

NAUTICAL NEWS.

FROM PORTSMOUTH, COWES, AND GATHAM.

Picture.:-

H.M.S. Hood, flagship of the battle cruiser squadron--
--returns to Portsmouth. A crowd has--
--assembled on the quay, probably to see how and where the
great ship received damage. On--
--her way out to Gibraltar the week previous she had the
misfortune to collide with the Renown, off the Spanish--
--coast. The damage, however, was hardly discernible.

At the same time it was serious enough--
--to necessitate dry-docking for fairly extensive repairs.
The Renown suffered greater injury. Her stem piece was
cracked. When 41-thousand tons of ship hits another
rather smaller than herself, but not--
--much something simply has to bust. Here is a--
--ship less awesome to look. His Majesty's Yacht--
--Britannia. Today she is roused from her--
--winter inactivity at East Cowes--
--to be launched for the journey to Gosport. She has--
--to be brought up to date for competing in--
--important races of the coming--
--season's Jubilee Regatta. Mr. Charles Nicholson, designer
of the--
--'Endeavour' is advising several--
--alterations to rig and hull which will improve Britannia's
speed.

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