

## HOW VESSELS TALK AT SEA.

The System of Lights by Which Collisions Are Avoided.

How do you suppose collision is avoided between vessels in the night time? asks a writer in Harper's Young People. The precautions adopted are very simple, consisting of two colored lights for sailing vessels and three for steamships. Sailing vessels carry a green light on the starboard side and a red light on the port side. These lights are so constructed as to show from right ahead to a point a little abaft the beam, and are of sufficient power to be seen at a distance of at least two miles. The sidelights prescribed by law for steamships are the same as those for sailing vessels, and in addition, the former class of vessels carries what is known as a mast-head light. The front of this consists of a thick pane of uncolored glass, so arranged that the light shows from right ahead to a little abaft the beam on each side. It derives its name from being hoisted as high as the lower mast-head, so that its light may be seen at least five miles away.

Steamships are obliged by law to give the right of way to sailing vessels under all circumstances, but officers of the latter often invite collision by getting nervous upon the approach of a steamer, and altering the course of their ship. When a steamer is towing another vessel, the former carries two mast-head lights, one above the other, and three feet apart. Steamers navigating rivers and bays do not carry the mast-head light, but in its place a powerful white light, called a stem light, is placed at the prow of the vessel, and this, like the mast-head light, shows from right ahead to a little abaft the beam. In addition to this light a globular lantern is hoisted on the after part of the steamboat and at least twenty feet above the stem light. The former light is called a range light, and shows from every point of the compass.

Imagine a dark and stormy night at sea, the wind whistling through the rigging and driving the rain into the faces of the men whose watchful eyes sweep the sea. Suddenly through the gloom a little colored star shows for a moment, and is lost to reappear a moment later against the black background, then to vanish once again. Have you any idea of the story told to the watcher by that twinkling point of colored light out yonder? No sooner is it observed than it is known to belong to a sailing ship, for if it was a steamer the powerful white light hoisted away above the deck would first come into view. The direction of the wind and the color of the light tell the course that the ship out there is heading, and so the helm is shifted if necessary and collision averted.

## Forgot the Good Name.

"Remember, dear," said the venerable father, as he sent his youngest and most petted daughter away to boarding-school, "that all my hopes are centered on you. Remember in all your struggles for intellectual supremacy, your triumphs, your defeats and your temptations, that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." "I will, father," replied the weeping girl, and the train bore her away. Will it be believed that three years later that girl married a man who bore the villainous name of Gandershanks.

## Discouraging.

"Will you be mine?" asked young Mr. Short of Miss Scadds.  
"Your gold mine, do you mean?" was the girl's unfeeling reply.

## London's Coal Traffic.

There has been a remarkable development in the coal traffic of London. In 1650 the railway-borne coal was only 248,000 tons, and last year it exceeded 8,000,000 tons.

## Majors a Coward.

NELSON, Neb., Sept. 26, 1892.

"We must respectfully decline to have any discussion with a person who has openly announced his blasphemous contempt for the constitution and the judiciary of the state."

When I read the above I could not help thinking that political hypocrisy was catching. Mr. Majors is certainly not too young not to remember the discussion in the country over the Dred Scott decision. The republicans all over the union denounced it as a purely partisan, political decision. There is no doubt but that the same motives prompted the U. S. court in that decision that prompted the state court in the contest decision.

In the great debate between Douglass and Lincoln the former tried to throw discredit upon the latter because Lincoln denounced the decision as wrong and believed it ought to be reversed.

In fact Majors' position toward Shrader is remarkably like Douglas toward Lincoln, excepting Douglas was no coward. J. B. N.

## At Decatur.

The rally of the 27th was a surprising success. The procession was headed by thirty ladies and as many gentlemen on horse-back. They were followed by what seemed an interminable line of wagons filled with people and good things to eat. There was music by both cornet and martial bands.

At the grounds there was an immense crowd of people, and every one was fed.

Then Uncle Jacob Beck presided, and Hon. W. A. Poynter delivered one of his grand convincing speeches. He was followed by J. M. Devine who discussed silver and financial reform in a way that made many people see it as they never had before. The effect of this meeting will be seen in voters in November. WATCH.

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## NOTICE.

To John Schamp Non resident Defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 19 day of September 1892, Alice Schamp filed her petition against you in the district court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground of wilful abandonment of plaintiff with out good cause for the term of two years last past.

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