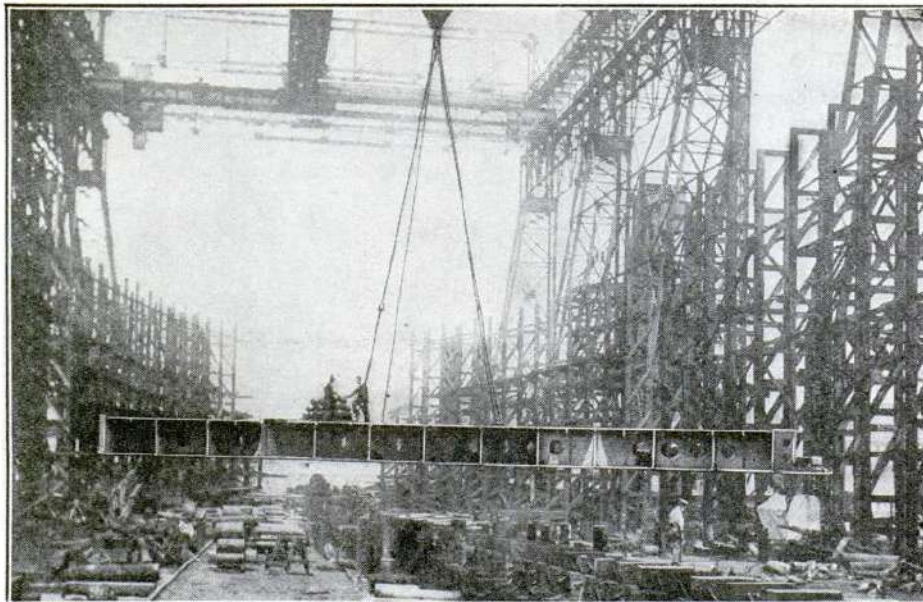


Last Scrap of a Battleship

AT THE right, workmen are shown removing the last remnant of a greatship that never even reached the water—the last steel beam to be cut from what remained of the battleship *South Dakota*, scrapped by Uncle Sam. This and a sister ship, the *Indiana*, now would be the latest additions to our battle fleet, if, in the course of construction, they had not been doomed, in accordance with the Washington Disarmament Conference.

The work of scrapping them was begun November 13, 1923. Two hundred and five working days were necessary to cut both ships to pieces. The work was done at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.



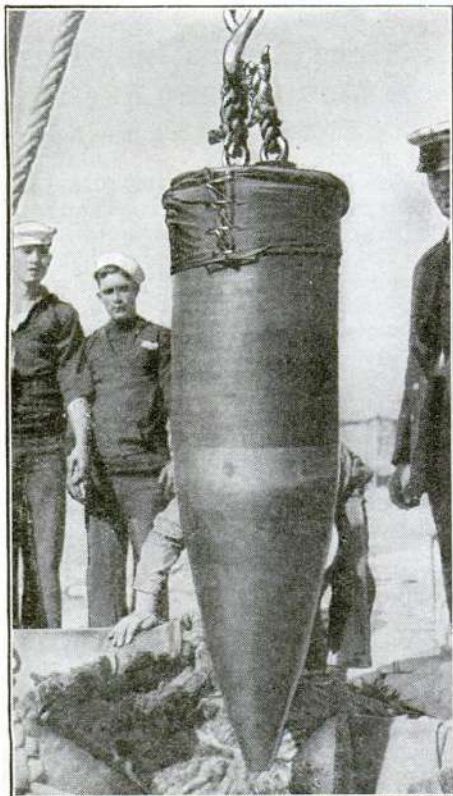
Removing the last steel beam in scrapping the great battleship *South Dakota*

Giant Shell Used in Navy Target Practice

ONE of the giant shells used in target practice by battleships of the U. S. Navy in their maneuvers this fall is shown in the photograph below.

The shell is 14 inches in diameter and weighs several hundred pounds. The big guns can hurl this mass of metal a distance of more than 20 miles.

Jackies are shown in the illustration below with block and tackle, about to stow it away on board the *Pennsylvania*.



Huge shell used for target practice



Odd Four-Seater Driven like a Bicycle

AN ODD foot-power automobile, driven like a bicycle, on the chain-and-sprocket principle, recently has been invented by Monsieur Alois Seuter of Neuilly, France.

The new machine, which he calls a "Velo" car, seats four people and has a compartment for carrying packages. The designer says he can attain a speed of about five miles an hour with good pedaling. The body is made of light wood-work. The car is steered by means of ordinary bicycle handles.

Tests in Left-Handedness

AS THE result of comparative intelligence tests with right-handed and left-handed individuals in a group of 1019 children, Dr. Kate Gorday, a psychologist of Los Angeles, Calif., recently announced she could find no confirmation of the tradition that left-handed persons are of inferior mentality.

She concluded, however, that among subnormal individuals there probably is a large percentage of left-handedness. She found, too, that there are more left-handed boys than girls, and that left-handedness runs in families.

Fish Found in Desert

SPECIMENS of fish that swim beneath the sands of the Sahara Desert are among the latest curiosities to be exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City. They were taken from subterranean desert water pools, and are not of rare species, as might have been expected.

One kind is a member of the minnow family. Others resemble perch.

The presence of these fish in the desert remains a

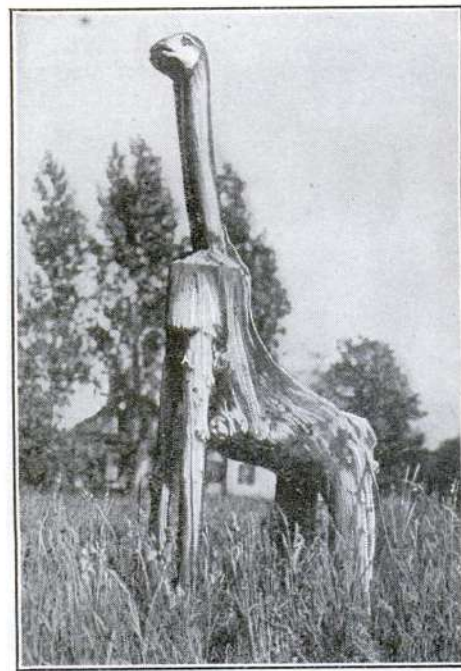
mystery. One theory is that the eggs are transported there in particles of mud or weeds carried in the claws of birds that visit the desert water holes.

Wooden Giraffe Formed by Junction of Trees

IN THE village of Munsonville, N. H., nature, in one of her playful moods, formed a strikingly realistic reproduction of a giraffe by the junction of two trees that grew together. The dual trunk of one tree formed the legs of the "animal," while the twisted trunk of a second tree, which grew about four feet away, joined the legs and stretched upward like the long neck of a giraffe.

The only artificial work done on it was the chiseling out of the eyes and mouth in order to give the wooden creature a definite expression.

This curiosity is located outside the village general store and is the object of much attention from passers-by.



Wooden giraffe—a freak of Nature