Prof. Water's Remarkable Instrument and

Light and Measures Them Exnery-Proves There is No uch Thing as Silence.

Prof. A G. Webster of Clark university has just erfected a scientific instrument which is kely to add considerably to existing knowledge of the phonomenon of sound. At the recent meeting of the Amerione was a le to answer he brought into of an inch. view an apparatus which served as an absolute standard of comparison. Hereafter it will be possible to say just how loud sound of one six-millionth of an atmosphere any sound giny be, not by guesswork, but by means of waves made by reflected light. Incidentally Prof. Webster remarked that with this ing rument it may be possible to chare the eche to its source and find out all about it; that a modified form of the instrument might be installed on shipboard to be used to denote the approach of other

Curiously enough light is the agency that has been called in to increase our knowledge of sound. It is by means of photography that Prof. Webster measures all sorts of noises, from the roar of an explosion to sounds so low that the human ear finds it impossible to detect them and which therefore pass under the name of silence. The device has proved that there is no such

SOUNIMEASURED BY CAMERA | duced by a tuning fork were shown in the form of very regular waves across the screen. Some vowel sounds projected into the receiver were depicted in a very irregular waving line, showing that it is impossible for any person to hold the voice evenly while pronouncing a letter or word This is a point for singers and musicians generally to ponder over. A draught in the room produced an effect which resulted in a series of rather irregular curves having a downward trend. Silence manifested it self in a series of very regular fine waving lines. Ability to hear or see silence might occasion some surprise, but the record proved simply that there were sounds in the atmosphere which the human ear could not hear. Lord Raleigh, after some experimentation, determined that we are capable of hearing sounds of an intensity less than one-millionth of an atmosphere. Some idea of the capabilities of this new instrument may be gained from the fact that the can Assocation for the Advancement of little mirror mentioned above will move Eclebee Prf. Webster advanced the question: "How Loud is a Sound?" When no a distance of one one-hundred thousandth

Prof. Webster's new machine may prove of great scientific value. It has recorded a at a distance of twenty feet. At forty-five feet that same sound, then reduced to one twelve-millionth of an atmosphere, was recorded. On the other hand, the sound of a whistling buoy seven and one-fourth miles hold of the best cards, I always made a

young Englishman, as we could tell from his talk with the barkeep, and he was BULLHEAD LUCK AT POKER already out after snowbirds so far as his jag went. He had probably been hitting mething up in his berth and he had a A Convincing Game at a Stop-Over Joint > chunk of early morning enthusiasm along with him such as you don't often meet with. the Edge of the Desert. The boy-he wasn't much over 21-kept a shrewd bit of gray in his head, though, that threaded all of his jaggy talk and we figured him out to be a bad lot of a younger EXPERTS EATEN UP BY AN AMATEUR son doing the grand tour for the sobering Hands Held by a Foreign Pilgrim effect that is supposed to go along with that sort of thing. He got next to the three of us, of course, right off, and as he was good Who Was Considered a Pudding, but Proved the Luckiest of natured and had a certain sort of finish of Poker Players. manner about him we let him in and the four of us stood up to it together. We only intended to take one or two and then "What I am here to assert and to mainget on the train again, but we sort o' got tain is that there is such a thing as drunken interested in the young Britisher's spiel-he luck in poker, just as there is such a thing as drunken luck in falling safely downhad just reached America from Japan, he said, and that's all we ever learned about stairs, or in not being run over by a brewery him-and we sort o' forgot about the train wagon, or in a whole lot of other things altogether until we woke up when we heard that I could mention," said the breeder of thoroughbred horses from Warrenton, Va., a couple of whistle blasts and a rumbling outside on the track. By the time we broke for the door our train was a good hundred a correspondent of the New York Sun. 'Until a couple of years ago I myself beyards down the track and kicking up more leved, like some of you fellows, that what alkali dust every minute. It was a plain is called luck didn't cut much of a figure ase of left and that's all there was about in a well-played game of draw. I regarded

> of us had left our grips in our berths. Forced Lay-Over. "'What's the odds?' asked the young Englishman, with the carelessness of a man fixed out as he was. 'We'll take the

t. The worst of it was that the whole four

next one along." "We made inquirles of the ticket man. He said the next train along was the duplicate of our train and that we'd get it in ust twenty-four hours. Twenty-four iours! Say, did any of you fellows ever happen to see Mojave, Kern county, Cal. For if you did you'd understand what tweny-four hours in that burg means. It's sitated on a couple of squat spurs of the an Bernardino mountains and the whole rospect as far as you can see looks as if t had been hit by lightning a couple of nillion times since last Tuesday. You never an into a more God-forsaken place on this continent than Mojave, Kern county, Cal., I'll bet a hat. Just a big cating house at he station and across the street-the one street-a long row of shacks, mostly mesquite rum mills and \$5 limit flyer banks and a barber shop or two and a grocery store that sells dried herring and canned tomatoes and not much of anything else-and that's all. Twenty-four hours in Mo-"'Well,' said one of my friends, drear-

ily, 'the only thing to do is to get stiff 'That's right,' said the young English-

man. 'Come inside and we'll proceed to do

"The station master telegraphed ahead to Barstow to the Pullman conductor to have him pack our grips and we dug our hands into our pockets and looked around " 'The trouble about that lost train,' said he young Britisher, reflectively, but not ooking much worried at that, 'is that I've got about 800 sovereigns in one of my grips that's wide open on my bunk. Forgot to have it changed into American gift before left 'Frisco. I suppose there'll be a hundred or so of it left, anyhow, by the time the grip is chucked back here from Bars-

We three looked at the young English man when he said this and put it down to his jag. No sane man, even half loaded, would leave 800 five-dollar pieces hanging around a grip in a sleeping car, we thought But when the young fellow ploughed around in his clothes and pulled a handful of gold out of every pocket, we concluded that he might be right about those 800 covereigns

"Well, the four of us started out to de Mojave—not in any obstreperous kind o' way, for the men hanging around the joints looked as if they might be able to take care of another the population of Mojave seemed to take a fancy to the four of us and we had the freedom of the place. The young Eng lishman pitched in with the apparently delib erate purpose of getting himself google-eyed in the shortest possible time, but he kep his head about him in spite of the enormous quantities of mesquito whisky he drank, and by his good nature and cleverness he rather made a mash on the three of us. The bot and trying to sleep until train time the next morning the north-bound train came along, bringing our grips from Barstow. We opened the stuff we had left scattered over the der. But the biggest wonder was when the young chap of a Britisher opened his big grip. He opened it on a table in the eatereigns. Then he began to separate the yellow stuff from the pile of silver brushes and that sort of gear in the grip . He and then jammed about fifty more of them into his pockets. He had not been smoking when he told us about the gilt in his valise. But what I've been wondering over ever since is how it got back from Barstownot the value, but the yellow contents. I'd like to have a good square look at the conductor and the porter of that car.

rest of the layout. "The young Englishman was pretty full and we didn't really like to start a game in which his condition rendered him, as we thought, so easy. So we asked him how much he knew about poker.

was pretty wabbly and unsteady in his seat, but he rifled the cards all right; no style about it to speak of, just ordinary work. Me was so tipsy that we felt very uneasy in advance about taking a single piece of his yellow, as we were certain we should, all three three together had got all of our travelling money exchanged from gold to currency at the 'Frisco subtreasury and each of us put down \$1,000 to match the Englishman's pile

was of no account and it was a jackpot from the go-off. I dealt. My friend on my left opened it and all of us came in. I had a pair of kings, and even when the jagged impatiently, young Englishman, who was making heroic "My boy efforts to hold himself together, raised it \$100 before the draw I thought they looked pretty good. My two friends thought their hands were good enough, too, and they as you are. Hang on to your winnings if stood the raise also. I didn't improve my hand, but, nevertheless, thinking the Englishman was bluffing, I did the calling when be made it another \$100. My two friends We'd forgotten to bring anything also called. The Englishman, who had drawn but one card-and it was a crafty play, too, leading us to think he had a bob flush or straight or a couple of pairs- to a deuce, or I'll go out of business. I'll plunked down his full house-three tens raise you a hundred." and a pair of deuces. My two friends had

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"Well, we had a few words all around about the stiffness of the play, which none of us thought desirable, considering that we were only trying to kill time, and we decided to go a little slower at it. But even with from \$5 to \$20 bets-very few higher than that—the lad of an Englishman—who, by the way, persisted in taking a big gulp of whisky every ten minutes-had about \$2,000 of our money. He was equally win-

ner, about, from all three of us, and yet I am telling you the plain truth when I say he boy was positively and undeniably hours, losers as we were, felt like chucking the game, the young fellow was so palpably woozy, but when we suggested it he wouldn't have it for a minute, so we went ahead. When we knocked off about 5 clock in the afternoon for a bite to eat lown in the eating saloon the young chap had all of the table stakes—that is, \$1,000 from each of us. You are not to suppose that we didn't watch his play. We watched it carefully when he started in on his perpetual winning streak. It was perfectly on the level, and on the whole the lad played rather bad poker, amateurish poker, with no fine lights or shades. It was all pure bulihead luck. He'd draw to a shoestrong and get a house and lot. You never saw anything like it. Positively, he'd hold one card and go into a big jackpot and beat the opener of the pot out easily on the cards he would draw to his single one. Once, when it was to be a jack, he threw away four of his cards and placed the one he held face up on the table. It was a deuce. This looked like pure foolbardiness and the

three of us said so in so many words. "'I'd not mind getting a few dollars of that stuff of mine back,' protested one of my friends to the young Britisher, 'but, al the same, I want to play poker for it, and I want you to give yourself a run for your money. Dont' do such a thing as thatholding up a deuce when a man's opened it and is only going to draw two cards-or for one will have to lay out of the game.

Give yourself a show.' "'Dish 'em,' said the Englishman. offence to you-but this is my hand, and I'm playing it. Four cards.'

"Well, he got his four cards, and the betting began. My friend on my left had opened the pot. He bet \$20. His partner next to him raised bim \$20. Then we all looked at the young Englishman curiously 'See the raise,' said he. 'Hundred

"We all threw our cards down a little

"'My boy,' said I to the English lad, 'you're playing cards with square people and we haven't the slightest disposition in the world to do you out of a sou, big winner you can. Don't bluff yourself out of what luck has brought you."

"'You heard what I said, didn't you?" stammered the boy. 'Hundred more.' " 'Well,' said I, 'if you're determined to lick yourself, here goes. I've got you beat -I can beat any man that draws four cards

"Then there was a general call, in which the English boy joined, saying, 'You'd ail "He royed in the pot with his four deuces, and the drummer accompanied with the sure as you take them.

three of us were glad he had made such a He had caught three more on the draw. utmost accuracy in the matter of flams and That was the finish of those table stakes ruffles. The king and government were and we went down below to eat. The formally received on the quarterdeck. The Englishman absorbed such a huge quantity scrupulous precision of the correctness of of wine-the real kind, too, and iced, at the whole proceeding was designed to pro-Mojave, which struck as wonderful-at the duce an impression on the two German meal that he was out for fair and we put corvettes lying near by. It also exhibited to him to bed and carefully stowed away the the passengers of the mail steamer, which money he had won from us, togother with by a well calculated chance happened to what he had of his own. The three of us be in port that day, the courtesy of British

when the young chap of an Englishman | At the proper time the royal galley was came down stairs from his bedroom. He brought back to the gangway and the powas perfectly sober, if a little shaky. He tentate started for shore. The government wanted to get at his grip in order to find scrambled into the boats and in obedience a brush and comb. He produced the valise to the fussy instructions of the British confrunk. The three of us, after a couple of that held all of his winnings and he took sul the flotilla rested on its cars to receive it upstairs. After a few minutes he came the salute. As the Lizard was not regularly down again, brushed up and trim looking, a saluting ship and had none of the small charges in her magazine, the salute was given with full service charges and made a great racket. Twenty-one guns take a considerable time in the firing, and the Samoans in the flotilla saw with horror that a "But, I say, how the devil did I get all tide current was setting them down right across the line of fire. What were they to do? The British consul had told them that of currency that had belonged to the three | if an oar moved during the salute it would be an insult to royalty. So far as concerned their own monarch they did not mind; they " 'Pawsitively, did I?" he inquired with a were constantly insulting him without fear blank look. 'Well, I'm blowed! Do you of punishment. But they were greatly afraid know, I've got the gauziest kind of a rec- of what might happen if they should row ollection of the whole business; don't re- into safer waters and it should prove to be member much of anything after we stopped an insult to the British throne. They drifted slowly down and the first boat got right in line with the last gun fired. The elevation "But we didn't and when he left us at was high enough to carry the blast of the Kansas City he was still insisting upon our discharge above their heads, but there was a rain of partly burned prisms of powder. A series of Samoan yells was heard across the water, for the government of Samoa had really been fired on by a British war ship. No official communications are known to have passed upon the incident. But next day the British consul's colleagues smiled sweet

> that the peril of a salute overbalanced the discharge of its honors. Financial Panic in San Dominge. NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Porto Plata, San Domingo, says: The commercial panic, caused by the reculiar financial system of the government, bas caused serious trouble in the northwestern section of the country. Public peace has been disturbed in Monte Cristo and troops have been dispatched there hastily to restore order. Mechanics and farmers are united in their determination not to risk anything further to uphold the credit of the government. They refuse to sell their goods for bank notes. Exchange is now at \$3 in notes for \$1 in gold. The boundary dispute with Hayti has been settled.

ficials held a conference with the king and

observed the neat bandages which decorated

more afraid of a gun than ever, for he judged

Scientists Find Nothing New. SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—As far as new dis-coveries went the expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania to study northern Alaska from a scientific standpoint has been a failure. The three men of the party, in charge of E. A. McIlhany, returned to Seattle on the Excelsior. Nearly 13,000 specimens, weighing eleven and a half tone. are in the collection brought back. The spe mens were gathered east and south of Point Barrow end represent a considerable ex-penditure, but it is said the scientists send

You invite disappointment when you ex-periment. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are pleasant, easy, thorough little pills. They cure constitution and sick beadache just as

thing as silence in the ordinary acceptance of the term. What men call silence includes all noises below the limit at which the human ear will register sound, but silence is really full of sounds that pass unnoticed except by some delicate perception other words silence is comparative and not positive. There are probably few sounds itself were not rendered absolutely imposthat can escape this new invention, for its maker has proved that with it he can detect and photograph the noise made by a draught of air passing through a room.

Simple Mechanism. The mechanism by which Prof. Webster's machine records sound ready for measurement is comparatively simple. It consists of a set of movable mirrors and prisms which act in conjunction with a diaphragm. One of the principles involved in this part of the process is hundreds of years old and | phuric acid. was discovered by Sir Isaac Newton. To illustrate it suppose that light is admitted through a pin hole shutter into a very dark room. Introduce into the panel of light any opaque body as a knife blade for example and observe the shadow which it casts on a white screen, we shall see that the edges of the shadow are fringed with colored light. The fight in passing by the edge or back of a razor or a block of marble or a bubble of air in glass is in each case affected the same This is because light always is inflected or, more popularly speaking, re-fracted when it passes by the edges of bodies. But it is rarely observed in ordinary circumstances because when light comes from various directions the colors composing it overlap and are reduced to whiteness. Any transparent substance of excessive thinness reflects brilliant colors. Examples are seen in thin laminae of air occupying cracks | 100 locomotives from Russia and China. in glass and ice and the interstices between plates of mica, also in thin films of oil on

The same effect is produced if a lens of slight convexity is laid on a plane lens, and slight convexity is laid on a plane fens, and the two after being placed together by a screw are viewed by reflected light. Rings for use in Russian manufacturing establishof color may be seen ranged around the ments which are springing up with great point of contact. The smallest rings are broadest and most brilliant and each one contains the color of the spectrum in their of birch and canvas to Palestine, Japan, order. These are commonly called Newton's rings, because Sir Isaac Newton first investigated their phenomena. This principle of inflection then and a modification of the instrument used in producing Newton's rings are used in the new apparatus for measuring sound. Within a small square box Frof. Webster has placed several mirrors and prisms in such a manner that Newton's rings will be projected against a moving sensitive photographic plate. On one side of the box is a globe-shaped resonator, inside of which is a sensitive diaphragm made of a very thin glass plate. The slightest sound will cause this diaphragm to vibrate. On the inner side of the diaphragm is attached a very small circular mirror weighing a fraction of a gramme. When a sound, however slight, enters the resonator or receiver of the instrument the diaphragm and consequently the small mirror vibrate backward and forward and a small beam of light is sent careening about among the other mirrors and the prisms and is made finally to resolve itself into a series of colored fringes. These fringes are projected through a series of slits in a screen until by the time the light reaches the photographic plate it takes the form of a waving line. This waving line is projected on a screen by means of a lantern and may be viewed if necessary by a number of persons at once, as during the

Some really startling results were shown on the screen. Thus the vibrations pro- tention

SOUND APPARATUS AND SOME OF THE RECORDS IT MAK THEODORE WATERS.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Our cotton crop amounts to 11,199,994 Seeded raising are becoming an important tem among the fruit industries of Cali-

fornia.

The gases generated at the asphaltum reworks in Ventura, Cal., are now being saved and properly treated, to produce sul-

Judge Valliant of St. Louis has declared the boycott by labor unions legal "so long as it is a peaceable one and no force or in-The Esty Hosiery company, Laconia, N. H.

will be ready to start in the fall. It will manufacture new lines of hosiery and will use woolen and merino yarns. Work has commenced on a new cotton yarn mill at Cherryville, N. C. Only about 1,000 spindles will be put in at first.

sill & Alderholt are building and will oper-During the past two months the printers granted five new charters in this country and three for Canadian unions. German a five-day week in all machine offices.

The Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia are running day and night. Besides the work being done by this concern for American railroads, it has orders for over One indispensable article of everyday use in the steel line which has not been manuwater and alcohol on glass, but most re-markably in soapy water blown into very soon be manufactured in Cleveland, O.,

markably in soapy water blown into very where a company is being organized for this purpose Russia is becoming a large purchaser or

Bangor manufacturers are sending canoes India and China. One recently sent to India was made to the order of a British officer, and the cost of transportation was

more than \$75. A cance just ordered is intended for a trip up the river Jordan. Not by any means are precious metal mines the only profitable mines. Calumet and Hecla, the richest copper mine in the world, paid, in the year ended June 30, 1897, \$4,000,000 in dividends, and put a big pile in the reserve fund. The world is now dependent on the Lake Superior, Montana and southern copper mines for supplies, and unless fresh discoveries shall be made the price of copper must go up considerably.

It is a common thing for hotels to have their own laundries, their own electric lighting plant and their own bottling machinbut a hotel in New York does its own electroplating for the purpose of renovating its spoons and forks and other articles from which the silver has been worn off. The plant, which has been in operation for some time, has justified fully the first cost of the outfit, and has shown the economy and feasibility of this novel scheme.

Kansas City Horse Show.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—The pennant winning base ball contest ended, the sport-loving contingent of Kansas City and suburbs gave its undivided attention to the horse show today. The weather could not have been more favorable, and as a result the count in attendance was a record. the crowd in attendance was a record breaker. Six interesting events were on the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. So, as Prof. Webster jocularly remarked, a deaf man easily might distinguish the difference between the sounds, while a blind man could not.

Results of Experiments.

Some really startling results were shown and her performance attracted especial at-

away was easily recorded. The pitch of this couple of side steps and shied a heap when sound and the distance away was deter- people tried to spring pure bullhead luck mined by the instrument. And this brings poker stories at me. And at that time I up the question of its utility on vessels, wouldn't any more have believed that a If the sounds made on a vessel could be man about three parts drunk, playing onrecorded on other vessels carrying such the-level poker, and a very ordinary brand like that of Prof. Webster's apparatus. In an apparatus the probability of a collision of it at that, could sit down and figurawould be very much lessened if the collision tively speaking, eat the ears off of three

practically sober men, and all expert poker players, than I'd believe now that this glass hold in my hand contains mutton broth, if one of you fellows 'ud tell me that it did But that's precisely what happened on this occasion that I'm going to tell you about, and I suppose I ought to know, for my cars were a part of the spoils of the decent enough, though drunken chap who did the

poker simply as an applied science, and,

while I chipped off a certain percentage in

favor of the man with the knack of getting

Sound Records.

"As some of you may remember, I took i string o' horses out to the San Francisco bunks. The gear was all there, for a wontracks a couple of years ago last winter. A few in the bunch made out pretty well, and as before I had started west I had taken a solemn oath that I wouldn't play any of 'em, stakers or selling platers, for money, marbles or chalk, I managed to clean up a fairish bundle of money on the slope. I suppose that when I broke away from San Francisco I had about \$8,000 mostly purse money, that was pure velvet after paying all of my own and my strings expenses for the winter, which was good enough. I wanted to get my bunch of nags back east to shape them up a bit for the summer meetings around New York and so I made the start early in May, with about \$3,000 of the dust on me. The rest I expressed on to the east, for I didn't know how many crimps might be taken in the roll if I got to twiddling with the bank layouts along the road, and I didn't feet

like smoking a pipe and dining off gingersnaps and milk after I got back to this end

California Velvet. "A couple of friends of mine were to ac company me back east. Both of them had alternated in making books and plunging on the San Francisco tracks and they had it on them, too, when they decided to quit the western game and accompany me back east-which, by the way, is something that very few layers or players from the east ever do in San Francisco. I don't know why it is, but the smoothest of the boys from the tracks back here get them picked all wrong out there and go up against it good and hard. These two fellows, though didn't. They had doubled up in a partnership for the San Francisco game and between the books they made and their play ing 'em on the side they had corralled nearly \$60,000 of good California coin by the time we got ready to leave the coast.

"The three of us sort o' celebrated and batted around a good deal in San Francisco on the day were were to start and when we got over to Oakland at about 8 o'clock that night to take the Southern Pacific train we were more than ready to turn into our sleeper bunks. We slept pretty well during the night, although along toward 3 o'clock or so in the morning some fellow in the same car, with an English accent and a very much jagged English accent at that, woke us all up by bawling 'Annie Laurie' at the top of his deep bass and rather musical voice. We gave him the yell from our bunks and he went out of business decently enough and let us finish our sleep. We all felt pretty raw when daylight came around and the three of us did a stunt of button pushing. When the porter turned up and told us that there was no buffet car attached to the train yet and that our only chance for a lifesaver was at Mojave, an hour or so ahead, we threw things at along and it was a bad job.

"We got up and dressed for the Mojave stop, which we reckoned would be long enough for breakfast. When the train pulled into Mojave the three of us made a rush for the life-saving office, which was in | three, both of them of a small variety, and a corner of the eating house. When we the Britisher lurched over the table and three probably quit playing, thinking I'm a of side boys which royalty takes, the lined up to the bar, we found that there hauled down the pot. There was something paretic, if I raised her again. So I call. were four in the crowd. No. 4 was a huge more than \$500 in it. I actually believe the

tom dropped out of whatever fun we had had around the Mojeve shacks about noon, and just as we were meditating turning in hem to see if we had got a fair share of ing house saloon, and as he did so a lot of yellow pieces rolled out. They were sov-

counted up to 900 of the sovereign pieces

A Little Game.

"The receipt of the grips kind o' livened us up and one of my friends began to dilate upon the general jayness of going to bed at such an hour in the day, and suggested a little game of draw. We were in a room in the upstairs part of the railroad hotel and eatinghouse three minutes after the suggestion was made, with cards and chips and the

'Oh,' said he, 'I played the game a bit on the other side. Learned it at Eton, for that matter. I know the hands and the swing of the game, which is, I suppose, about as much as any one knows about it.

"It was the Englishman's first deal. He of us, before the game got very old. We in gold of an equal amount, for it was to be

"The first hand dealt by the Englishman | to see what he was going to do.

were still prowling around about midnight, gunboats. But there was a puzzled look on his face. "'I say, you fellows,' said he, addressing the three of us, 'weren't we in some sort

of a game of chawnce this afternoon?' 'A bit of a poker game,' we told him. this queer-looking money-or is it money? and he pulled out the big bundle

of us earlier in the day. 'Won it from us,' we told him. here this morning. You fellows'll have to

take this stuff back, you know." accepting it from him."

SHY ON ARTILLERY.

Salute in Honor of the Samoan King Spoils His Martial Spirit. If it were permissible to apply sporting terms to royalty it would be in order to and diplomatic smiles when the treaty ofdescribe his late Samoan Majesty Malietoa Laupepa as gun shy. He had been through so many wars and rebellions and had played his chief advisers. And King Malietoa was the target so long that he looked askance at all artillery, great guns and small, and the reek of powder did not arouse in him the fever of fighting. In fact, he was de cidedly lacking in martial spirit, relates the New York Sun, and found difficulty in screwing his courage up to the point of even taking a salute without winking. His royalty was very rarely made the mat-

ter of a salute. The German cruisers, of which there are one or two in Apia harbor for the greater part of the year, neither salute the Samoan flag nor receive the king. American men-of-war are very punctilious in paying respect by the shock of guns, but war vessels of the United States are extremely rare in Samoan waters. English cruisers have no regular system; they salute or not, just as the commanders happen to

Last year the British consul, as one of the moves of the game of small diplomacy which is forever playing draws in that beach, decided to honor the king. Accordingly, Malieton Rex was asked or invited or ordered to appear with his government aboard her British majesty's ship Lizard in the harbor and be officially received. At the appointed time half a dozen large boats hooked on to the starboard gangway of the gunboat, the naval officers and the consul in full of uniform ranged themselves on the quarterdeck, the side was piped with exactly the number boatswain trilled the proper tune for majesty

little that was new.

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