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MILLION SPENT IN AMERICA CUP RACE

History of Famous International Contest for Greatest Sea Trophy

Five million dollars for a cup with an intrinsic value of only about \$2,500.

The huge amount of money will be poured into the America cup—the world's most famous yachting trophy—this year. It will be the most expensive sporting event the world has ever known.

Sir Thomas Lipton desires it so much that he is smilingly spending between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 in a fifth attempt to lift it, and American yachtsmen are so eager to hold it that they are enthusiastically paving out about \$4,000,000 to defend it, writes John T. Brady in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Four boats have been built on the side of the Atlantic by three syndicates of New York yachtsmen and one group of New England yachtsmen, to contend for the honor of defending the trophy, and the construction, equipment and maintenance of each will cost at least \$600,000 in the case of the "Yankee" and "Whirlwind" and \$1,000,000 for the "Weeta-moe" and "Enterprise."

Have Had 13 Races

Including this year's race, there have been 14 matches for the America cup, and they represent an expenditure of more than \$15,000,000 of which Sir Thomas Lipton's share is about \$5,000,000.

This gives you some idea of the sentimental value attached to the cup, originally a Royal Yacht Squadron trophy, open to all yachts, and first won when the schooner "America" crossed the Atlantic in the summer of 1851, and beat the "Aurora," in that memorable race around the Isle of Wight.

Incidentally, only one of the four new American sloops will race the challenger, "Shamrock V," off Newport, R. I., in September, which means

that the owners of the three that are eliminated in the trial races to determine the cup defender, will be lucky if they get back from sale of the boat, fifteen cents for each dollar spent on them. They realize this, of course, and there you have a wealth of evidence that sport for sport's sake still survives, at least in the yachting game.

Sails Cost \$60,000

Best the astonishing figures as to the cost of these boats may seem incredible to you, and you may be saying to yourself, "the keel must be made of platinum instead of lead to make them so costly," consider a single item of expense, given by L. Francis Herreshoff, designer of one of them. "A full suit of sails for each one of these boats may cost as much as \$60,000," he declared.

Recent Proceedings in the Probate Court

Recent proceedings in Probate Court of interest in this part of the county are reported as follows:

Mina A. Mihills, Highland Park—Will admitted to probate. Estate of \$20,000 personal property given to daughters. Letters Testamentary, issued to Mildred M. Mihills. Heirship proved.

Anna F. Matthews, Highwood—Final report approved, estate closed.

Richard C. Shannon, Antioch—Letters of Administration issued to Archibald E. Shannon. Bond of \$200. Heirship proved.

John Bemer Crosby, Lake Bluff—Final report approved, estate closed. Desperate assets filed.

William H. Thomas, Highland Park—Final report approved. Estate closed.

William Tillman, Highland Park—Report of partial distribution approved.

Fred D. Clavey, Highland Park—Inventory and appraisal bill filed and hearing continued to May 19.

Alfred Marwede, Lake Forest—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Milton Body Tillman, et al minors, Highland Park—Inventory approved.

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