

## THE PHOENIX SHIPYARD

## Its First Boat, a Suspiclous Looking Vessel, Launched Yesterday.

The people that Itve along the lower Glla are pretty well accustomed by this time to seeing all manner of etramge things drifting down on the breast of that ever surprising stream. Such odd collections as rallroad bridges, ferry boats, farm houres, ctilcken coops, Itmber yerds, etc. no longer create surprise. But there was launched here yesterday something that may make their eyes bus out for it was ontenalbIy a house boat. though it may be a torpedo boat in disguise or some new manner of war vessel that has been constructed here on the quifet for the Fussians with a view of attacking Togo's fleet in the rear while he is busy heading off RoJestvensky's Baitio squadron as it enters Chinese waters.


Durling the Spring months no homeshould "ever be with"out a bottle of the Bitters. Past experience has prov'en_that a dose In time has 'saved many a iong sick spell. 'It cures 8pring Fover, General 'Debility, Indigestion, Dyspopsia. Nausea, Colds or La Grippe.


It will at the same time be a matter of news to Phoentx people to know that this ctty has a real shlp yard and that the product of it is already in evfdence.

The master mind of this shipbuildIng enterprise is a Mr. Jacoo Shively who came here not long ago from Ashland, Oregon. While Phoenix was atanding around in open mouthed wonder, not imaging before that there was so much water in the world, Mr. ShiveIy was engaged on plens to make some sise of It. He came from a country where they have had water before and a. Httle surplus does not bewllder them. Mr. Shively is 76 yeare old and theretore of sufficiently mature experfence to conduct his own business without taling the whole world into hls confldence or asking the advlee of the whole town es the average man does before he starts something.

He secured space for a drydock of the Chamberlain Lumber Co. and proceeded with the construction of the keel and firat deck, A second deck wns contemplated at flrst and the fact that the plans were changed leads to the susplcion that Mr. Shlvely had a war ship in mind and recelved a change of orders from hls prospective purchaser or employer. In the event the plans had been prevlously perfected. Anyhow it is surmised that a one decker could ereep about more stealthily than a formldable appearing boat. In lieu of a second deck or a cabin, therefore, he equipped the vessel with bows for a wagon sheet which will turn Arizona hallstgnes, the only thing one needs armor for in these waters. When atripped for action the wagon sheet may be removed

The boat was finished yesterday morming and the dry dock being some diatance from the harbor a two horse wagon was pressed into service to assist In the launching which was accomplished wthout the slightest trouble. The launching was in the presence of a vant crowd of two or three men and there was no champagne wasted or other ceremony of a publie character. The bullder announced his Intention of accompanying the crew as far at least as Yuma but he was silent concerning his laten plans. There are fears in some quarters that the boat may prove to be a submarine before it leaves American waters.
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