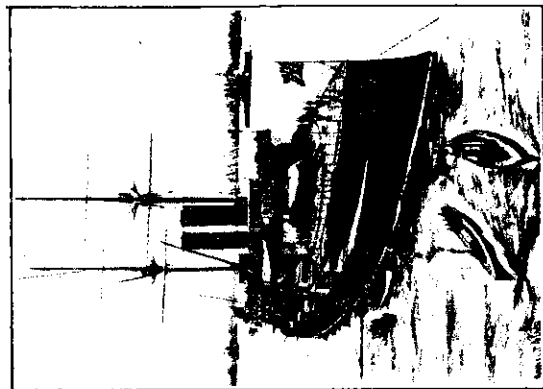
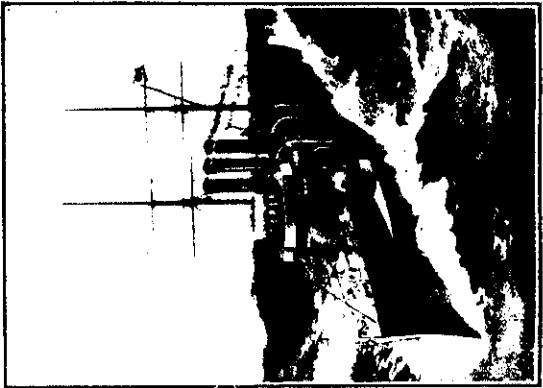


THE LAUNCH OF THE BATTLESHIP "NEW ZEALAND."

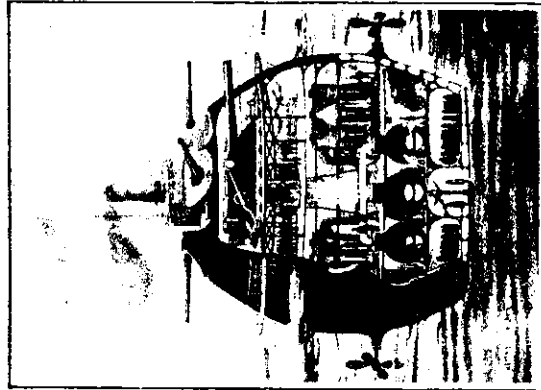
The new battleship "New Zealand," launched at Portsmouth recently is the latest of the 16,000 ton armoured cruisers known as "Kings of the Sea." She will be one of the most powerful ships ever built, carrying beside her four 12 in. and ten 6 in. guns, four 9.2 in. weapons in barbets, and a battery of eight 4 in. guns of the upper deck. She has, of course, a large number of 12 and 3 in. guns as an auxiliary armament. Her sides are four inches thick, her torpedo tubes, besides being so powerfully and so carefully protected, are of the "New Zealand" type, which will be provided with a most extensive and up-to-date armament of Krupp's steel armour, the most impenetrable yet made. Her barbettes and turrets will be 12 in. thick, her main-deck battery surrounded by 7 in. of armour, and her upper-deck battery by 4 in. This, however, will be a band of 8 in. armour, and below this will be a protective deck whose thickness provides for the security of the secondary armament. The "New Zealand" will differ in general appearance from what has now become the recognised type of battleship in our service, not only on account of the 9.2 in. guns and their turrets at the corners of the superstructure, but from having no lighting tops, the Admiralty being evidently of opinion that the damage done to an enemy by half-a-dozen small guns perched up aloft would not compensate for the risk of the serious blow of one of our something Governor, dishevelled the vessel.



H.M.S. "NEW ZEALAND" AS SHE WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED.



OUR NEW TURBINE CRUISER, H.M.S. "AMETHYST."



THE INSIDE OF THE GLOBAL NAVAL BATTERY.

The Americans started the world with their famous Monitor, and now we have a New York inventor desirous of doing the same with the extra-ordinary lighting craft here illustrated. It is hard to say whether the Trident, as the proposed structure has been named by Mr. Stokes, the inventor, should be called a movable fort on a semi-immovable ship. Her shape is a sphere with a small section removed from the top and a much larger from underneath, her bottom being quite flat. She is to be mounted with 12 in. of plating down to the spherical part, and a 2 in. thick steel shell below. The distance between the waterline and the bottom is to be three times the diameter of the sphere. The two big guns which the side of the ship are much longer than one might imagine as little more than their muzzles protrude from the side of the Trident. She will have a displacement of over 11,000 tons.

From "The Sphere."



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