

BLOCKADE RUNNERS.

How the English Helped the South in the War.

The Perils and Profits of the Contraband Business.

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The great majority of Northern people treated the blockade-running business during the war as a matter affecting only private individuals, and had no idea of its perilous risks and immense losses and gains.

THE BLOCKADERS.

The South made two serious blunders in the very beginning of the war. The first was in contending that seaports like Charleston could not be successfully blockaded, and the second was in not running everything out of the Confederacy which could be spared and which would bring money before the blockade was fixed.

The South made no navy of importance, and Lincoln's blockading proclamation was greeted with a laugh. Some of the supposed wisest men in the south declared that a blockade was simply impossible owing to natural causes, while others clung to the belief that Europe would prevent it.

THE HEADQUARTERS.

The headquarters of the blockade-running business was at Charleston. During the war ten vessels ran in and out of Charleston to one anchorage and other port. A score of rich firms in that city entered into the business simultaneously, attracted by the large profits and encouraged by the government, and it was at Charleston that Maj. E. Willis was stationed as purchasing agent of the confederate government.

CLOSE CALL.

Just before leaving Nassau, one evening in 1863, the captain of the blockade running steamer Southern Cross received information that two Federal cruisers were lying in wait for him about twenty miles off the coast.

THE RUNNERS.

The south had very few vessels fit for blockade running, but she had money to buy with, and agents were kept in Europe to pick up the sort of craft wanted. Some of the most successful vessels were sailing craft, but after 1862 the great majority were sidewheel steamers and propellers.

A General Stampede.

Never was such a rush made for any thing as for a trial bottle of Dr. J. C. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

STATE JOTTINGS.

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Buffalo Blood Bitters advertisement with logo and text.

Buffalo Blood Bitters advertisement text describing its benefits for various ailments.

DR. CLARKE

Dr. Clarke advertisement text for his medical services.

HEAT YOUR HOUSES

Advertisement for furnaces and heating systems.

FURNACES IN THE WORLD.

Advertisement for Richardson, Boynton & Co. furnaces.

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY

Advertisement for Dr. Minnie's Dandelion Pills.

GRAY'S SPECIFIC MEDICINE

Advertisement for Gray's Specific Medicine.

FAST TIME!

Advertisement for Chicago & North-west Rapid Way.

Max Meyer & Bro. Jewelers and Music Dealers advertisement.

Advertisement for Max Meyer & Bro. describing their jewelry and music business.

PERFECTION HEATING AND BAKING

Advertisement for Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges.

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MILLINERY & NOTIONS

Advertisement for I. Oberfelder & Co. millinery and notions.

A. M. CLARK, Painter & Paper Hanger

Advertisement for A. M. Clark, painter and paper hanger.

Business Education

Advertisement for Wyman Commercial College.

Important Announcement.

TO ALL INTERESTED IN HOUSE FURNISHING

Advertisement for Charles Shiverick's house furnishing business.

VIENNA BAKERY

Advertisement for Vienna Bakery's fresh milk bread.

FRESH BALTIMORE OYSTERS

Advertisement for Diamond Brand oysters.