

NOTE TO ILLUSTRATIONS.

Armour is classed *a, b, c, d, e*, and always corresponds *approximately* to what the gun correspondingly lettered may be expected to penetrate at close range in actual practice.

These values are:—

- a* armour = 8-in. "Harv." Nickel = 9-in.
"Harv." = 11-in. compound = 17-in.
iron armour.
- b* " = armour a little inferior to the
above: about 14 in. iron.
- c* " about 5-in. H.N. = 6-in. H. = 9-in.
compound = 12-in. iron armour.
- d* " = about 4-inch H. = 6-inch com-
pound = 8-inch iron armour.
- e* " = thin armour.

As a rule only the maximum thickness of armour is mentioned.

Torpedo tubes are only noted when they are submerged. They are denoted by the letter T after the guns.

The speeds given are *approximately* those which the ships are able to make at sea at the present day, steaming continuously for some hours. Considerable care has been taken in obtaining these results, and nearly all have been supplied or revised by engineer officers in the different navies. For a short spurt many ships can exceed the results given.