last she spoke.

CHAPTER IX .- Continued.

Florence Dane had, like many of the an's only brother." best people, a perfect mania for setsimply for their own benefit, and welfare. When her father dismissed her possible, from the error of his ways. excuse me if I wish you good-bye!' with herself or in converting him to courage. be in considerable jeopardy,.

is perhaps natural that he should take to attack the woman whose privacy she upon her lips! His withered face an old-fashioned view of things. But had so rudely invaded? if he will not lift a finger to save As to all these things, Florence Dane hand found its way caressingly to her Geoffrey, I must do it alone, for I am was forced to own herself to be still not going to see him fall into the hands plunged into a sea of doubt and un- nothing between them to begin with, of that woman and sit by and do noth- certainty. ing till it is too late."

And then she went upstairs and put on her jacket and hat, and sallied forth, from the house by herself.

winding moss-grown drive. The thick was torn in sunder. trees interlaced their branches overhead, the sombre evergreens bordered way, clasped her hands together in disa few crocuses and snowdrops had soul saw at a glance how her mistress brown wintry earth, making little patches of light and colour in unexpect- "Ah, madame!" she cried despaired corners. But Rose's head was bent ingly, "you met her, then, that insolto her in the "Essay on Man" than What has she done to you?" in all the silent voices of nature that were about her. Books took her out of her hand and went into the library, brought her back to the daily monotony of material existence. In that lies the eyes and lowered her look at the same moment in sheer surprise, for she saw a lady come towards her from it. The lady wore very short black skirts, displaying a stout and serviceable pair of feet and ankles, whilst a rough brown jacket and a green felt hat completed her attire, both in the last stages of shabbiness. She carried a black leather bag on her arm, and when Rose was near enough to see her face she became aware that it was Geoffrey Dane's eldest sister whom she knew by sight from seeing her about in the village. There was something very aggressive in the manner in which Miss Dane pull-

"You are Madame de Brefour, I be-

"Yes, that is my name. Can I do anything for you, Miss Dane ?" "I came to call upon you, but your servant shut the door in my face." Rose smiled, "You must forgive my poor Martine; her manner is perhaps ceive no visitors; my life is so very se-Miss Dane, I shall be happy to see you, as you have come to speak to me." Rose spoke very graciously and sweet-

ly. She had within her the essence of truest gentility, in that she never willingly hurt any one's feelings. It is the most golden rule of manners in the world,-and the hardest, perhaps, to act up to. There are many hundreds of well-born and well-educated persons, who, for the lack of that one thingconsideration for the feelings of others-have failed in attaining the true secret of good-breeding. Rose was not at all pleased at Miss Dane's visit, nor by her short and almost uncivil method of addressing her; but she reflected that Florence was probably unaware of her own brusqueness, and that she had, no doubt, come to beg for some subscription for her poor people.

"Turn round with me, Miss Dane, and come in and rest after your walk. "I don't want to rest, Madame," said Florence, turning, nevertheless, and walking a few paces beside her. " don't want to force my way into your house; I only want to ask you one question, and may as well ask it here as anywhere else."

Rose bent her head politely. " Pray ask me anything you like, she said; but the reply was a more startling one than she had anticipated. ity. " Madame de Brefour, are you engaged to my brother?"

" Miss Dane!"

such a question of another?" cried Rose sacred things of our inner souls-how- Hitherto this peculiar phase of the with those flashing eyes fixed upon her soever secure we are in our strength, fate o which she was subjected had antagonist. But Florence was brave, there comes a time when the world's occasionally, indeed, annoyed her, but ly faced and worsted. She was not go- prying eyes of others look in upon our been temperately sorry for it, in that ing to flinch now at the storm she sanctuary, and rude hands scatter the mild and vicarious fashion in which

and friends, and that his character m ght very likely be discredited within the precincts of his father's parish. All this was hideous and unlovely. The idyll was at an end.

Rose controlled her anger with a vio- from her eyes and took up her cross

lent effort. For a few moments she once more.

sidered his injustice to herself, but she brother, and, what is more, I am nevsidered his injustice to herself, but she brother, and, what is more, I am nevof her position. Then, with a swift, sincere and useful member of society,
was in no way deterred from her fixed er likely to be. Is that all you wanted impetuous movement, she turned and resolve to turn her brother, if it were to know? Yes? Then I think you must left the room. This, she conceived it to be clearly her And Florence Dane, as she walked by the hearth in his deep armchair. A afternoon, unusually jolly. He makes duty as a sister and Christian to do. slowly on the steep, rough, chalky, book-rest was fastened to the floor by the children presents, tells his wife to She loved Geoffrey sincerely, and de- round from Hidden House to the valsired his temporal as well as his eter- ley below, was not quite sure in her nal welfare. And it was plain that own mind whether she had not been if Madame de Brefour were bent either considerably worsted in the interview

the tenets of the Roman Catholic faith, Her adversary had indeed answered were, but for prayer. one or other, or perhaps both, he must -nay, more than answered-her questions. But was she any wiser than she As she wiped away her tears after was before. Was her brother's posi-She sank by his side upon her knees and murmured a fond word as she laid tive become freaks when they suddenly his live become freaks when they suddenly regard to the British that has come to probably side with the Anglo-American control of a genshe left her father's presence, she said tion made any clearer to her ? Was Poor papa, he is so easy-going! He him more comprehensible?—or had she her cheek for an instant upon his calle it uncharitable to suspect people of any further guarantee for his future bad motives, and unchristian to open conduct and security than when she one's eyes to the truth of bad things. had climbed the same road a little But I know better than he does. It while ago, burning to encounter and

CHAPTER X.

She must go. That was what meant to her. She did not conceal it Rose de Brefour came sauntering from herself, or blind herself any longslowly towards her house along the er to the inevitable; only her heart Martine, who met her in the door-

the way on either side. Here and there may, as she entered, for the faithful sprung up dauntlessly out of the trembled, and how the beautiful eyes virtue, and yet which owes its origin were dim with tears?

But Rose put her back gently with devotion. herself and her identity. Nature closing the door softly behind her. She went and stood by the window, looking out upon the trees. There was very superiority of the one as a means of little of the outer world to be seen, soul to the poor old man who dependconsolation over the other. Just as the only that short bend of shrub-border- ed upon her, and upon this covenant turn of the road, however, brought her ed drive, with the strip of rough grass the lines of her life were cast. Death knows whether they have gone to Ausin sight of the house, she lifted her at either edge, and the daffodils, and alone could sever the bond. violets, and primroses, cropping Duty bound them together-a comup thickly along it, with a certain lux- mon duty, a common cause - and uriance in their untended sweetness. | yet out of duty affection had sprung ed of the world's wide face, in which to are wont to spring up out of the dry dence behind for their friends to grieve rest and to be at peace! And yet for and arid crevices of broken stone walls. over, and so they board a Channel

to Geoffrey that she would leave it, since that day Rose had given up a sources of error in published statistics, ed up in front of her, and addressed to love it as she had loved no other recover, when subsequent fears and or homicide. It will come to light of the fact that France has become bel- that an Anglo-American alliance need behind, where she had been able to people in order to cling more perman- England. In Scotland the number is the preparations for war in England To oppose the fleets enumering up, week by week, concerning ev- would be a pauper, with it she was period covered by the statistics ac- the way, is just what England wants, dim to the flag of freedom. When abrupt, but she does not mean to be ery foot of ground around the sad little able to make a home for him, now in cidental deaths by firearms, cutting she being at present in the pink of the last official returns were made domain in the hollow of the chalk hills. one place and now in another—a home instruments, poisoning and drowning condition, so to speak, while her antacluded. But if you will come back, must leave it all. Driven forth once and luxury that could alleviate his lot. DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. more into the world to find a new Her own tastes were simple. She lived Another paper by Dr. Haig, dilat-

is my own fault-my own fault!"

treble the misery of the rest. wilfully and persistently to what she tent. here at peace.

she had dreamt a fond and impossible they had rented different furnished dream, but now the siren's voice had houses in remote corners of rural disger; now the dream was at an end, they never seemed to desire any socieand she was awake to the unlovely real- ty but their own; and always a black

no parrying these two facts any long- ly it was some rumor that went forth It would be impossible to describe er. The love was so strong as to have about the mystery which surrounded from brow to chin, and the light in she would she could not escape from had happened only that their flight her beautiful eyes was one of burning these inexorable truths which hemmed was due to a very natural thing. Rose's anger. Florence Dane realised all at her in like walls on every side. Woman greaty beauty had attracted some once how gloriously handsome she was, like she had deemed herself to be would-be suitor. The lovely young and with the realization felt to the stronger than her love-to be able to widow had been sought out and wooed full what her brother's danger must cherish it in silence, to bury it for in her self-elected seclusion, and she "Has any woman the right to ask But, however jealously we guard the from the unwelcome attention. too. Many was the drunkard and the rude hand draws aside the veil in which more often it had amused her. If she blasphemer whom she had triumphant- we have shrouded ourselves and the had caused suffering in others she had had evoked. Moreover, the righteous- ashes of our idols to the four winds women, who are accustomed to the ness, as she conceived, of her sause, sus- of heaven; and so our innocent things idea of worship, are wont to be sorry

become debased and degraded. cidedly, when as in this case, the an- your for benefitting her fellow crea- was forced to crush

tures, had done this thing to her. All the romance and the sweetness caused her an unspeakable anguish to was scattered, and all the poetry had uproot it, and the usual remedy gone out of it for ever. Nothing now flight offered her no consolation, but remained but sundry unpalatable and only a prospect of unprecedented pain. UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRIcrude realities. That she was doing Nevertheless, it was withu nflinching Geoffrey an injury, from a worldly determination that Rose knelt by the point of view, that his name was cou- old man's side and told him that the pled with her own in a manner likely fiat had gone forth, and that they to be prejudicial to him with his family must strike their tent once more.

She forced back the scalding tears

his side that swung from side to side on a long brass arm as his feeble fingers buy a new bonnet at the French milon entrapping him into a marriage which she had sought with such rash books, but the book from which he the barn. read was not of philosophy, as hers

woman came in, breathing of life and some things in love and politics that spring to his tired eyes.

How he loved the soft, filial word brightened as she entered. His bony dark aubura head. They had had ket fence, but, missing the spike each nothing between them to have the spike to he gave it up as a had job after point to have the had been to have the spike to had job after point to have to have the spike to have the spike to have to have the spike the spike to have the spike the spike to have the spike to have the spike to have the spike the s these two-nothing but duty. Of different race-of different blood - with- ful citizen to the end of his days. held together in a bond stronger than eat oatmeal in the fog for breakfast, reason what it may, England and the Denmark has no battleships, no armtially a French, and not an English, reduced the number of annual suicides. human nature, and to that lovely leg- fore the British Medical Association, end of the world's primitive history in its utter simplicity and its unselfish

people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

This had Rose de Brefour said in her

Such a little remote corner it seem- up unawares, as bright-hued flowers Often suicides object to leaving eviher there was neither rest nor peace. One great and awful blow in the past steamer and leap into the sea in the ain beat the world in a pelagic war, quite a number of small boats the vest had drawn them close together, as a night, never to be heard of. Dr. Sib- man for man, gun for gun, and ship sels are for a large part only of the Only a day or two ago she had said common misfortune is apt to do, and bald, in calling attention to several for ship? and yet her heart had rebelled against life that was seemingly useless for any says that the number of deaths by suithe verdict of her own words, and she other purpose to the man who was her cide reported nowadays as due to na- it has been asserted, would be a the merchant marine or yachting had told herself in secret that she father only in name. When the shock tural causes is falling off. would stay on-through the summer of that blow had fallen upon him, Of all methods of self-destruction, at least-that she would brave all and bringing with it the paralytic seizure hanging, he said, is the one that can stop a little longer. She had learnt from which he was destined never to be least concealed or laid to accident place. The utter seclusion of the lit- anxieties had united them still more sooner or later. tle old house, the tangle of tree and closely together, then Rose conceived About twenty-five persons in every ing the United States, declaring that briar about it, the free breezy Downs it to be her duty to forsake her own million of population commit suicide in wander for hours unseen and unno- ently to the man, who had no other considerably less - seventeen suicides are but a beginning of "the hunt for ated above, the United States would ticed, all this had grown dear to her. friend but herself. She had money of to the million. Suicide by drowning the cry." Should Russia join France have the un urpassable navy that did Dear, too, perhaps by reason of the per- her own settled securely upon herself. shows the greatest increase, ilous associations which were grow- Without the help of this money he It is a singular fact that during the And now it had come to this-that she which was filled with every comfort have decreased. home-often this had happened to her austerely and dressed herself in the ing elaborately at length on the causes before, either from the one cause, or old-fashioned stuffs and velvets which leading to suicide, gives his opinion BRITAIN'S FIGHTING STRENGTH. torpedo boats 21. These figures do before, either from the one cause, or old-fashioned stuffs and velvets which leading to suicide, gives his opinion ball to be splendid subsidized for the other—that she had had to fly had come to her out of the wreck of that many cases of alleged poisoning The latest official figures show that cruisers that did such good service in -only this time it hurt her more- the old house near Lyons, where she are caused by uric acid. The Phila- Great Britain has of battleships the en- the war with Spain. Nor do they inhad gone as a bride. She had only delphia Medical Journal, in comment-Ah !' she cried aloud, striking her two extravagant tastes-her books and ing on Dr. Haig's views, says: "That hands one into the other with a pite- her little English-built brougham—for uric acid should be such a potent cause action, an increase from thirty-eight various parts of the country. These ous hopelessness, whilst the tears rain- all else her existence was one of primi- of suicide as Dr. Haig believes, is quite in 1894 and forty-five in 1896. These battle-hips include the Alabama, Wised down over her face-"Ah! and it live simplicity. But the old man had incredible. His paper is in marked battleships are all of modern type, in consin, Illinois, Kearsarge, Kentu ky, everything of the best, and the two contrast with that of Dr. Sibbald in its Does not that always make the trou- French servants who had followed lack of facts and high figures." bles of life worse? The poigancy of their master's fortunes, and who were In taking leave of this somewhat action at an hour's notice. Against any affort, and infinite'y superior to self-reproach adds so bitter an ingred- fri nds as well as servants, waited upon mournful subject it is cheering to re- these France could oppose but twenty- anything that Europe could bring ient to all else, that it seems almost to both with an ever-affectionate devotion. call the definite information imparted seven battleships. Of the immediate- against them. For many years now this strangely- by an American humourist. He If she had not made that tiny first assorted couple, the paralysed and quoted statistics at length, showing ly available armored cruisers, that with all our new battleships in comstep in the wrong direction—if she had helpless old man and the beautiful, that very few people — none to speak class of fighting ship that our late Britain would have a more effective not stifled and smothered that small, blooming young woman, had wandered of, in fact - ever committed suicide war has shown us the immense value force of heavy-weight ships than any small voice within, that is sometimes about from place to place, making on board fast express trains. He thereso hard, and sometimes so easy, to sil- short, temporary homes, in the differ- fore inferred that trunk line railroads

must have known to be inevitable, then | For a long time they never left she might have been saved from this France, a strong inclination kept wrench, and she might have lived on kept them both upon French soil, but She had listened to a siren song, and to England, and for the last two years one House Stands in Part Upon Six of protected cruiters the two nations are and Great Britain called from the by and bye it became necessary to come exclamation. Rose flushed crimson that it should exist at all. Turn where nameless terror; but once or twice it ever in the secrecy of her own heart. had had no other alternative but flight

tained her. Her answer was as bold are turned into sin, and our holy things for the pains which they inflict. But n new element had entered I should say so. It's out at least one Royal Sovereign's displacement is ex- all paid officials, and many of them "Yes, Madame de Brefour, most de- Florence Dane, in her well-meant fer- into the situation—the love which she tooth every night during the past six ceeded by that of the Ramillies and lawyers, a general application of the

heart as well as in the lover's.

WHY IS THERE SUICIDE 1

A Mystery Physicians and Scientists Have

ting her fellow-creatures to rights. Her did not speak, but there was a tumult natural instincts had been fostered by the nature of her life and its occupations, so that she was constantly emtions, so that she was constantly emtions, so that she was constantly emtions, so that she was constantly emtions and the first for a few moments she did not speak, but there was a tumult of emotion at her heart. Something of the first first that she was constantly emtions and twenty-two did not speak, but there was a tumult of the first fir ployed in season, and out of season, she perceived that this woman had some in reproving the world about her for in reproving the world about her for show of right and justice on her side. its sins. She had no sinister motives. Oh was she felt that the had Her women—that I have had my portion death's half hour condition in the question of our position in ain would have sixty-four battleships its sins. She had no sinister motives. Oh, yes; she felt that she had. Her women—that I have had my portion death's half hour, ending in convul- a strife in which the fittest would sur- and one hundred and forty-five cruis-She honestly desired to do good, and to improve those about her, solely and her voice was cool and even when at permitted me but to study and to concerned?

There was even a fine, scornful hum- A staight, sober man, who has been posal has been made to the nations for not to speak of the superiority of the somewhat curtly from his study, she was even a line, scotling in the last words, by which she a good husband, indulgent to his chilar men behind the guns, our possible ally a general disarmament there should in a general war could be depended recognised and howed to the exigencies dren, just to all dealing with him, a be more talk of a would-wide war upon to keep Russia and France too honourable in business and a purifying Upstairs, the old man sat crouched influence in politics, comes home some guided it. Upon the desk was an open liner's, then saunters around the corbook. He, too, sought consolation in ner and hangs himself to a beam in

> Who can explain these twisted pro-The door opened and the beautiful blems of life! It is said that there are

ECCENTRICITIES OF SUICIDES. himself three jumps from a church tower head first down on an iron pictime, he gave it up as a bad job after point to our mutual interests in the the second dive, and turned into a use- east as an excuse for our change of have very little fight in them accord-In England and Scotland, where they

aught in life could dissolve. He, from and read Carlysle and the heavy re- United States to-day are in a situathe pathetic dependence of a man who views when they need recreation, the tion where they must stand or fall to- none of them formidable. She will be is infirm and old and poor, to the wo- suicide mania was said to have reached man who comes nearest to him, and alarming proportions. But the rewho is strong and vigorous and able cent increase in the circulation of the ters of the earth, and the tie of mutual powers. Holland has about the same to support him. She, from that beau- London newspapers throughout the interest binds us closer than any be counted of little help to the larger tiful patriarchal piety which is essen- rural district, it is claimed, has really sentimental alliance. Dr. Sibbald, Commissioner of Lunacy to the days long ago in the history of for Scotland, recently read a paper beshowing that statistics had overestiover her book, there was more beauty ent one? What has she said to you? that is so touching through all time mated the number of persons declared fident feeling that they could beat two unprotected cruisers, six protected to have committed suicide. He says them in a fair fight? There are the gunbouts and torpedo boats. Turkey it is impossible to discover all the oretical features of the answer that as a naval power is not calculated to "Where thou goest I will go; thy cases of suicide that actually occur. The proportion of those who die by will appeal to every patriotic Ameri- scare an opponent. Portugal boasts hanging is much larger than that of can and Briton, no matter how they of one battleship, four protected cruisthose who leave the world by poison- may be received by other nations. It gunboat and torpedo boat variety

> Many persons are constantly reported to have disappeared, and no one tralia, or made away with themselves peoples. Then there are a few nations isers and about 50 torpedo and gunin some secluded swamp.

SECRECY OF SUICIDES.

ence—if she had not blinded herself ent places where they pitched their with modern equipments were human- for service while France can boast of popose to them, while in the lighter willfully and possible the combined that ity's best friends.

LONDON PARISHES.

No. 111 Queen Victoria street, Manbeen transformed into a cry of dan-tricts. They never made friends — sion House Chambers, in the city of would be waged between the two na-London, is situated in no fewer than tions. shadow brooded unceasingly over their six parishes, arising from the curious France po sesses more torpedo boats She loved Geoffrey Dane; and her life, hunting them forth time after way in which the city parishes run than England, owning ohe hundred and love for him was hopeless! There was time from their resting-places. Usualno parrying these two facts any long- ly it was some rumor that went forth instances of buildings standing in made up, however, by the immense remarkably soft quality. It is prepar the indignation, the proud reproach, overmastered her judgment, and so them-Some rumour that reached their four or three parishes, and at least one superiority of England in the matter ed by a family of tanners in Thurinthat was concentrated in the simple hopeless as to render it almost a crime ears and seemed to fill them with a house is half in the city and half be of torpedo boat destroyers, of which gia, Germany by means of a process, yond its borders. The Bank of England, thirteen. Threadneedle street, is in three par- The total number of ships ready to from one kind of deer-the gray deer ishes-St. Bartholomew, St. Christo- take the seas with the flag of Great of the Northern Lake District. Any pher-le-Stocks and St. Margaret. The Britain flying is 359, while France has other buckskin is useless. An agency city of London, though only one square 140. mile in area, has 60 parishes, none of ENGLAND'S OTHER ADVANTAGE. tanners with the hides and they are them of very great dimensions, but An important factor to be considered such good customers that they have some of an almost inconceivably small is the size of the vessels. Here again no others. size. The Parish of St. Mary Mount- Great Britain has immense advanthaw, for instance, which has only six age. The biggest battleship in the houses in it, is the smallest parish in French navy is 12,000. Russia has no the city. This parish stands at the cor- battleship larger than 13,000 tons. Gerner of Queen Victoria and Friday many's crack vessel is 11,000 tons, Great streets, and has not possessed a church Britain has a number of battleships queer bit of spite, the barristers of since the great fire of London, in 1666, that are thousands of tons heavier his district having disbarred him by

TAIN STANDING TOGETHER.

Their Fighting Fleets Could Together Whip the Navies of All Other Nations - American Statesmen Taking a Serious View of Affairs-The British and the French Navies Compared.

with conditions that are making at the tory of the universe. Yet those who their attention to the United States. mix with the leading politicians here know that it is a grave possibility Then what of the rest of the nations that the races of the earth will be on either side of a vast battleground that ed navy is at present in the depths of

The question seems by general consent to have taken this form; Could ed and partially protected cruisers America and England together whip thirteen, of unprotected cruisers six, the entire world? Here it may be per- torpedo boats and torpedo boat dethe people of this country. Some say can alliance in the event of a genit is due to the kindly attitude of the h ps, eight armo ed cruisers, twenty-A famous Nautucket sailor allowed England during our late war, when three protected and partially protecnations of continental Europe were re- ed cruisers, and two hundred and heart towards an old rival. Be the ing to a naval man's point of view,

FIGURES THAT TELL.

rest of the world in arms with a con- which only one is first-class no armwill be asserted, for instance, by some Sweden and Norway possess between that one American or one Briton is a them, outside of a little mosquite who would undoubtedly be allied on boats. the side of America and Britain. By It is hardly necessary to take inte leaving these questions out of consid- calculation some of the small navier eration, can America and Great Brit- whose figures are given here, for the

match for France and Russia combin- fleets of the two countries. In real ed. It will be interesting to go into fighting ships it will be seen that outfigures with reference to this, in view side of France, Germany. Italy and ligerent in the far east, and is blam- take much cognizance of. in a fight with Great Britain, which, by brought glory that will never grow gonists are decidedly out of training, of armored cruisers 2, of protected how would the fleets line up?

but nine. In the matter of protected English-speaking nations, as has been cruisers the disparity in numbers is shown by the above figures, would be even greater. Britain has ninety-five more then able to hold their own, and while France has but thirty. In unequal, both po sessing sixteen. These merchant marine, the vessels of the ships, however, would not be of much Anglo-American alliance would swarm

she possesses one hundred to France's the secret of which they alone possess

burned down the one it formerly had. than these. The Royal Sovereign a virtue of a forgotten law that forbide magnificent fighting machine, launth- any lawyer from accepting a salaried Has your baby out any teeth yet? ed in 1891, displaces 14,150 tons. The position. As the French Ministers are

BINATION which displaces 14,200 tons. Larger than these even are the nine superb ships of the Magnificent class, with a displacement of 15,000 tons.

Of fast cruisers the extraordinary showing is made by the official figures that of vessels that are faster for the most part than any in Europe Great Britain can send to sea at short notice more than can Russia, Germany and France in combination.

A summary of the entire naval figures of the three nations, taking effec-When calmly and dispassionately, tive ships ready and possible to get in far-seeing men who are in close touch readiness in a reasonable time, showing that Great Britain would be opposed in a naval fight by thirty-five present time for peace or war, begin battleships and seventy-five cruisers earth, it is time to pay serious atten- cruisers. To oppose these Great Britstrange that at a time when the pro- steaming capacity of the British ships OTHER NATIONS.

Poor Spain can safely be left out of the calculation entirely, as her boastwill comprise the land and sea of the various waters. Germany is credited with having, of battleships six of the first-class and nine of the second-class; of armored cruisers, seven, of protect-

Of the smaller nations, most of whom nations in a naval war, although she once look a good deal of beating from England. Tuckey has a rickety old But could the two nations face the navy, consisting of nine battleships, of tected cruisers, four unprotected cru-

reason that although they comprise class that could be fitted out in almost The immense navy of Great Britain, unlimited numbers by America and England by drawing on the reserves of Russia, there are no foes in Europe

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

cruisers 16, of unprotected cruisers which the United States has started of gunbouts of the first class 18, of ormous number of fifty-two ready for clude the magnificent fleet of superb splendid condition, ready to strip for Colorado and Pennsylvanin. These seven battleships will be as fine as

with the reserves of the United States everywhere and sweep the seas.

COSTLY LEATHER

The leather which is used to tip the hammers of the best pianos is of a The skins are procured in this country in Minneapolis supplies the German

A BIT OF SPITE.

M. Trouillot, late French Minister for the Colonies, has been the victim of her four splendid sister ships, each of law would be disastrous.

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OFFICE The officers condemnation compares the f row horizon, a the French of competitor, wh French books if military heirard iously ignorant authorities lie reports by suc Thoumas and G Reinach. The miral Courbet French navy wa effort has been from circulation. lau and Thibaud passing mention And once more names, with cha pended which no bel suit could w book, the offence commanding offic extinct species. A voted to stories o the prostitution of

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STORY OF !