

A NAVAL FAMILY.



Mr. AND Mrs. HEWITT AND THEIR SAILOR SONS.

"**H**APPY is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." So sang the Psalmist of old, and true enough, indeed, are those words in the present case.

Some time ago, there was a great stir made about a mother having six sons in the Army; but now, in its modest way the sister Service, goes "one better," and presents a picture of father and mother with seven sons in the Navy. What a queen amongst women would have been that Spartan mother who could have sent, like Mrs. Hewitt, her seven sons to join Leonidas to fight for king and country.

Everyone will allow that this is a grand specimen of an English family. They are a chief stoker, three 1st class petty officers, one able-bodied seaman, and two privates of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The two latter are reckoned as seamen, for the Navy cannot afford to part from its "Joeys," as the marines are familiarly termed. They only allow the military authorities the honour of calling them soldiers when they are ashore.

Even in the present day marines have been seen on the fore yard lending the fore-castle men a hand to furl the fore sail.