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WHEREAS heretofore considerable Quantities of his Ma^{ty} Powder has been unnecessarily expended by frequent Salutes with Gunns and by his Ma^{ty} Ships returning Salutes to those employed in the Merchants Service, which ought to be prevented as much as possible for the future ; I do, therefore, hereby strictly require and direct, That all Flag Officers, and Captains, or Commanders of his Ma^{ty} Vess^{ls}, do conform themselves in relation to Salutes, to what is directed in the severall Articles following :

1st—That what is directed by the 31st Article of the Standing Printed Instructions concerning Salutes in generall, the same be in all respects complied with untill farther Order ; as also what is directed in the 32^d Article of the said Instructions, in relation to Salutes at Genova.

2nd—That notwithstanding what is directed in the 33th Article) when any Ship of his Ma^{ty}, of what Rate soever, shall first come into the Fleet, the Cap^{tn} of the said Ship does not Salute myself, or the Lord High Admirall for the time being, or any other Flag Officer who shall Command in Chief, any otherwise than by Cheers only ; unless such Ship shall bear a Flag—and then only to Salute, and be answered by the Chief Flag Officer in the Fleet at that time.

3rd—That what is directed by the aforesaid 33th Article, in relation to the saluting of Ambassadors, Noblemen, or Ladies, or Gentlemen of Quality, at their coming on board and going on shore, be observ'd with regard to the Rates of the Ships respectively, as also what is farther directed by the afores^d Article in the answering the Salutes of Flag Officers of other Nations.

4th—That (notwithstanding what is directed by the afores^d 33th Article) if any Ship of his Ma^{ty} shall be saluted by a Merchant Ship or Vessell with Guns, the Cap^{tn} of the Ship so saluted shall in answer thereunto, return no more than one Gun, and even not that, unless the Merchant Ship or Vessell fires three or more.

5th—That what is directed by the afores^d Article, as to the Saluting any of his Ma^{ty} Ships or Castles, be strictly complied with in time of Peace ; but in time of Warr, all such Salutes are prohibited, according to the intent of the s^d Article.

6th—That if any of his Ma^{ty} Ships shall come into a Forreign or Domestick Port, and any number of Merchant Ships shall salute such Ship of his Ma^{ty}, the Cap^{tn} of the s^d Ship is to fire one two or more Guns, not exceeding seven, as he shall judge proper.

7th—That no Cap^{tn} of his Ma^{ty} Ships do Salute one another wth Guns, but with Cheers only.

8th—That when myself or the Lord High Admirall for the time being, shall first come to the Fleet, the Flag Ships are only to Salute wth Guns, and the private Ships by Cheers. And when any Flag Officers shall first come to the Fleet, he is to be saluted by Guns by none other than the Flag Officers that are superior to him in Command. And when either the Lord High Admirall or a Flag Officer shall leave the Fleet at the end of any Expedition, and go on shore, the Lord High Admirall, or any other Flag, according to the Quality, is then only to be saluted with Guns by the Flag Officers inferior in Command, and by Cheers only by the private ships.

9th—In case any Nobleman, not a Sea Officer, shall be appointed to serve in, or to accompany the Fleet, in the Station of a Generall, or other principall Command, he is to be Saluted by the Ship where he intends to abide, both at his coming on Board, and going on Shore, in the same manner, as is directed by the 33th Article of the Generall Printed Instructions: And in case he shall Salute after his being on board the Cap^{tn} of the said Ship is to take care that the same be done only to the Chief Flag.

10th—That whenever his Ma^{ty} Fleet, or part thereof, shall have occasion to goe into the Port of any Forreign Prince with one or more Flag Officers, no Salutes be given or answered, but by the Chief Flag Officer.

11th—The Captains of his Ma^{ty} Yachts are strictly required not to fire Guns on any pretence whatsoever, unless when any English or Forreign Nobleman or Lady or Gentleman of Quality, shall come on board them, to be carried from England, or to be brought hither, and then to Salute them as follows: viz^t. a Nobleman with not above Nine at his coming on board, or Thirteen at his Landing, and a Lady or Gentleman of Quality with not above Seven, or Eleven.

Dated this 3^d day of March 1701/2.

PEMBROKE.

(ADM. SEC. In Letters, Orders and Instructions, Vol. 28, p. 89).

NOTES.

FORGOTTEN NAVAL TOYS.

"He that would profit in the present and be prepared for the future should not despise any experience to be gained from the past." Thus, freely translated, the shrewd old Father Alcysius, of Rheims, and his advice is well worth following. Even in trifles, the explorer may find gems of value lighting his way and assisting in his search after truth.

The child's toy here illustrated may possibly afford some hints to our experts on naval architecture, ship design, and the fitting and equipment of vessels. It is, as will be seen, of French manufacture, and was issued in Paris by the House of Daumont, Rue St. Martin. Its exact date is a little difficult to fix, but probably about the end of the eighteenth century. It may indeed have been earlier, from the introduction of the Jacob's staff in section 62 of the voyage. Moreover, the title of the game is "*Le Nouveau Jeu de la Marine Royale*," which places it earlier than 1792. There may be, of course, in some of the illustrations suggestions which will enable the fixing of its period more precisely. What I am told, however, is that it is probably copied from an

earlier English game of the same kind. Whether such a game is in existence I do not know, but it seems quite a likely thing that a maritime nation like our own would be the first to produce a nautical toy of this description.

It will be seen at once that the game is like that of Mother Goose, and the race-games now more popular, played with counters and dice, or a tee-totum. The nearest approach to it in the shape of an English game I have seen was entitled "*The Log Book of a Midshipman*," and illustrated the voyages and travels of Captain Basil Hall. It would not be surprising, however, if many other naval games for children which have something more than an antiquarian value are known to members of our society, or to collectors of such trifles.

As indicating a little how it is not well to despise such seemingly insignificant aids, I may point out that a toy issued in the early part of the nineteenth century enabled me to settle a doubt about naval costume. It was a pretty little box of cardboard figures, each supplied with various articles of costume with which they could be dressed. One of the figures was that of a British naval officer.—OLAF HARTELIE.