Busy Inventors Plan Freak Ships to Meet Navy's Needs

Battleships With Pneumatic Stilts, Cast Iron Dreadnought and Perpetual Motion Submarine Among Their Ideas

YESTERDAY the old side-winder of the top gun of the fleet, the "Vandal," was charging through the waves before Washington, being driven on a sea trial for the Navy, which is now ready for service, but which has not yet been officially accepted by the Navy Department. The ship is to be used as a target for the guns of the fleet, and its speed and range are to be determined.

The "Vandal" is a small craft, 80 feet long, and is driven by a gasoline engine, with a speed of 20 miles an hour. It is fitted with a steering mechanism, and can be steered from the cockpit of the ship, which is located at the after end of the boat. The ship is fitted with a pair of very powerful engines, which are driven by a gasoline motor, and can be controlled by the operator of the ship from the cockpit.

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