

ARMOR PLATE TEST.

Steel Treated by Krupp Process Found to Be Superior.

Projectile Falls to Pieces a Twelve-Inch Shell When Fired from a Twelve-Inch Gun Only Three Hundred Feet Away.

The remarkable results of a ballistic trial of armor plate at the Indian Head naval proving station are almost certain to lead to the adoption of a new process for treating heavy plates by which battleships will be armored with greatly reduced thickness of plate with the same resisting quality as those protecting the sides of the best fighters now in the service.

The plate tested last was a fraction under 12 inches, perfectly made, and the test was witnessed by a large party of American and foreign officers.

Against the sides of a Maryland light steel plate had been substantially bolted, and 300 feet away was one of the navy's new 12-inch guns.

The second shot was with the highest velocity ever employed in ballistic trials with a 12-inch gun at such a thickness of plate.

Ordnance experts explained that no plate ever made could possibly withstand such a shock at a velocity that this second shell had been fired.

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The heaviest plates on their sides will not be over 15 inches in thickness, equivalent to the 18-inch plates protecting the Indiana and Oregon class.

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NEW STANDARD.

Plan Proposed by Col. L. M. Maus for Reorganization of Medical Bureau of National Guard.

Col. L. M. Maus, chief surgeon on Gen. Lee's staff, has presented a report which contains some important recommendations as to the proposed reorganization of the medical bureau of the national guard.

He further recommends that the medical officers of the national guard be organized in a separate corps like that of the United States army.

Some time ago the Carnegies brought to the navy department's attention the Krupp process and asked that it be tried, as the right to use it in this country had been secured.

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FOR TRAINING SHIPS.

Suggested That Stock of Live Oak Be Used to Build Them.

Naval Constructor Tawreney's Idea—Old Sailing Men-of-War Used for the Purpose Fast Deteriorating.

The naval authorities have under consideration a proposition by Naval Constructor Tawreney to construct wooden vessels to take the place of those that have been doing service for many years as training and receiving ships.

It has been the practice of the navy department to use fighting vessels for years after they have become useless for the purpose for which they were first designed.

Mr. Tawreney is stationed at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H. There is a great quantity of timber there belonging to the government that he believes can be profitably used in constructing new vessels of the kind mentioned.

Information by cable is that the Frenchmen believe that in the new rapid fire field gun of their army they possess ever invented.

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Bulletin Financier.

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