At no time since th Gragoo-Turkish war has doubt that the powers racing the sultan of to apply coercion, have ance of their draft of peace. It is true that not framed to coerce ? constituted in 1894 to Armenian massacres. order to secure the as forms to the disturbed when the Cretan troub with Greece followed. still maintained, and nothing to prevent the its ability and intenti terms of peace on its there is no doubt that of their purpose, Rus had simultaneously and Macedonia, and t ers had blockaded th the sultan would have evacuated Thessaly v ceiving his indemnity son to believe that he now, for although he in European Turkey. pride has been greats result of the Otton would realize that, w moving at once, the sistibly against him eigns and statesmen ed with the idea the Turkey will, by letti now curbed percipita pean war, though more than once del

> The probability is seaports bombarded sultan and his gene united, and in dread would yield, with the ters would fall back in which they were doubt Ott'oman pri hard blow, the force be in active fermen ity of the deposit would become pro would be nothing al European war. Turks to fight as t so compei a partiti reason why, should derstanding between sia with regard to tion prove true, should produce suc European war is si mity that any suf tion must be born voke it, some way avert the dangers able partition. No convince the power when they grow has, in their fear some new propos some new concessi vide them. It is that if Great Brit to withdraw from than be involved it ers might in the f the quarrels which ability of England upon actual coerc tion that the am remaining powers of Teace without G that they would I

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Canned Titters an

A laughable, i ing case of mis red the other d er's store in Lon tleman who is a joking, entered pose of meeting counter. Sure lady dressed

least, just like after. · Her back was was near her, s ed, took her by a voice of stime here you are, t usual, eh?"

The face turn was not his wif acid, angry, k about 50 years attention of e of the shop by voice: "No. I ain't ey or no other

I'll-" "I beg your the confused g you were my "Well, I jus no other man' to be lawed at

of ribbon! I pi about shaking If I was her I'd The chagrine ne more, but n shop, amid the of those who h

FELL D Crummer-M hands there at Vokes-Yes telling the old natural to the

Blon.

JAKE'S

CHAPTER I.-Continued.

Long Jake was in the habit of planwith a deliberation that was little short of horrible. This time he had ed the creeks and water-holes, so that his flocks had the best of feed and wapaddocks, and left everything generals employer a substantial check, on during the ten-mile ride. the pretext of buying a horse at Wattleton. For the projected "bust" was by no means Jake's first since his inand he was well aware that if he were found out-let alone the harm that might or might not befall the sheep during his absence-it would be at least as much as his place was worth: that was thirty shillings a week, plus rations, and in itself was of small consideration; he could get as much, perhaps more, from any squatter in the colony as an experienced shepherd and life among the grim and sombre ranges. ly declined. Indeed, this queer, reserved, nameless proback the best thing in life. I am ha'n't come here for a boose—not this time." and he calming see tad himself on the cast of the cast o not sure that he did not regard those time," and he calmly seated himself on a clean breast to her about that day. I must see the woman, I must make a clean breast to her about that day. I must tell her straight that I was the store three-pounder blind that I was process that has been going on for Hotchkiss quick-firing guns, while two

But this time it was different. Home conveyed no comfort; he could not rest. | flectively, without looking up from Yet, as he reined up at the store, Long murderer would burn on the brow of Long Jake in the dead of night and send the poor self-accuser wandering the tobacco with an impassive face. pitifully over the ranges.

Rough as the life was in the old days -the other time-honored epithet is for ranges. And a couple of days after the accident, a messenger summoned Long rest-including even the insulted sur-Jake to the inquest at the dead man's geon-major-maintained a judicious sistore. Well, no blame was laid on poor Jake, except by himself; and he gal- glass all round had been emptied, and loped back without speaking to a soul until he had rolled his tobacco caroutside the store. The widow could essingly between his palms, and filled not be brought to attend the inquiry, and lit his pipe.
"Fact is, boys," he then said, in the

A part of the weight that pressed it ing home!" down was now lifted from the mind of Long Jake, but only a slight part. In the distorted perspective of his own mind he was still blood-guilty; and could there be degrees in blood-guiltiness? He would have ridden into the home-station and laid bare his naked feelings to the boss, who was a kind and just man, and who, moreover, would Jake. certainly hear of the accident from other-possibly unkind-lips. But, unfortunately, the one rigid rule of Long Jake's life was, never to lay bare a Jake. imperative. It was high noon when, amid a loud barking of dogs, Jake led his mare into the rough stable and climacteric, disappointed somewhat. walked over to the store. Within, the young gentleman from England, who Byrne, veiling beneath a tone of con- "I'm goin' to clear out o' this soon." was whistling shrilly.

paw first, do." He was evidently in tre- trip. I mean to have one more look at don Field has revived a remarkable rat

ha !- you don't see it, though !" laughed the other airily. "Why, about sevonty pounds, first-class." Ah, but second?"

antly with his boundary-man without one allusion to King-parrot Flat. And before he left the homestead Long Jake he passed? Surely she must be capable ning these systematic carousals of his ascertained that he had still five pounds seventeen and eightpence standing to his credit in the station books.

"Thirty pounds!" he muttered waited patiently until heavy rain fill- strangely as he remounted the mare. He had "lammed down" that sum at John Byrne's the week before! He rode home to the hut in silent thought: ter close at hand; and he had trimmed | but when he dismounted at the welland mended the rude fences of the great known spot, he once more whispered, 'Thirty pounds!" This time the words fell naturally from his lips; they had ally snug. Then he had obtained from formed the keynote of his reflections

CHAPTER II.

More than three months passed bestallation in the hut on Razorback, fore Long Jake was again seen at Kingparrot Flat; and then, one fine afternoon, he dropped in upon the boys in warning. He was warmly greeted. less wretch; and by the time he reach-John Byrne's handsome face lit up with ed the hut, he had resolved that, next an evil light as he clapped the newcom- time anything took him to the towner on the back with demonstrative ship, he would not leave it before he but threw mountains of sea over her heartiness; Jack Rogers, already three had told the truth to the poor widow for hours at a time. Large numbers

a promising speculation to begin busi- other trip to King-parrot Flat neces- so violent the rolling of the ship. At boundary-man. But somehow, Jake ness by pledging Long Jake at his, the sary. He had never before visited the had got to like the place for its own surgeon-major's, expense. To the township twice in so short a space of times when the engines were operating

old fellow found the solitude of Raz- in answer to the questioning faces that calling, in fine, at Mrs. Truscott's store STRENGTHENING OUR SQUADRON. masts. On the foremast are two circular platforms.

owed it to himself to administer with stars to explain what this might por-Jack Rogers feebly appealed to his I had been in my sober senses the acci- fleet in American waters. unfailing regularity. At anyrate the tend; the old Anglo-Indian ripened ed." Such is a paraphrase and rude slab hut, the cats, the cockatoo, with more than tropic rapidity from a condensation of Long Jake's was usually a second-class vessel as ing guns. the very prints pasted on the walls- pink to purple, and muttered vaguely conception of his duty, arrived compared with the best in the royal about "outraged honor," and "instant at after hours of slow laborious havy. The arrival of the Blake, a cruitional tops, one on each mast, on which these simple signs grew by degrees to satisfaction;" while the proprietor of thought. The logic of the conspell for Long Jake the word—"Home." the bar confined himself to a perempt- clusion was more than questionable; And until this time he had experienced ory inquiry as to why, et cetera, Jake and as for the prompting that led to ginning of the change. The Blake was having a lighting power equal to 25,000 candles came there if he didn't mean to take it, Jake was simply self-deceived. Even followed by the Crescent, another highreturning home, sick and wearied from adding that he, for one, as boss of unburdening of spirit, it would be reap-

He felt that which—out of a pretty the fig of tobacco he was daintily par- Jake honestly believed that he was Northampton, and as the fleet of tolengthy experience of similar after- ing in his palm. "Reason why? Why, about to do the next best thing to day exceeds that of twelve or fifteen pressure, 88 inches. The high pres-But before the menace that trembled Truscott sat sewing behind the green on John Byrne's tongue could be dis- veranda-blinds-voluptuous extravagit, however. The dead storekeeper was charged, he added adroitly, and with ances hitherto unknown in the pure screw armor-clad battleship, and the always before his eyes. And when rid- a quick upward glance: "Hows'ever, air of the Flat. The tall ungainly only vessel of her class built, or build- 51 inches. The engines make 100 revoto-day-feeling just what you call be- ped up the little path, crushing his der, fearfully expectant of the wild ent company to order their usual, if fingers of both hands. Instantly, howlow par, like-I hereby invites all pres- soft wideawake between the twitching ed to the painful interest which his the young widow looked up at his troumaking a widow. For brooding exag- by shifting the clasp-knife to his left ing sentence, so carefully prepared, so gerated the circumstances of the ac- hand, thrusting his right deep into his often rehearsed, went clean out of his the 8th of May, 1895. She has given cident, until the brand of the primal trousers' pocket; and, apparently by head; and Long Jake, for one faintaccident, jingling a fistful of coins. hearted moment, would have given far

> partly to uncork a fresh demijohn, partly to conceal his emotion. lence. The man from Razorback. re-

same calm, deliberate tone, "I'm go-

The silence that had preceded the announcement outlived it half

John Byrne incredulously.

claimed Surgeon-major Wagstaff.

"Well, not jest yet a while," said Long Jake.

ial experience" at a nominal salary- dent to loss of a sure source of income. Jack Rogers, with a vinous Ha! it's you, Long Jake," he cried wink, suggested: "No; for bad." as Jake entered. "Rations? All right: slight laugh greeted the maudlin sally. in a minute; but—hang it!—shake a But Jake replied gravely, "Only for a

Blackwall liner; good business, eh?" herself too good for everybody. She Crescendo; the whole store filled with was mismanaging the store, making a the volume of this young Briton's whis- mess of everything, and doing no busi-"If it's a fair question," asked Jake, qualified. There were plenty of good when the tune had come to a blatant men ready to enter the business on the craft. end on a wrong note, what might a square footing, who would guarantee "Just the sort of question it is-ha, Yet she wanted to sell the place-sell a place whose good-will wasn't worth a red cent; she would look at none of them. Here the gallant Surgeon-major waxed peculiarly eloquent and pomp-wax robbed, and due complaint was to be trained on any object from 30 de-Among these painters were Charles

the dwelling of the terrible female. If she treated so maleficently those estimable men, whose worst offence was a too great admiration for herself, how would she behave to him, Long Jakeas he persisted in regarding himselfthe author of her widowhood? Might she not send a bullet through him as of that much. She happened to be in front of the house, training lovingly an infant creeper to the base of a veranda-post - honeysuckie, taken from its native northern soil, only a few short months ago. She looked up forbidding in the glance; nor did she lower her eyes; but instead, gazed hard and his hand tighten involuntarily on the reins. For an instant he wavered; fore his first impulse of shame gave place to one of indignation, of which he himself was the object; he fell to

"No, boys," said Long Jake, quietly, straggling, weather-board houses— by straggling, weather-board houses— by STRENGTHENING OUR SOULD BOY. than the outermost vedette of the

anything for the good of the house— supposing any good sprang up from the class ship, the fleet being also strength-

Coin of the realm being an almost made-a veritable flounder to incoherunknown quantity at King-parrot Flat, ence. Then, coming up-so to speakwhere paper money was in common cur- for breath, a series of verbal splashes rency, this master-touch of Long followed, tremulous with rough pentthe optimists-there were still coroners Jake's produced an instantaneous ef- up emotion; for some seconds the words fect. John Byrne turned his back, chased each other tumultuously from his hoarse throat, then ceased. And the widow knew all that had been on

the poor fellow's mind for months past. then with a slight catch of the breath: then with quiet tears. And when all was said, she leant forward on her low Thanks to him! The man recoiled and forward, 25 feet; amidships, 27 feet 3 shuddered and refused to believe his inches; aft, 19 feet 3 inches. ears. He felt stunned, when no re- The Renown has double bottoms, The lighting of the ship throughout

"My colonial oath on it," said Long ly, and talk to her; she never talked At the termination of the middle deck fraction of his feelings to a fellowman. "An' when \ yer goin'?" inquired humbly; he would have done anything plated bulkheads, the convex parts in to any one, you see. Jake sat down at either end, are curved steel armor- Which Used to Hang in Front of English she told him, just then; but what could ance case being toward the extremities he talk about? Silence. Jake shifted of the ship. These bulkheads rest on

(To be Continued.)

REMARKABLE RAT STORY.

mendous spirits; and Jake was too per- the old dust: that's all.—Fill up again, story to the effect that a rat was any such demonstration. He held out The invitation was scarcely needed; caught alive on board a British naval his rations at once, and go. But the and Jake's manoeuvring, the conversa-thrown from the trap into the water plating is 7.16 inches thick, except in the wake of the six-inch breech-loadwhistling noisily and packing emu eggs it into the channel he had all along in without being killed. A large gull that in sawdust, as if no one was at the view by an innocent inquiry after was following in the wake of the ship ed of six-inch armor, with rear plates other side of the counter waiting to Widow Truscott. The gratuitous in- to pick up scraps of food thrown over- two inches thick, are fitted formation respecting this lady which board by the steward stopped several "Tell you what's up," he presently he elicited it would be to no purpose to board by the steward stopped several to relate at length; moreover, it one the bird got too close to the rat's rough as blazes, and all that kind ployed could scarcely have been meant jaws and the beast grabbed it by the coming tower. The armor plates on the waterscape or battle scene having, gull was dead, the rat scrambled upon and bolted through that and two thick- stupid boniface thought he was doing the bird's body, and, hoisting, one wing nesses of half inch plates secured to the proper thing when he had painted as a sail and using the other as a rud- the plates behind. der, succeeded in steering for the shore. The bottom of the ship has been Whether the rat reached shore or not sheathed with teakwood four inches is the question, since the ship soon got thick, which will be covered to prevent

SATISFACTION TO THE QUEEN. They have quaint ideas of the demands of loyalty in the far east. Some are worked from a new type of high son quite a favourite and represented

BRITISH SHIP RENOWN IN

Met Rough Weather - Seaworthiness of the Vessel Proved-Detailed Description of Her Dimensions, Armament and Propulsion-A fine Ship.

HALIFAX HARBOR.

The British battleship Renown, the finest ship of war that ever crossed the swiftly at the cantering horseman. As Atlantic, arrived at Halifax, N.S., the it seemed to him, there was nothing other morning from Portsmouth. She bears the flag of Vice Admiral Sir John at him with something very like inter- Fisher, the new commander of the Briest in her sad face. Long Jake felt tish fleet in North American waters. the blood mount hotly to his cheeks, The new commander was received with saiutes from the war ships in port and then, turning away his head, he spur- the citadel. The cruiser Crescent, which red the mare round the fatal corner. is succeeded by the Renown as flag But he had not galloped a furlong be- ship of the station, will return to England at once.

John Byrne's bar without a word of cursing himself for a fool and a heart- passage across the Atlantic, encountering strong head gales that not only parts tipsy, foresaw earlier consumma- about that terrible day, now nearly of the crew, many of whom are young. and Surgeon-major Wagstaff-late of It was a little curious that, barely seamen were sick nearly all the way H. M. Bombay Staff Corps—deemed it a week later, Long Jake found an- across, so severe was the weather, and speechless amazement of all, this deli- time. It was more curious, however, at a rate that should have given the cate overture was politely but prompt- that he ended by getting no farther ship the speed of sixteen knots she

blind drunk and riding madly; that if some time of strengthening the British guns of the same type are mounted on

the shanty in question, intended to ed by the wrong person; a load would ened by the addition of the cruiser Tal- nown consists of two sets of triple "Reason why?" said Long Jake re- a pennyweight's from Mrs. Truscott's. cent as the Crescent exceeded the be lifted from Long Jake's heart, not bot. The Renown exceeds the Cres- expansion engines, each with three veryears ago.

> ing, her design, which was prepared under the direction of Sir W. White, power, while with the natural draught keel plate was laid down at Pembroke dock yard, in February, 1893. Her launch took place on the afternoon of £704,377, or about \$3,500,000. that being the name of the first of the series laid down.

DIMENSIONS OF THE RENOWN.

The Renown is the largest sheathed battleship ever built, and is intended to keep the sea for long periods of time on foreign stations, where dock accom- knots, on a four hours' continuous run How did she hear it? Silently, at first: modation is not conveniently access exceeds anything else previously resible. Her principal dimensions are: corded for a battleship. Length between perpendiculars, 380 chair and pronounced, not forgiveness, feet; extreme breadth, 72 feet 4 inches; his staff, is 704 of all ranks and ratings. but words of thanks. Thanks for his load draught of water, 26 feet 9 inches; The officers' quarters have been fur-

preach could have stunned him! But a which extend for more than half her is on the incandescent principle, the minute; then, as one man, the habi-tues of Ryrne's har pulled themselves ward him, and, whether he would or plating varying in thickness, the thick-powerful dynamos. In addition to the thin white hand was stretched over to- length in the central part, the outside motive power being supplied by three ne, it buried itself in his great coarse er plates being nearest the keel, and two searchlights mounted in the tops fist. He dropped it quickly, drew a the plating being doubled in certain of the fore and main masts, there are deep sigh half of relief, half of bewild- places to insure strength of structure four other searchlights, also 800 incan-"Home to England," said Long his brow, and without a word, stepped arch-shaped section transversely inerment, wiped his shirt sleeve across and for other purposes. A thick deck, descent lamps, some of which are movcloses the engines, boilers and other Mrs. Truscott called him back. He vitat parts, and traverses the ship as

"Going for good?" sneered John conversation. So he stumbled into this, ing the citadel, in the foremost and aftermost parts of which strongly armored redoubts are constructed.

the continuation of the middle deck,

THE BATTLESHIP'S REDOUBTS.

out of sight of the skipper and its it fouling during long immersion. For her displacement, which is 12,350 tons, the Renown has an exceptionally powerful armament. These are:

grand total per minute for the tensix. inch guns of 5,000 pounds of metal, Each of the eight twelve-pounder quick-firing guns will fire ten shots a minute, making a grand total for the twelve-pounders of 960 pounds. The twelve three-pounders, at ten shots a minute for each gun will total up 360 pounds of metal. It will be seen by the above that the Renown, firing both broadsides simultaneously, will discharge 8,320 pounds of projectiles in one minute. This will not include the eight Maxim machine guns which will be mounted in her

ing, the upper deck being next above

it. The four six-inch guns on the up-

per deck so placed that two can be

fired straight ahead and two straight

The Renown has an auxiliary arma-

ment of eight twelve-pounder and

twelve three-pounder quick-firing guns

tubes, two on each side, submerged

and one above water at the stern, all

fitted to discharge eighteen-inch

STRENGTH OF HER ARMAMENT.

An idea of the force that the Re-

nown's guns will have when in action

can be gathered from the following:-

Each of her 29-ton guns will fire one

500-pound projectile per minute, mak-

ing a total for the four guns of 2,000

pounds of metal. Each of the six

inch quick-firing guns will fire at the

least five rounds per minute, an aggre-

gate for each gun of 500-pounds, or a

There are five torpedo-launching

also eight Maxim machine guns.

Whitehead and R.G.A. torpedoes.

astern.

The masts of the Renown alone form the upper top. The mainmast is fitted Up to a few years ago the flagship worked three three-pounder quick-firwith one fighting-top, from which are

HOW SHE IS PROPELLED.

tical cylinders, the diameters of sure cylinders are fitted with piston valves, and the intermediate and low lutions per minute with forced draught,

The cost of the hull of the Renown was £601,927, and of the vessel's armament £102,450, making a total of

The Renown has bunker stowage for Then he withdrew his hand without more than his credit balance at the proved Renowns" are being built; they on emergency, by utilizing the wing raising his eyes, and resumed paring station to be safely back in his hut! will be known as the "canopus class," spaces, she can stow 1,600 tons of coal. which will enable her to steam 12,000 miles at 10 knots an hour without replenishing her bunkers.

The results of the speed trials of the Renown gave the greatest satisfaction, and she has proved herself the fastest battleship in the British navy, or in any other navy. Indeed, consider-

The ship's company of efficers and tenderness to him; thanks for his for-bearance with her on that awful day. displacement, 12,500 tons; freeboard, like of which does not find a record in like of which does not find a record in the annals of any other battleship

QUEER SIGNBOARDS.

This last reply, being distinctly antipered that he would be evermore disling rifle guns, where casements formand their cronies quaffing their daily tankards of ale at the inn piously named "God Encompasseth Us," or at the The lower deck, which is practically marks Lippincott's Magazine, it was without the citadel, is constructed of not long ere both of these had fallen two plates, each one inch thick; the from their high estate, the one being armor plates, which are all of Harvey- known far and wide as "The Goat his hand sulkily; he intended to have and under the influence of the whisky vessel in a trap, and the beast was ship, outside of the citadel, the side board, and the other as the "Alphacross bulkheads from six inches to nine and the Compasses," with a prancing bet," with all the letters from A to Z, printed above the door. An exceedingly popular hostelry at a point from which several mail coaches formerly off home! Sick o' this, don't you know would be unfair, since the epithets emigary and the heast grabbed it by the coming tower. The armor plates on the reign of Henry VIII.; but of thing. Yes, home to England! Jol- for repetition. But it did appear that neck. After a short fight the rat succeeded in killing the bird. When the armor plates on the waterscape or battle scene having, are fitted against teakwood backing. ly eh?" A vivacious continuation of Mrs. Truscott was, to put it mildly, ceeded in killing the bird. When the are fitted against teakwood backing and weather from the signboard, some and bolted through that and two thick an enormous mouth with a jocose little bull beneath. From that day on the place figured as the Bull's Mouth. The time was when artists of note scorned not to try their prentice hand at the painting of signs, and many a Royal Academician gave the public a lion or Four ten-inch 29-ton breech-loading the last fabulous animal, supposed to rifle guns mounted in pairs in barbettes, have been hatched from a cock's egg "Ah, but second?"

"Oh, about thirty, I should say. Why? Are you thinking of going home, Jake said curtly that he wasn't, and asked painly if he might expect to be served that morning.

While the young man was busy with the scales, William Noble—"the boss"— As long Jake cantered homeward, he could not resist a curious glance at could not resist a curious glance at a curious glance at the starboard beam around to have the robbers been put to death, but all their fathers and carries ten six-inch 100-pound quick—

"Oh, about thirty, I should say.

"Oh, about thirty, I should say.

"Was robbed, and due complaint was as a serpent with a rooster's head. Among these painters were Charles at the starboard beam around the bow, to 30 degrees abaft the starboard beam around reasonable woman. Only to be trampled on!

"As long Jake cantered homeward, he could not resist a curious glance at lafaction to her majesty the queen."

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