

The *Dauntless*, 33 guns, screw steam-frigate, Captain Alfred P. Ryder, arrived at Sheerness on Saturday last, the 24th inst., at 9 10 a.m., from Baro Sound, in the Gulf of Finland. On the morning of the 9th she arrived in Hango Bay, and found the *Penelope* there. The *Alban* came in on the same day. She left at 10 a.m., and at 6 p.m. sighted and communicated with Admiral Corry's squadron off Dago Ort, consisting of nine sail of the line, &c., as follows:—*Neptune* flagship, *Boscawen*, *Cumberland*, *James Watt*, *Nile*, *Royal George*, *St. George*, *Prince Regent*, *Monarch*, *Euryalus*, and *Rosamond*. At midday she passed by the French fleet between Dago Ort and Gotska Sandoe. At 9 a.m. the following day she anchored in Faro Sound; found the *Majestic* and *Magicienne* in harbour. The *Majestic* sailed the same day, completely loaded with oxen of a first rate quality for the use of the fleet. She found nine prizes there taken by the *Amphion*, and remained three days coaling and fitting out the nine prizes referred to, all of which were detained under suspicious circumstances, breaking the blockade. The *Gorgon* and *Desperate* arrived on the 12th and left on the 14th, with two colliers in tow for the fleet. Five prizes also left the same day for England. The *Dauntless* sailed on the 15th for Copenhagen with four galliots in tow, all captured by other ships. On the same day she fell in with the Swedish and Norwegian fleet at 1 p.m., consisting of eight sail, as follows, two line-of-battle ships, one bearing the flag of a Rear-Admiral, four frigates, one corvette, and a brig. She exchanged salutes with the fleet. On the 16th she communicated with the *Cuckoo* steam gunboat, Lieutenant-Commander Murray, off the north end of Bornholm. After passing through the Cattegat, it blowing heavy gales from the south-west, she was obliged to cast off the vessels, and send the prize crews on board to convey them to England. She arrived at Copenhagen on the 18th, and found the *Zephyr* steam gunboat there, which vessel left for the fleet the same day. She sent on shore 23 Russian merchant seamen, taken out of the prizes. 27 others, including masters, mates, and seamen, are coming home in their respective vessels. The *Dauntless* has brought home 16 invalids, all of whom have been sent to Melville Hospital in the steam tender *Wildfire*, accompanied by the assistant-surgeon, [W. S. Roche, Mr. Doyle, assistant-engineer of the first class, who is superseded at his own request; and Mr. Boxer, late second-master of the *Amphion*, to join a gunboat which he is appointed to. Mr. George K. Keeton, chief engineer, has received orders to join one of the steam reserve ships at Devonport. His leaving the *Dauntless* is sincerely regretted by her officers.

Lieutenant Charles Woodman, of this ship, on the 8th of April last, in the act of unhooking the tacklefall of one of the quarter boats (which was being lowered for the purpose of saving a boy, named William Winney, who fell out of the head and was unfortunately drowned), got his right hand jammed and two of his fingers broken and most severely crushed.

The *Dauntless* has been employed during the last ten weeks in cruising between Hango and Sweaborg, reconnoitering the Russian fleet, which consists of ten sail of the line, one frigate, and two steamvessels of war. The ten sail of the line are all moored in the harbour in such a position as to be able to concentrate their broadsides on the entrance of the harbour, into which only one ship can pass at a time. Frequently during her cruising within from a mile and a half to two miles of the batteries of Sweaborg, the Russian officers and soldiers could be clearly seen at their guns, while the officers of the *Dauntless* were quietly taking the soundings and sketches of the batteries, ships, dockyard, town, &c. Although she has come home with machinery, boilers, &c., deranged, she is very far from being inefficient as a sailing man-of-war, having a thoroughly well disciplined and well officered crew. It is not yet known whether it will be found necessary to send her to Woolwich for repairs. A survey by the professional officers will take place to-day for inspecting her machinery, &c.; her other defects are of a trifling nature, and could soon be made good. She brought home large mails from the Baltic fleet, all of which were landed on Saturday last, and left Sheerness on Saturday night at 8 o'clock by the usual mail. A very considerable number of packages and parcels are continually arriving, addressed to "the Admiral's office, for passage to the Baltic;" but, most unfortunately for the consignees, the Port-Admiral does not consider himself justified in sending them by steamvessel to the Downs for vessels passing from the western ports to the Baltic, unless there shall be seamen to draught from here for service in the Baltic, and ordered to take passage by such vessels from the Downs.

By a letter from Memel dated the 20th inst., the Holy-