

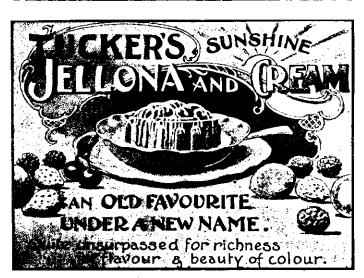
A COUPLE OF SYDNEY'S RACING BOATS.

whom the handling of that particular rig presents no mystery. It is their strivrig presents no mystery. It is their striving for victory that has elevated the saling of pleasure craft to the dignity of a fine art in that special sense. As I have said, I know nothing of racing and but little of fore-and-aft rig; but the advantages of such a rig are obvious, especially for purposes of pleasure, whether in cruising or racing. It requires fewer hands for handling; the trimming of the sail planes to the wind can be done with speed and accuracy; the unbroken spread of the sail area is of infinite advantage; and the greatest possible amount of canvas can be displayed upon the least possible quantity of spars. Lightness and concentrated power are the conspicuous qualities of fore-and-aft rig.

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