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JOHN BULL'S NEW NAVAL STATION

The Falkland Islands, From Where England Proposes to Control the Magellans and Cape Horn.

What They Are, What They Are and How They Look—Some of the Biggest Sheep Farms on Earth and How They Are Managed—Shepherds Who Herd Their Flocks Same as Gauchos—How Domestic Flirtations Are Carried On—Education in the Settlements—How Domestic Fish Get the Upper Hand of Their Owners—Fishkeeping and Its Fascinating Wholesomeness—The Vegetable Cocktail and Its Ingredients—Peat Savings Bank and Other Curious Features of the Thriftiest Little Island Community of the World.

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PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands, Nov. 1.—(Special Correspondence.)—I have come to the Falklands because they promise to be of more importance in the world in the future. Their position tells me that it is true that Great Britain is quietly establishing a naval and coaling station at Port Stanley. The harbor here is one of the best of the world, and it is the key to the Straits of Magellan. Cape Horn, Cape Virginia, and the Pacific ocean are less than a thousand miles, or less than a week's sail from here, and the Falklands are the only islands of importance in the South Atlantic. The Falklands lie over the mouth of the sailing ships that pass from the Atlantic to the Pacific, so that these great islands are one which hundreds of vessels of every variety of build pass every year, will practically be at the very gateway of England's Pacific empire. The Falklands lie midway through the world, and there is no chance for commerce between a thousand points of the globe which will not touch at Port Stanley. The Falklands lie over the track of the sailing ships that round Cape Horn, so that these great vessels, one of which hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of freight, will practically run at the very door