SQUADRON LOG

BY THE STOWAWAY



It does not need much intelligence to figure out that the fellow who is best prepared for his job is the one who is sure to win. Unless you are young and dream of going to sea as your life-work these words following are not for you.

Suppose you could not read nor write, and suppose somebody gave you a book and said to you: 'If you will read this book you will know all you ever need to know about how to become rich.' Suppose it was a magic book which only the owner of the book could read. To all others the pages were blank. You would have to go to school and learn to read, to spend years of your manhood which might have been used to approoching your goal in just learning to read. After that you oculd read the book, and do what it told you to do.

But those years of your grown up life woud be lost. You would be just that long acquiring those promised riches. You would have less time left of your life to enjoy the fruits of your labors.

So it is with the boy who wants to go to sea. Sea faring, for those who hope some day to be at the top of business where the wealth and good things in life are to be found, is a highly technical job. It is actually a profession.

To sign on as a member of a crew, to earn seamanship in a catch a catch can manner, to rise from the ranks, is like learning to read after one has grown to a man.

Seamanship as a life work can be learned better, easier, and more thoroughly by using the years to learn in a school of navigation instead of going to college. It is exactly like studying law or medicine in college.

The outstanding school for the seaman is the New York State Merchant Marine Academy located at Fort Schuyler, Throg's Neck, New York, and matriculation is open to boys from every state in the union. The Academy is much more thorough of much higher standing than the so-called school ships for younger boys.

At the Academy is taught seamanship, navigation, stowage of Cargo, structure and stability, mathematics, electricity, marine engineering, ship's business hygiene, boats, infantry drill. For an especial engineering career is taught marine boilers, recriprocating engines, turbines, diesels electricity refrigeration, machine shop, structure stability, and infantry drill.

Each of these subjects has many angles. Under seamanship, for example, are types of ships, classification, tonnage, rope, wire, tackles, cargo gear, windlasses, rules of the road, popular and legal, organization, discipline, fire prevention and control, life boats, handling of steamers, handling of rudders, effects of wind, sea and tide, laws of storms, strandinsg, salvage operations.

The Tug Boat Annie stories in the Saturday Evening Post are all built around salvage operations alone!

These United States are only now beginnig to create a Merchant Marine. It is all of the future although many fine merchant boats are today under the flag of our nation. About 600 junior officers are needed every year. The demand will increase annually for many years.

The S. S. Empire State, the training ship, makes a three month's cruise every year.

Upon graduation the student is prepared for and must pass the examinations for a third class mate's, or third assistant engineer's license.

Not many colleges send out a young man already set up in business.

GALENA

Miss Kathyrn Thornton returned last Friday after a 3 weeks visit in Chicago, Ill., her couisn, Mrs. Bertie Beroch returned with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craddock and children, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Davis.

Mrs. Emory Wood and children, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with Mrs. William Wood and Mrs. Emory Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cadwell and daughter, Mary Caldwell, of Chestertown, Md., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Miss Theresa Burns and Mr. Harry Stone, of Baltimore, Md., are spending this week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mr. Irving Vansant, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. Bayard VanSant, of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vansant, of Greensboro, Md., spent last Sunday, with their brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Errol Mulford, of Winterthur, Del., were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mrs. Walter Hadley, Sr., and Mrs. Redding spent last Friday in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. E. A. Scott entertained at a luncheon on Saturday afternoon in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Walter Henson, of St. Louis, Mo.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Miss Helen Fogwell on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lula Gale is spending awhile with her daughter, Mrs. Clem Davidson, near Sassafras, Md.

Misses Nellie Dempsey, Kathyrn Thornton spent Tuesday as guests of Miss Carrie Dempsey at the "Murphy Home in Dover, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie attended the Smith-Brinsfield wedding in Salem M. E. Church, Fairlee, Md.

Miss Martha Whitaker, of Chestertown, Md., spent last week end with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hicks.

Miss Dorthea Gilfillan is a patient in "Dr. Jones Private Hospital in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. J. E. Ireland is visiting her brother, Mr. Lewis Cruickshank in Philadelphia, Pa., who is a patient in a Philadelphia Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newnam and children, of Pedericktown, N. J., spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newnam.

Mrs. Frank Woodside, spent last Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Ireland.

Mr. Harry Walsh, of Wilmington, Del., was the guest of Miss Elmina Woodal at her home in Geogretown, Md.

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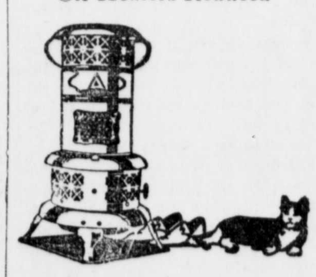
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