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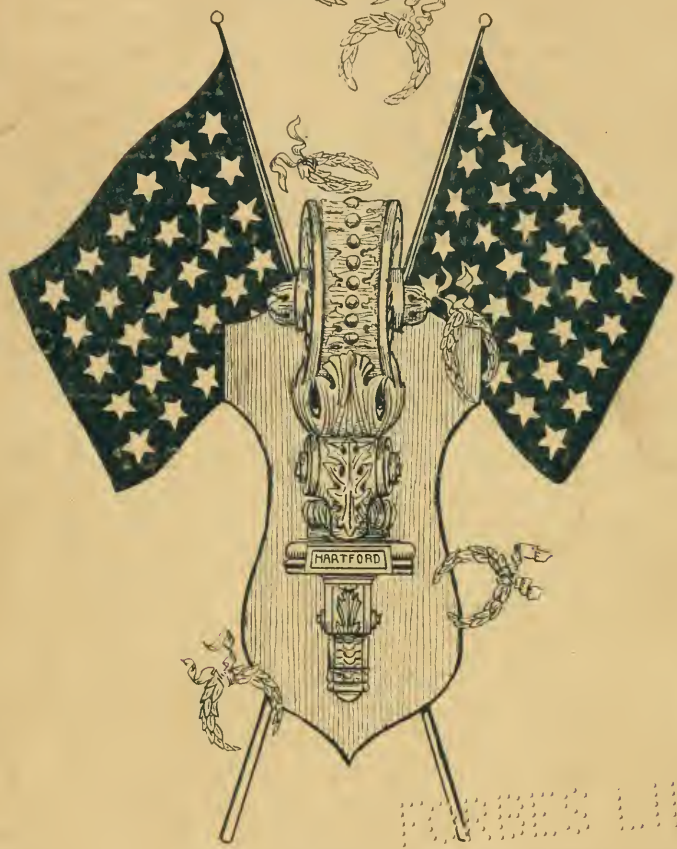
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Our Leader's dauntless Blue,
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Slowly, mid the roar
Of the rebel guns ashore
And the thunder of each full broadside.

“Then in that deadly track,
A little the ships held back,
Closing up in their stations —
There are minutes that fix the fate
Of battles and of nations,
(Christening the generations)
When valor were all too late,
If a moment's doubt be harbored —
From the main-top, bold and brief,
Came the word of our grand old Chief —
'Go on!'—'twas all he said —
Our helm was put to starboard,
And the Hartford passed ahead.”

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The hull of the *Hartford* was built at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., and the machinery by Harrison Loring, of Boston. She was launched November 22, 1858. The following is a description of the vessel and her armament :

First-class screw sloop ; ship rigged ; 2,900 tons displacement ; 1,024 I. H. P. ; length, 225 feet ; breadth, 44 feet ; depth, 18.6 feet. Two engines ; two vertical tubular boilers. Carried two hundred and sixty tons of coal ; speed, maximum, 13½ knots ; average, 8 knots.

Battery, June 20, 1862, twenty 9-inch smooth bore Dahlgren guns ; two 20-pdr. Parrots ; one heavy 12-pdr. ; one light 12-pdr.

When first commissioned this vessel was assigned as the flagship of the East India Squadron, commanded by Commodore C. K. Stribling. Her commanding officer was Captain Charles Lowndes. Having returned to the United States, she was put into commission, January 19, 1862, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard as the flagship of Commodore D. G. Farragut, of the West Gulf Squadron. Her commanding officer was Captain H. H. Bell. She arrived at the mouth of the Mississippi River, February 20, 1862. Had an engagement with the batteries below New Orleans, April 24, 1862 ; engaged Chalmette forts below New Orleans, April 25, 1862, and left for that city the same day. Passed the Vicksburg batteries upward, June 28, 1862 ; engaged the Confederate ram *Arkansas*, July 15, 1862 ; engaged the battery at Donaldsonville, La., August 9, 1862, and burnt the town ; August 27, 1862, Captain James S. Palmer assumed command. Engaged and passed batteries at Port Hudson, March 14, 1863 ; engaged and passed batteries at Grand Gulf, March 19, 1863 ; engaged batteries at Warrenton, March 21, 1863, and again, March 23, 25, and 28, 1863 ; engaged Port Hudson, May 26 and 27, 1863. Left New Orleans for North, August 1, 1863, and arrived at New York, August 10th, where she was placed out of commission for repairs, August 17, 1863 ; again commissioned, December 15, 1863 ; left New York, January 5, 1864, and arrived off Mo-

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bile Bay, January 21, 1864; Captain Percival Drayton assumed command, February 9, 1864; was Farragut's flagship, and took a leading part in the battle of Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864, engaging the forts and its great ram, *Tennessee*, and remained in active and continuous duty in and about Mobile Bay during the remainder of the year. Left Gulf, November 30, 1864, and arrived at New York, December 12, 1864, where she was placed out of commission.

In August, 1865, she was ordered to the East India Squadron as the flagship of Commodore H. H. Bell. Her commanding officer was Commander R. W. Shufeldt, who was succeeded, February 19, 1867, by Commander George E. Belknap. The *Hartford* returned to New York in August, 1868, where she remained for some time in ordinary, and, after being repaired, was assigned in 1873 to the Asiatic Station as the flagship of Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins, and while attached to that station was commanded by Captains E. R. Colhoun and J. C. P. DeKraft, respectively. Returned in 1875, and was assigned as flagship of Rear Admiral J. R. Mullany of the North Atlantic Station, and was commanded by Captain Stephen B. Luce. In the latter part of 1877, the *Hartford* was assigned to the South Atlantic Station as the flagship of Rear Admiral Edward T. Nichols, and was commanded by Captain W. K. Mayo. She remained attached to this station until 1879, when she returned to Boston and was placed out of commission. She was placed in commission in 1881, under the command of Captain Charles C. Carpenter, and was ordered to the Pacific Station, and served as the flagship of this station until 1887, being commanded successively by Captains George H. Perkins, Edward P. Lull, and James H. Gillis. In the latter year she was placed out of commission at the Mare Island Navy Yard, where she has since remained in ordinary, but is now undergoing repairs pursuant to the authority of Congress.

NOTES.

The keel of the frigate *Hartford* was laid January 1, 1858; 22d November, 1858, left her ways. One fair sponser broke across the ship's figurehead a bottle of Connecticut River water, and another, quite as fair, followed with a bottle of Hartford spring water, while the late Admiral Preble, then a lieutenant, concluded with a like quantity of ocean brine.

When the "*Hartford*" was laid up for repairs after her return from New Orleans, August 1, 1863, it was found that she had been hit 240 times.

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"The *Hartford* having had two gangways, she thus had four headboards, of which I have one, and this the most historic, as it was the forward 'starboard' one of the four, and, the 'starboard' side being the side of honor, all notables came and went by it, and nothing could be more natural than that when a person was leaving the vessel he would rest the hand on the oval top of the headboard to steady himself in making a turn to gain the landing at the head of the outside stairway. In fact, the top is polished as smooth as glass by such constant handling. Among those so using it were the unmatched Farragut, his able assistants, and many others who have long since received their final 'muster out.'

"The Headboard was removed from the *Hartford* in 1865 when she was remodeled.

"In the same connection I would say that I have the official headquarters mail bag, pertaining to the West Gulf blockading squadron, and which (with one other) went back and forth from the flagship to headquarters of the navy at Washington. It is marked on the outside to this effect, and contained documents of vast importance."

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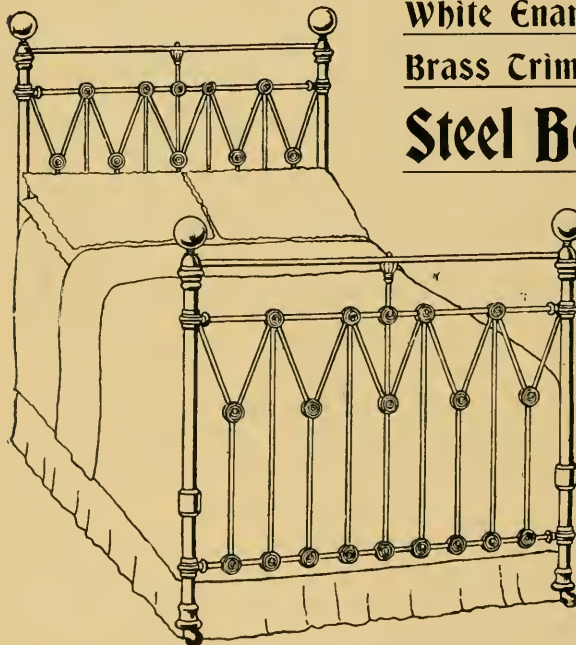
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DEAR SIR :— In the name and by the authority of Commodore Philip Hichborn, Chief Constructor of the Navy, I have the honor to present through you to the City of Hartford the figure-head borne by the famous warship, *Hartford*, during her noble record as a defender of the Union.

It was detached during recent repairs and reconstructions, and the Commodore, into whose possession it came, has had it thoroughly cleaned, painted, and, in part, gilded.

The outside dimensions of the box containing it are : length, six feet, nine and three-fourths inches ; width, three feet, four inches ; depth, three feet, five inches. The weight of the figure-head, or "billet-head," is three hundred and sixty-nine pounds ; of the box, three hundred and fifty-nine pounds ; total, seven hundred and twenty-eight pounds.

Upon the City's acceptance of the gift, addressed to Commodore Hichborn, it will become and remain subject to the City's order, to be addressed to the Commandant of the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. The charges for transportation will fall upon the City.

Very respectfully yours,

J. R. HAWLEY.

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO PHILIP HICHBORN, CHIEF CONSTRUCTOR, U. S. NAVY.

August 16, 1897.

COMMODORE PHILIP HICHBORN :

I am advised by Senator J. R. Hawley that in your name and by your authority he presents to this city the figure-head borne by the famous warship *Hartford*, during the war for the Union. This thoughtful act of courtesy on your part arouses universal interest and gratitude in our citizens. At the first meeting of the City Government, official action will be taken and acceptance forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

M. B. PRESTON, *Mayor*.

HARTFORD, CONN., Aug. 23, 1897.

To the Honorable Court of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :— I present herewith a letter addressed to me as the Mayor of the City, by Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, U. S. Senator.

I am since in receipt of a letter from Wm. P. Allen, Head of Department of Construction and Repairs, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., saying that by direction of Commodore Philip Hichborn, Chief of Bureau of Construction and Repairs, U. S. Navy, the figure-head of the *Hartford* is in transit to this city. I believe there is much interest felt by all our citizens for this historic relic of the famous warship that so honorably bore our city's name in the memorable naval engagements where she took part in the War for the Union, and that they, with veterans of the naval service, some of whom served with Farragut when this vessel was that distinguished officer's flagship, would be glad to take part in a suitable demonstration and exercises at the reception of and placing this gift. I recommend, therefore, the appointing of a committee to consider this matter, and to present to your honorable body at a subsequent meeting such recommendation as they may devise for your approval.

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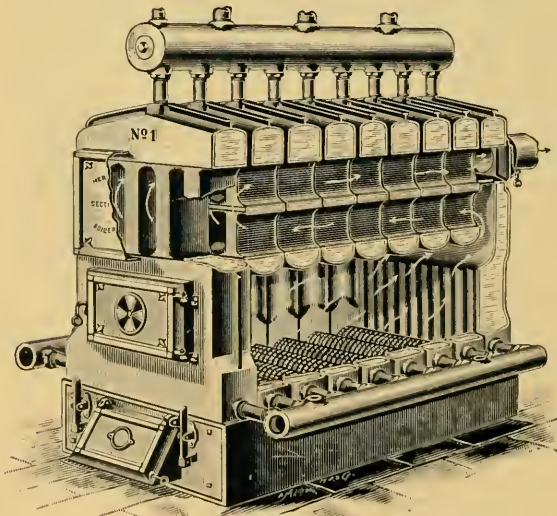
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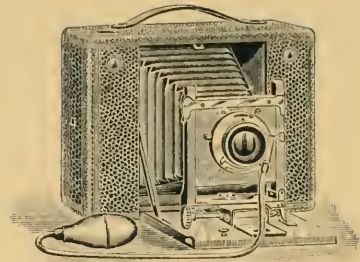
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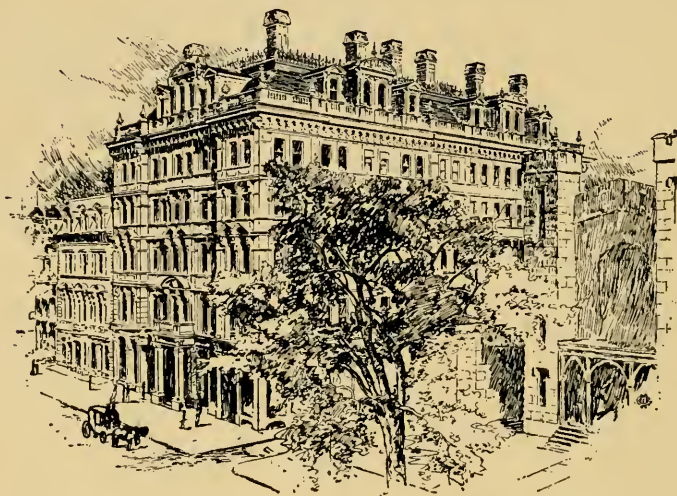
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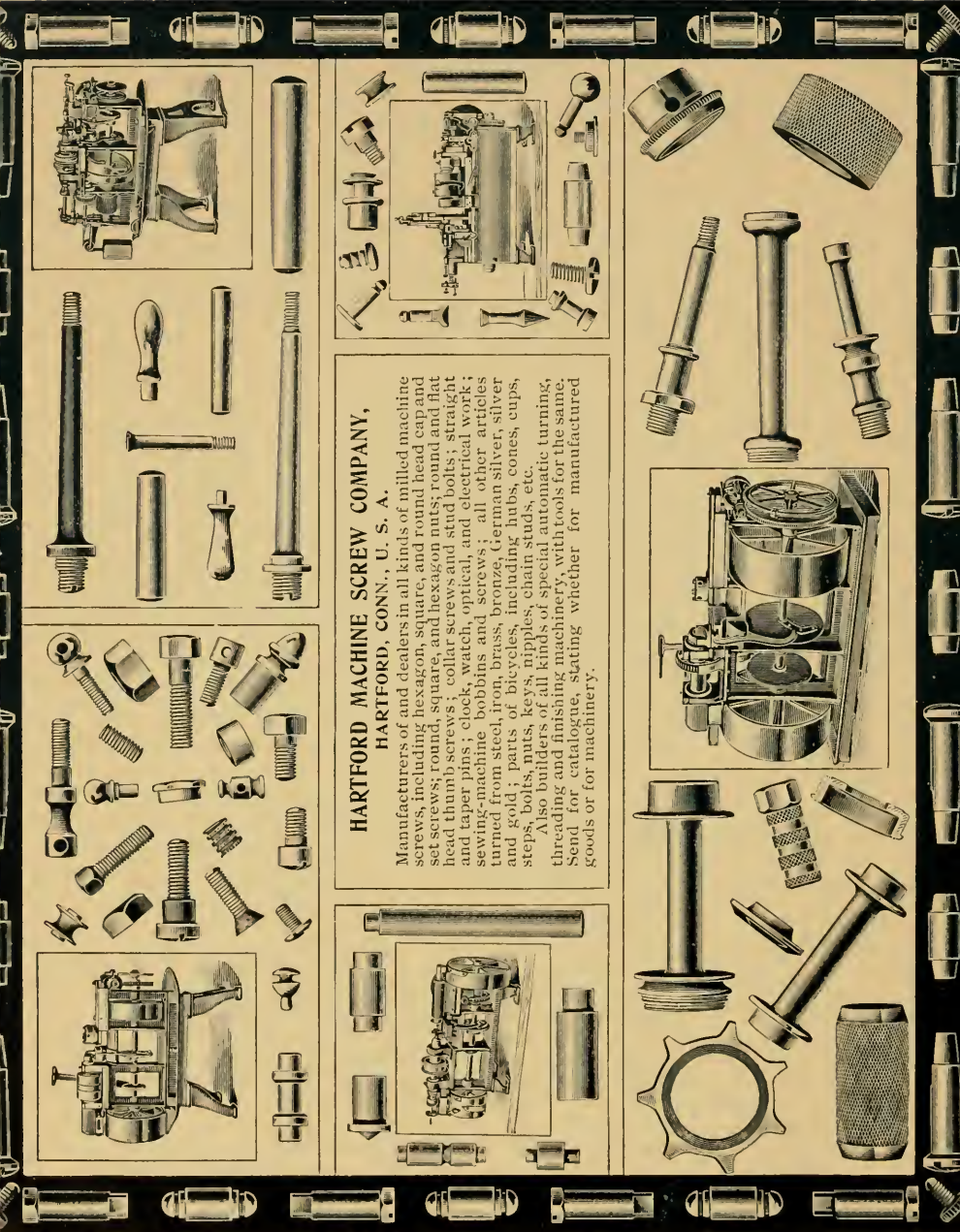
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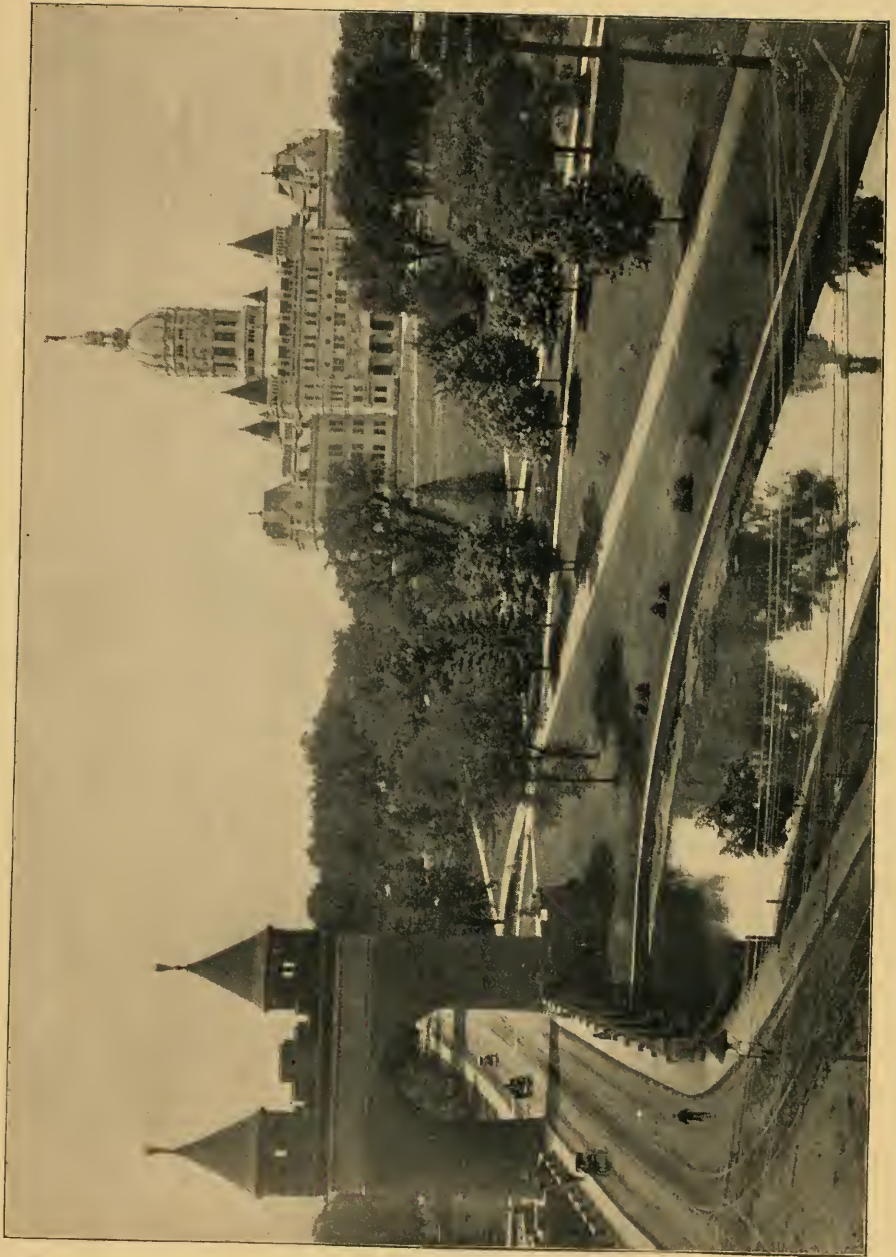
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