This is the open season for minis-

It would seem that Patti's other visits were merely au-revour tours.

ters in Bulgaria.

Living is high in New York. Even a dog ate \$100 for luncheon the other

At this season of the year no boy needs to be told that swimming is a healthful exercise.

A Minneapolis hospital offers to treat a man free. Huh; most any candidate will do that.

The remodeled White House contains thirty-two miles of wire-and several people to pull it.

now counting the geese that "Get-Rich-Quick" Goslin plucked. Bulgaria should join hands with Ja-

pin and divide the expenses of the

They are busy in New York just

enthusiastic search for trouble. Any reasonable man will admit that there are two sides to every question-his side and the wrong

side.

Mr. Whistler is no more and the gentle art of making enemies is relegated exclusively to our reformers in politics.

What worries the sultan is not that his treasury is empty, but that he has reached the end of his ability to go into debt.

American warships in European waters have been winning peace victories that are no less valuable than those of war.

People who can't get along without borrowing trouble might save wear and tear on their nerves by moving to Paterson, N. J.

Prosperity-among the politicians -is beyond question. The diamond during the last year.

It is said that Indians have acquired the divorce habit. Perhaps the real truth is that some of the squaws have decided to strike.

The peek-a-boo shirtwaist may shock us, but it has one great advantage, the dear girl who wears it attracts all the mosquitoes.

The latest bulletin from Jim Corbett's camp proves conclusively that when his "new blow" has been tried out, Jeffries will again be a boiler maker.

Anthracite coal fields have been discovered in Colorado equal in extent to those of Pennsylvania. The Mississippi valley will now be between two fires.

When an old-fashioned mother wants to say in a back-handed way that her boy is good at school, she says that he likes all his teachers .-Atchison Globe.

It is hoped that the Fourth-of-July victims have nearly all been accounted for. The automobile accidents continue, however, to be reported in gradually increasing numbers. .

Mrs. Corbett has dreamed that her husband will knock out Jeffries in the thirteenth round. But if she wanted to be convincing, why couldn't she make it some other round?

A New York corporation, of which the stock is said to have been "all water," has been declared bankrupt. The company's floating debt did not keep the directors in the swim.

Peace once more reigns in the educational world since the president of the State university of Vermilion, S. D., has been exonerated from the charge of drinking beer and smoking

Prince Botijar of Paris calls the Servian affair an "operetta." Well, it depends, Prince. If you had been playing the star part doubtless it would have seemed a little nearer the legitimate.

Dr. Stiles claims that in some cases the "laziness disease" has been fatal. The only case just now recalled is that of the man who was too tired to get off the track when the train came along.

England complains that we have seized some of her islands. But we have not. It is merely an exchange We gave her William Waldorf Astor, around to the scene of the gathering and surely he is worth more than any little bunch of islands.

Jacob Jung and Marie Mosser, aged 37 and 63 respectively, kissed each other in Lincoln park, Chicago, recently, and were promptly arrested. Poor young things! How can Chicago tolerate policemen with no tender sentiments in their souls?

When the theosophist lady and gentleman who stood up before their 'riends the other day and said they were married want to call it off they will find it necessary to go through t few additional formalities. The law is queer about some of these things.

## WHERE THE WORLD'S FINEST SHIPS OF WAR MAY MEASURE THEIR STRENGTH

the Asiatic coast in the history of the is trying to be especially friendly with world. It needs but a spark thrown her. into the Manchurian powder magazine to blow Russia's treacherous diplomacy sky-high, and clear the stage for the greatest naval battle of modern times. And there would be but one result. Russia's Asiatic fleet would be annihilated, except such ships as escaped to the refuge of the forts of Vladivostock or Port Arthur. As to landing troops and fighting on land-that is another story, but against the combined fleets of Japan and England, Russia's Asiatic squadron could not hope to stand.

In the threatened naval war China, whose very existence as a nation is at stake, can take no part. The naval power of China was blown from the face of the waters by the Japanese guns at the battle of the Yalu river. Admiral Evans has his fleet in that land-locked sea, the Gulf of Pe-chi-li, covering the approaches to Tien-Tsin (the port of Pekin) and within easy distance of Port Arthur and New Chwang, where the Russian troops are said to be mostly concentrated. In that same region the British have assembled a fleet of twelve warships and there is a Japanese contingent there also. The rest of the Japanese navy is on the coast of Japan ready to strike at any point on the coast of the mainland from Vladivostock to Port Arthur. Besides the ships of war England has in the Gulf of Pechi-li she has others scattered about the Chinese coast which could be drawn upon. Taking all the ships of war of the four nations-Great Britain, Japan, the United States and Russia-now in Chinese waters or other of the Russian Baltic ports may ready to sail from the coast of Japan, be bombarded and blockaded, but in the roster shows a fleet of 168 war | Western Europe it will be just a case vessels liable to be precipitated of belligerent nations sitting down against each other in one great battle oppisite to each other and making which would make the memory of faces while the real contest is being Trafalgar as insignificant as the pro- fought out in Asia and in Asian verbial "thirty cents."

accompanying illustration that the al- pean squadron might effect a junction importation has increased 50 per cent lied fleets are superior to the Asiatic with the British fleet in the Baltic fleet of Russia in every respect. To and help inveigle the Russian Baltic get ships from the Baltic Russia fleet into a fight. would, if war were declared, have to run the gauntlet of England's great war. The struggle with Russia is to Channel squadron, and her Mediter- the Japanese the "irrepressible conranean fleet as well if they attempted flict." It is an axiom of Japan's poli- most call it a diseased, product. Each to go through the Suez canal-the cy that Corea must be either under pearl has for its nucleus, or starting

If war comes it will in all human probability be confined entirely to the



waters. Should the United States be-It will be seen by a glance at the come involved the American Euro-

The voice of Japan is for immediate

More ships of war are now watch- | France, but it does not go so far as | ippines. But in spite of all combinaing each other in Chinese waters that. France does not want a war tions, the land forces of the allies than were ever assembled before on with England just now and, in fact, would, in the beginning at any rate, be greatly outnumbered by the Russians. Still, how the Russian troops would stand the shock of actual war is a question. American officers who East. A British fleer will sail into accompanied the allies on the march the Baltic and blockade Cronstadt just to Pekin have not a very high idea of the Russian soldiers.

The Yalu river, where the Russians are concentrating troops, forms the boundary line between China and Corea. A concentration of troops on the banks of the Yalu looks like an intended invasion of Corea, and in case of war the Russians might make that kingdom the battlefield.

The Russian navy is an untried factor. How her sailors would show up in actual war nobody knows; not even they themselves. It is a navy without history and without tradition. All its "glorious past" is before it.

The Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, where the fleets are now assembled is an oval body of water about as big as Lake Erie. For the most part it is shallow. The Liao-Tung peninsula, reaching down from Manchuria and the Shauntung peninsula, reaching up from the south, separate the gulf, except for a narrow strait, from the Yellow sea. The great peninsula of Corea puts down between the Yellow sea and the Sea of Japan. The island empire of Japan stretches northward in a semicircle from the extremity of Corea to the Russian island of Sakhalin. It looks small on the map compared with the vast expanse of the Russian empire-but so do the British Isles. This is the theater of the threatened war, a war which will result-if it comesin Russia assuming a commanding and prepondering influence in the Pacific, or of having her ambitious schemes in that direction checked for at least for a generation.-New York

HOW PEARLS ALE MADE.

Their Humility of Origin Is Similar To Diamonds.

As in the case of the diamond, which is only crystallized carbon or blacklead, pearls exhibit a humility of origin which stands out in striking contrast to their intrinsic worth. For the pearl is an unnatural, or one might alonly feasible route. And, more than Japanese influence or Japanese, and | point of formation, a parasitic worm.

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF THE FLEETS
ASSEMBLED IN THE GULF OF PE-CHI-LI
ALLIED NATIONS 134 SHIPS OF WAR. RUSSIA 34 SHIPS OF WAR.

which she now has there. Russia's made Japan go to war with her. Black sea fleet would be locked up in sage of the Bosporus and Darda- other, ready to disavow any or all To force those straits, even if it were any chance the Black sea fleet should | fleets and armies are assembling. get through, or a part if it, the Brittake care of it. So Russia's naval hope of reinforcement.

The information possessed by Japan tion of Russian fleets and troops in churia are 50,000 European troops eign body of the pearly substance of the Pacific and on Asian soil is most thorough and extensive. She has been carefully collecting this information by a small army of spies in preparation for just such a contingency as the present. All this valuable information is, of course, at the service of her allies. Japan has wellequipped dock-yards handy for the use of the allies and stores of all kinds for the use of the fleet.

Russia has only one well-equipped naval station on the coast, that of Vladivostock, but Port Arthur is a strongly fortified port in which her fleet might take refuge, and of late she has been storing naval supplies there and starting the equipment of a dock-yard. New Chwang is also fortified. But in order to get from the naval station of Vladivostock of the fleets of the allies in the Gulf of Pe-chi-li the Russian ships would have to traverse the entire length of the Japan sea and round the lower end of Corea, being all the while within striking distance from the coast of Japan, and then cross the Yellow Sea to the entrance of the gulf.

France has in the disturbed waters a fleet consisting of two battleships. three armored cruisers, twelve gun-

Russia plays transparently fast and that body of water if Turkey stuck loose, throwing the blame for her acts by her treaty and prevented the pas- first on one minister and then on annelles, as in all probability she would. acts of her agents, but never refraining from profiting by them, and all possible, would bring down the the time strengthening her position in wrath of all Europe on Russia. If by Manchuria-doing it every day, while

force in the East in case of war must | in Manchuria. It is claimed her facil-

all, in case of war, Russia will need | Russia is threatening Corea. The Formerly it was regarded as a comall the ships on her Baltic coast same action on the part of China | mon occurrence that the pearl owed its origin to the presence under the "mantle" of the oyster (the skin which envelops the animal and lines the shell) of some concretion in the shape of a minute grain of sand. A scientist now declares that his experience negatives this view, or, at any rate, places the sand nucleus in the position of a very infrequent occurrence. If the shell be injured and sand gains access to the As to the land forces which will be interior pearl formation around a sand ish Mediterranean fleet would easily involved in case of war, nobody grain may then be possible; but by knows how many troops Russia has far the greater number of the pearls found lying free in the oysters owe fight at its present strength, with no ities for transportation are so great their being to the presence of parasitic that more than 1,000,000 men could worms. The real nature of the process be rushed into Manchuria within which causes the formation of a pearl relating to the strength and disposi- three weeks. On the borders of Man- is the deposition around the little for-



PROBABLE THEATRE OF WAR

boats and seven torpedo boats. This has an army of 100,000 men ready to tie." Presumably this is an attempt fleet no doubt would be passively throw into Corea or to land in Man- on the part of the animal to lessen or friendy to Russia, but no one expects churia. England and the United abolish the irritation which a foreign France to fight in the quarrel. There States could draw smaller bodies of particle must set up within Fie living is an alliance between Russia and troops from Hong Kong and the Phil- tissues.

under European drill masters. Japan | the shell lining, secreted by the "man-

AFLOAT FOR 350 YEARS.

Ship Anita Retired After Long Record of Slowness.

What ship in the world can boast such a record as the Anita, which has just been sold to be broken up? She was registered at the port of Genoa. and has been affeat almost since the days of Columbus.

She was built in Genoa in 1548, and her last voyage has not long been over. It was from Naples to Teneriffe.

It is true she was 205 days on one voyage from Baltimore to Rio de which has weathered such countless all kinds of predicaments. storms and tornadoes in all parts of the world?

The sturdy old vessel has been engaged in the carrying trade between Spain and the United States. Of course she has been repaired frequently during the many long years of her life. but still her original style has been preserved, and she still exhibits her high bow and stern and lavish carvings of oak.

The schooner Raven of Beaumaris is a famous old vessel. She has been engaged in the coasting trade during the reigns of five British monarchs. In fact, her age is 114 years; but the old ship has been taken to Carnarvon harbor to be broken up.

A fine old warship is the old 70-gun frigate Anne. She was crippled and run ashore off Dungeness in Admiral Torrington's battle with the French fleet in 1690. For a full 200 years she has been embedded in the sands there.

She has become visible once more, for the hulk now shows plainly at low tides close in to the shore. Expeditions are being organized to raise some of her old brass guns.

A still older warship is a Spaniard which has been discovered lately under 200 feet of water off Messina. From this vessel six guns have been recovered, including two guns seven feet long.

These bear the date 1662 under the royal escutcheon of Spain-which makes it pretty certain that she was sunk in some raval engagement in the seventeenth century.-Stray Stories.

MADE A DANCING JOURNEY.

Remarkable Feat Performed by Old-Time English Actor.

William Kemp, an English comic actor who flourished during the last years of Queen Elizabeth, and who belonged to the same company as Shakespeare, and "created" Dogberry, danced from London to Norwich, a distance of 114 miles. He was accompanied by a servant, an umpire and a man with a tabor and pipe. Crowds hindered his start on Feb. 11, 1600, and many met him at every place. Several tried to dance with him, but none could rival his pace; the most successful were women. Although delayed by a snowstorm, he did it in nine days, and on the way accepted a challenge or two, each time coming off best, except when a Chelmsford maiden of 14 damed till he was yard he could neither read nor write. "ready to lie down." On his return he wrote an account of it, which ends richest men in Illinois. with a warning to those with whom he had made wagers that if they did not pay up he would publish their names. The "Nine Daies' Wonder," as the title runs, is a merry, readable pamphlet. Among other curious information in it is the statement that the customary way to deal with pickpockets at the theater in those days was to tie them to a post.

Lament of the Lay Brother.

Iona, O Iona! My days go sad and slow, For 'mid your island meadows I hear no cattle low. I miss the ffelds of Kerry, The green fields and the kine. And in my brother's chanting Is heard no voice of mine;

Iona, O Iona! My mates are glad of cheer. But I, the Kerry peasant, Dwell sad and lonely here, I send an exile's sighing Across the sundering sea; O would I were in Kerry.

Or the kine were here with me!

Iona, O Iona! The Saint sleeps well, I trow, Nor dreams that one poor brother's Heartbroke for Ireand now. Heartbroke to be a herdboy And watch the cattle feed, And call the cattle homeward Across the darkening mead.

Iona, O Iona! All summer swallows stay About your towers; the seagulls To Ireand take their way. And would, I cry with weeping, The seagulls' road were mine, To hear and see the lowing, The kind eyes of the kine! Iona, O Iona!

-Unidentified.

Cunning Rats. The achievements of the rat would be incredible if they were not established on authority beyond dispute. A rat has been seen, for example, to mount a table and upset a box of figs on to the floor for the benefit of tweny waiting rats; and the stopper in a flask of oil has been removed by rats which then dipped their long tails nto the bottle until it was dry. Sugar has been found in deep drawers thiry feet from the place where the rats and found it, and they have been known to carry eggs from the bottom of a house to the top without breakng them, the egg resting upon the aind legs of one rat and the forelegs of another as they climber the stairs. A man-of-war was once so overrun with rats that they destroyed a hunfred-weight of bisuits every day, and 't was necessary at last to smoke the ship between decks.

As Corrected.

The Parson-You wouldn't be so poor, 's homas, were it not for the fact you are intoxicated half the that

time." Thomas-Thash (nic) not it, parshon. I'm (hic) 'tox'cated half th' time, cause I'm (hic) so poor. Shee?"

The August Century. The August Century will contain the opening chapters of the Hon. Anfrew D. White's "Chapters from My Diplomatic Life," dealing with the minister's first mission to Germany, 1879-1881. The ambassador found in those two years that his duties and pleasures gave him experiences sounding almost almost every noterom the sublime to the ridiculous, and brought him into close touch not only with such personages as Presilent Hayes, Secretary Evarts, Beaconsfield, Browning, and the Emperors William I, Frederick and William Janeiro, but what is that to a ship II, but with all kinds of Americans in

Patti's Real Name.

On her forthcoming tour-the last and finalest-Madame Patti might use her right and full name, with which Americans are entirely unfamiliar. Shewas baptized Adelea Juana Maria Clofinda Patti. Most of us know her simply as Patti, and a few of us as the Marquise de Caux, Signora Nicolini and Baroness Cederstrom.

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