strangeness of these great floating glow worms of the air is partially, at least, lost.

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heart would ache for the sight of a young man in the passing crowd of totering veterans and boys just in their teens.

There is a deep reason why the cause bell has utterly failed to appeal to the southern heart.

With the growth of cities and of commercial life in the north the independent agricultural life of the south was developing a race of individualists.

Did you think, remembering your boyhood or your girlhood, and recalling what you have recently read in magazines, that kite flying was simply a youthful amusement on the one hand and a science on the other?

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How Wounds on the Battlefield are Now Treated--Improved Methods Greatly Reduce Mortality.

The many injuries resulting from modern weapons of war should cause great mortality were they not treated antiseptically.

Every effort should be made by the surgeon to completely disinfect wounds. Such has been the constant aim of every army surgeon since the advent of antiseptics, and although occasions have not been very numerous in which the new discovery could be applied.

The results for cases treated antiseptically in the secondary period are: Out of 65 cases of gunshot fracture there were 13 deaths, or 20 per cent.

These results speak for themselves. They are all the more conclusive since they were obtained at a time when antisepsy had not been properly developed and medical equipments in this respect were defective.

Without knowing Machnikoff's theory, he said that the inflammation set up in the blood vessels played a considerable part in this preservation.

These views are confirmed by the opinions of many army surgeons. Von Hahn in particular, who was able to save the wounded of Plevna and Radowitz from septicæmia and erysipelas after three to five days' transport.

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no longer a question of waiting with folded arms while nature does her work, and aiding her only with proper diet and regular dressing.

Except in rare cases, such as complete destruction of important arteries, amputation should not be resorted to.

Thanks to antisepsy, army surgery will henceforth be able to intervene in wounds that hitherto have been too difficult of treatment, such as those of the cranium, thorax and abdomen.

"To Prevent Cruelty to Mothers. (From the Woman's Signal.)" "Can you help me a few minutes, Marion?"

"I should like to, but I don't see how I can." The tone was so impatient, but hurried. "I have this essay to finish for the society this evening."

"No time?" cried the other. "What are they doing with all the time I am allowing them?"

"Well," replied the Angel of Life, "I keep their hands and hearts full. They are affectionate daughters, much admired for their good works; but they do not know that they are letting their love most slip from my arms into yours."

"I see we might have lost the best of mothers in our mad rush to be educated and useful in this hurrying, restless day and generation."

And Marion kept her word. A few months later one of the Women's Progressive league members said to her: "We miss your bright essays so much."