



All photos this page are from the collection of Ralph Roberts, to whom we are most grateful for their use. This is a view of AUSTRALIA, our March Ship of the Month, under construction at South Chicago early in 1897.

We have no details of the incident but AUSTRALIA certainly has had a good bang on her bow. Here we see the wounded barge alongside her towing steamer, Corri-gan's powerful ITALIA. Anyone know anything about this?



Here we see AUSTRALIA, late in her time as a barge, with only two masts. Apparently a Young photo at the Soo, it is remarkably similar to the 1906 view of AMAZON we showed in the March issue.

This is AUSTRALIA as a steamer, beached on the Canadian shore of the St. Clair River after her June 13, 1907, collision with the Lehigh Valley package freighter BETHLEHEM.

