WENT AFTER THE MERRIMAC

Commodore Vanderbilt Eager to Engage the Dreaded Confederate Weapon of Warfare.

When the Confederate ram, Merrimac, burst out of its hiding place and made such fearful havoc among the federal frigates in Hampton roads during the Civil war, great consternation was caused in the nation's capital. Ericsson's little Monitor, arriving at Fortress Monroe in the nick of time, had driven the monster into his cave, but it was feared he would emerge again presently and continue the devastation. Through Thurlow Weed, Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of the Vanderbilt millions and known to New Yorkers as "the Commodore," made President Lincoln an offer to stop the ram and keep it away with one of his own ships, stipulating, however, that he would accept no money for his services and that he was to be free from bossing of the Navy department. It was further stipulated that he was to have command with a crew to be furnished by the government. In 36 hours he was steaming into the mouth of the James river. The commodore was then sixty-seven years old, and his ship was his namesake, the Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt promised that if the Merrimac reappeared he would "run her down as a hound runs down a wolf, strike her amidships and sink her." The Merrimac did not reappear.

After the immediate danger was over the commodore returned home, but he generously agreed to allow his ship to remain in the service until the war was over.—Detroit News.

LAUDING THE HUMBLE PICKLE

Long Unsung, It Has at Last Come Into Its Own as a Personal Beautifier.

The lowly pickle has come into its own. It has at last been recognized as a beautifier. Little difference does it make that the person who recognized it happens to be president of the Pickle Packers' association; the important thing is that it is discovered. More than that, it is claimed by the same gentleman that it was constant nibbling of this cucumberish delicacy that gave Catherine of Aragon the beauty that won the heart of Henry VIII.

As was to be expected, traducers have already risen to ask why the pickles failed to keep her beautiful enough to retain Henry's love. This is, perhaps, a natural question. When Henry put Catherine away he did it in a most gentle manner, just as do our modern persons who take a trip to Reno or Paris when the love fire grows cold. Her non-pickle-eating successor, Anne Boleyn, was treated with no such consideration when her brief day ended. It consequently appears that the very objection raised to an argument for the pickle as a beautifier indicates that it may be not only that but a life-saver as well.—Springfield Union.

Borrowed His Way to Riches.

Henry Phipps was associated with Andrew Carnegie for 50 years in the steel business. His wealth increased from nothing to $50,000,000. His climb was illustrated by a friend who told of the career of a man who owned a large chicken farm.

"How did you happen to start in the chicken business?" somebody asked him.

"When I was young I was out of work for a spell," he answered. "So I borrowed a hen and a dozen fresh eggs from a neighbor. I set the hen on the eggs and all of them hatched. Then I waited until the hen had laid a dozen eggs. I took the hen and the dozen eggs I borrowed back to the owner. He had what I borrowed from him and I had a dozen chickens. The dozen chickens started my farm."

Phipps borrowed 25 cents to advertise for a job. Later he borrowed $800 to enter the partnership which made him rich.

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The most important of the famous "Elgin Marbles" are the sculptures of the Parthenon, or temple of Athene Parthenos (the Virgin), the patron goddess of Athens, which stood on the Acropolis. In 1801-3, Thomas Bruce, seventh earl of Elgin, British ambassador to the Porte, collected numerous sculptures at Athens, which he saw being daily destroyed, and in 1816 sold them to the British government. They are now in the "Elgin room" in the British museum. The collection includes sculptures, not only from the Parthenon, but from the Erechtheion and elsewhere, and casts from marbles which were left in situ. These casts, compared with later casts, show that damage to the originals went on after Lord Elgin's time. The sculptures of the Parthenon are both traditionally and generally held to be the greatest sculptures ever executed.

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Benj. C. Walters

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of September, 1923, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefits of said deceased's personal estate.

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