

CAPT. ARNOLD'S NEW YACHT.

During last year Capt. J. G. Arnold, the well-known Mannum merchant and shipbuilder, went for a sea trip to Tasmania and Victoria in his yacht *Acacia* (writes our Mannum correspondent). On his return the captain decided upon a more ambitious voyage round Australia, taking in the islands. To do this it is necessary to have an easily handled, seaworthy boat. Capt. Arnold decided to build his own to his own design in his own yards, and under his personal supervision. The plans were prepared, and a start was made last August. Mr. P. Clawson was engaged to do the building. The work went steadily on until Thursday, when the boat was ready to take the water. The stanch little vessel, which will be yawl rigged, is built of Australian timber, the hull being of well-seasoned jarrah and the deck and fittings of kauri pine. She measures 51 ft. 6 in. over all, with a 15-ft. beam and a 46 ft. 11 in. waterline. She has a moulded depth of 4 ft. 9 in., and a draught of 7 ft. 2 in., and her sail area is 1,561 square ft. The vessel will be fitted with a 15-h.p. petrol engine, built by the Berguis Launch Company of Glasgow. The yacht will have cabin accommodation, including the necessary cook's galley. Capt. Arnold, with his usual thoughtfulness, issued invitations to the launching, and a large company assembled at the shed on Thursday afternoon to witness the ceremony. When everything was ready Capt. Arnold asked Nurse Sutherland, of the Mannum Hospital, to christen the boat. The nurse, in performing the ceremony, wished Capt. Arnold and his friends a safe and happy voyage, and named the boat *The Four Winds*. The ropes were then cut, and the beautiful little craft went into the water with scarcely a ripple. Capt. Arnold thanked Nurse Sutherland for her christening the yacht, and asked her to accept a small present from him as a memento of the occasion. Cr. A. G. Bolto (Chairman of the Mannum District Council) moved a vote of congratulation to Capt. Arnold for having designed, built, and successfully launched such a beautiful yacht. He hoped that "the four winds" would treat the boat kindly on her journey. Wherever Capt. Arnold went he would carry with him the affections of the Mannum people. Dr. M. W. Sprod, in support, understood that the boat they had seen launched that day was the finest one of its kind built in Australia. Capt. Arnold, in reply, paid a tribute to the work of the builder (Mr. P. Clawson), who, he said, had taken a pride in his work. The boat was his masterpiece. Mr. David Shearer, in behalf of the assemblage, joined with the other speakers in wishing the voyagers a successful trip. Messrs. W. Paddon and M. Walker supported.