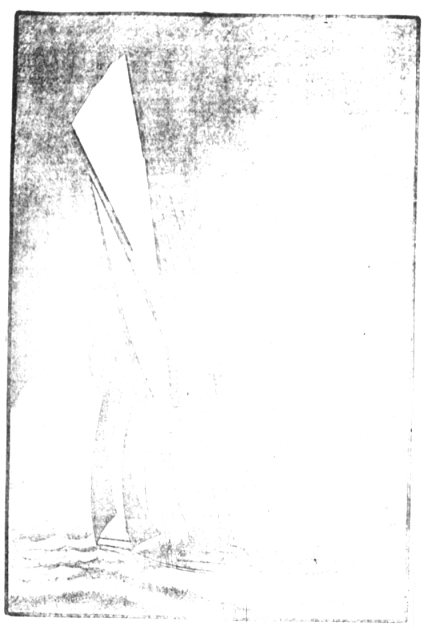
THE AMERICA'S CUP.

The noticeable feature that is associated with the historic America's cup, and which at first glance speaks volumes in favor of the temperance yachtsman, is the fact that never since the bit of silver was fashioned into the Royal Squadron One Hundred Guinea Cup—by which name it was first known—has it held intoxicating liquors of any sort. Candor compels the admission that the reason for this is that the cup has no bottom. It was more than a generation after the schooner America won the cup before this fact became known to the club members. It was during a banquet sometime in the early seventies, and when a toast was proposed to the "blue ribbon of the seas," it was suggested that the cup be brought, filled with sparkling champagne, and quaffed in flying style from that receptacle. Nels Green, the big good natured superintendent of the club, equipped with a library of great value, chart room, with charts around the world, a quaint grill room built like between decks on an old man-of-war. The model room, which is the most pretentious apartment of all, contains models and half models of all the noted yachts in the club fleet, and others of importance that fly the flag of other nations. A pretty custom of the club is to make the owner of the challenger for the America Cup an honorary member of the organization, and all those who are living today, with the single exception of the Earl of Dunraven, are members of the club. The Irish earl was at one time a member, but was requested to resign after his memorable charge against the owners of the Defender in 1895, which was repudiated without foundation.

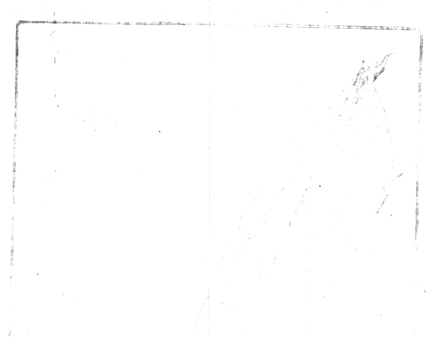
Fifty Years Ago.

More than fifty years ago before the



Other Valuable Cups.

New York Yacht Club.



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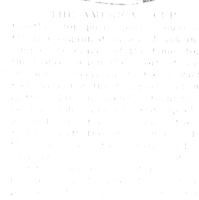

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