A WOMAN LEADER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Mrs. Wybergh, the talented and clever wife of Mr. W. J. Wybergh, the president of the South African league, is one of the women who might be said to share honors with Miss Flora Shaw, the colleague of Cecil Rhodes, in having a hand in the destinies of South Africa. Mrs. Wybergh is the head of

the women's branch of the South African league, and as such has come into considerable prominence during the last phases of the Transvaal crisis. It has been found, as a rule, that the women of the Transvaal who were of intensive sympathies were even more energetic than the men in their opposition to Kruger and his policy of pottering, and in all their movements Mrs. Wybergh has been a leader.

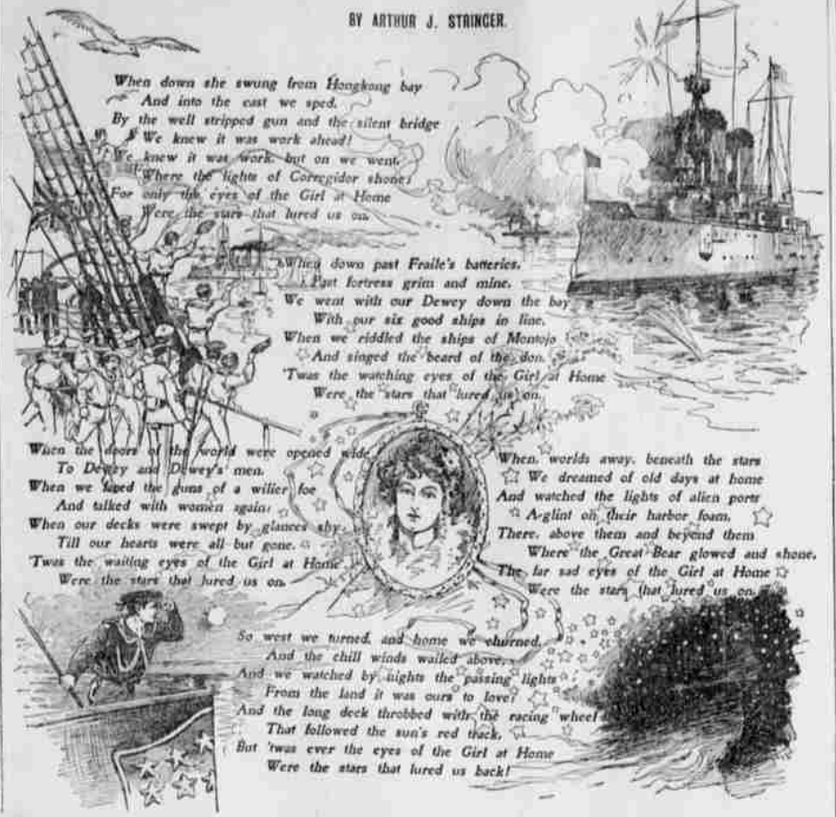
A LORD NELSON JUG.

There was a time when it was the right and proper thing to memorialize heroes in china, the scene being as designed to represent his person whose memory it was desired to keep green.

Here, for instance, is a jug which was made many years ago in loving memory of Lord Nelson, the hero of the battle of the Nile, to say nothing of several equally glorious victories for the British navy. Nelson in his day was a sort of Dewey, but, as the photograph herein was an unknown quantity in that age, the memorial jug fat took its place, and was a very good substitute.

A BALLAD OF THE OLYMPIA.

BY ARTHUR J. STRINGER.



When down she swung from Hongkong bay
And into the east we sped,
By the well stripped gun and the silent bridge
We knew it was work ahead!
We knew it was work, but on we went,
Where the lights of Corregidor shone!
For only the eyes of the Girl at Home
Were the stars that lured us on.

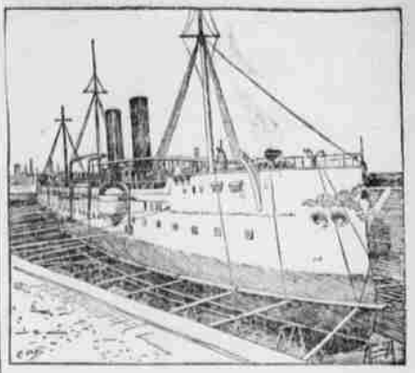
When down past Fraile's batteries,
Past fortress grim and mine,
We went with our Dewey down the bay
With our six good ships in line.
When we riddled the ships of Montojo
And singed the beard of the don,
'Twas the watching eyes of the Girl at Home
Were the stars that lured us on.

When the doors of the world were opened wide
To Dewey and Dewey's men,
When we faced the guns of a willier foe
And talked with women again,
When our decks were swept by glances shy
Till our hearts were all but gone,
'Twas the waiting eyes of the Girl at Home
Were the stars that lured us on.

When worlds away, beneath the stars
We dreamed of old days at home
And watched the lights of alien ports
A-glint on their harbor foam,
There, above them and beyond them
Where the Great Bear glowed and shone,
The far sad eyes of the Girl at Home
Were the stars that lured us on.

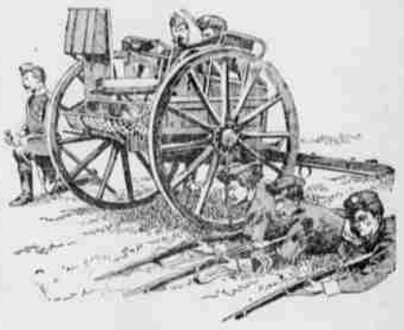
So west we turned, and home we churned,
And the chill winds wailed above,
And we watched by nights the passing lights
From the land it was ours to love!
And the long deck throbbed with the racing wheel
That followed the sun's red track,
But 'twas ever the eyes of the Girl at Home
Were the stars that lured us back!

THE REINA MERCEDES AS SHE NOW IS.



Although the one time Spanish cruiser Mercedes has been successfully raised, and will in time be made more or less seaworthy, it is doubtful if she will ever prove a thoroughly efficient fighting machine. The accompanying picture shows the cruiser as she appeared in the dry dock at Norfolk awaiting repairs. But even though the Mercedes is never converted into a first class fighting craft, she will always be a valuable possession of Uncle Sam, if merely as a trophy of past accomplishments.

WHAT BRITAIN WILL POINT AT THE BOERS.



In view of the existing conditions of affairs in South Africa the accompanying illustration is of especial interest just at the present time. It shows the latest model of Maxim gun now in use in the British army. A great number of these automatic guns have been taken to South Africa, and when the Transvaal warcloud first appeared on the political horizon the war office at London rushed off to the Cape great quantities of ammunition for these fourth Dudley machines. Military strategists of late have shown a leaning toward the more general adoption of the machine gun, and, as is well known, a large number of them are even now made use of in the Philippines by the American forces.

IN MEMORY OF THE MATABELE HEROES.

Cecil Rhodes has just done a generous thing in ordering Mr. John Tweed, the English sculptor, to make a fitting memorial of the men who fell in the Matabele war. This is designed to take the shape of a huge memorial square in center in the interior of which the remains of the dead heroes will be deposited, while the whole will be surmounted by a battlemore monolith. The first panel of the Matabele memorial has already been completed by Mr. Tweed and has been placed on exhibition in the Rhodesian section of the Earls court exhibition. The accompanying illustration will show the character of the English sculptor's work.

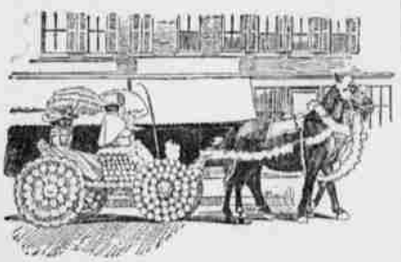
STATUARY AT THE EXPORT EXPOSITION.

The accompanying illustration shows one of the very handsome groups on exhibition at the National Export exposition which is now taking place in the city of Philadelphia and will continue there until Nov. 25. This group is typical of the western trade, and is a good example of the different representative groups to be seen at this unique exhibition.

HIGHEST CHRISTIAN MONUMENT.

An image of the Virgin is going to be erected on the Alps 11,000 feet above the level of the sea. It will be the highest Christian monument in the world. The image is of bronze. The pope has written an inscription for it.

THE CORN CARNIVAL AT ATCHISON.



It has been said that the harvests which the products connected with cereals and horticulture have reaped never have compared with the Kansas corn crop of this present year. The result is that this year's corn carnival, which took place at Atchison on Sept. 20 and 21, proved a more jubilant festival than ever before. These carnivals have had the effect of greatly stimulating corn growing in Kansas and Nebraska and have modified the reputation of the west. This year cornstalks grew to an incredible height, and a station agent living at Downs, Kan., on the Missouri Pacific railway, cut a stalk which was 22 feet and 4 inches in height. With the husks from this one stalk he decorated his carriage in the manner shown in the accompanying illustration, which is from a photograph.

FIRST CROSS AFTER REFORMATION

The accompanying illustration is from a photograph of the first cross erected in England after the reformation. Time was when the putting up of a cross on British soil was a dangerous undertaking, religious feeling once running so high that such symbols proved an eye

sore to the Puritan. This particular cross was erected in the corner of the grounds of Walton hall by Squire Worsley, a pre time opponent of the reformation.

A CASE OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

London society has been somewhat rather over the romantic elopement of Prince Lobkowitz, the Matabele chief who has been in attendance at the South African exhibit at Earl's court in London, and Miss Florence Kate Jewell, a well born and well to do English girl. As the eligible single men available to secure any one willing to marry them in London, they straightway took transport for South Africa, where they will soon head legations. It will be remembered that London was somewhat scandalized by the attentions which English society women bestowed upon the Kaffirs taking part in the recent colonial exhibition. Of all the women who raved over these dark colored natives Miss Jewell was the one whose actions particularly called attention to the scandal.

WHERE KIPLING HAS SPENT HIS SUMMER.

Here is the house in the highlands of Scotland where that south talked of poet and author, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, has been spending his summer. While taking his holiday in the highlands Mr. Kipling has been studying the native in his own feathers with, and it is not improbable that before very long the world will have some more of the philosophizings of "Mac Andrews." The house which the author of the "Seven Seas" has been occupying is the Manse of Dunkeld, standing near one of those ever attractive highland locks which always prove the delight of the pleasure hunter and the health seeker.

A HOUSE IN A TREE.

Perhaps the oldest habitation of a civilized man is that in the little town of Pittsford, shown in the accompanying illustration. This house supposes to

the branches of a large tree tree and has been there for the last 200 years. A flight of stairs leads up to its front door. The house is made up of only one room, with plastered walls and a stone covered roof. Owing to its splendid foundation it is an extremely beautiful domicile, well sheltered from the sun in summer and protected from the storms of winter.

The recent eruption of the volcano in the Caribou mining district melted the snow on the mountain sides to such an extent as to threaten to flood all the camps in the valley.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S PRIVATE YACHT.

Cowes in the Newport of England, or perhaps it would be more fitting to say that Newport is the Cowes of America. Everybody who is anybody in England always tries to get a glimpse of Cowes during the summer, for it is to that little seaport place that English royalty and aristocracy flock during the hot days. The accompanying picture shows the queen's yacht, the Victoria and Albert, lying off Cowes, where it can usually be found each season awaiting the orders of its royal mistress. While at this the queen usually has been going direct from Windsor to Balmoral, her summer home in Scotland, most of the royal family still have a fondness for the festivities of Cowes during August. The Victoria and Albert, it will be seen, is not a small craft, but there are plenty of American millionaires with more pretentious private yachts.

TOPICS OF THE MOMENT.

As many as 4,000 ejaculations have been counted in the body of a moth.

The nest on the back of a sheep is a shepherd's barometer. The earlier the nest the later will be the weather.

High heels, it is said, owe their origin to Paris, where they were introduced to raise the feet from the burning sands of that country.

A ship recently sailed for China carrying 40 locomotives and 18 steel bridges. This is a sort of expansion of American influence which will meet with no opposition.

Fred Yoke Webster, a brother of the commander in chief of the British army, has invented a steam shearing machine connected to a bicycle, so that the workman supplies the motive power with the pedals. It is intended specially for the great distances of Australia. The shearer travels on his wheel to the spot, and then transforming his bicycle into a shearing machine, devotes the rest of the day or part of one hour to the task.

Captain R. Rose Smith of the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Indiana was unaware, who, it is said, had the distinction of being the youngest captain in the United States service during the Spanish-American war, has again been honored with a captaincy in the United States service. He was only 19 years old when he took his company to the field. He is the only son of Captain R. M. Smith, a veteran of the civil war, and his home is in Washington, Ind.

The American Agriculturist has gathered and compiled statistics which show that of 3,000 students in county 500 colleges and universities in this country nearly 2,000 are from the agricultural classes. The farmer's boy still has a thirst for education.

The parliament building in Wellington, New Zealand, is the largest wooden structure in the world. In Wellington and some other New Zealand towns almost every house is constructed of wood. Large theaters and concert houses generally are built of the same material.

It is said will visit Scotland in October. He is to be the guest of a South county baronet and will probably study the stone problem of Glasgow.