

we are masters of the world." The danger to Great Britain was very grave, but Napoleon had not reckoned with the people with whom he had to deal. Addington was forced to resign, and Pitt was again called to the helm. He at once took active measures to guard against the proposed invasion, and to enlist the aid of the European powers.

That the French did not set foot on British soil was due largely to the untiring vigilance of Admiral Lord Nelson. During a period of twenty months he was stationed off Toulon, and during that time he left his ship only three times, and for less than an hour on each occasion. But one stormy night, the French managed to escape, and joining the Span-



SOME OF NELSON'S SHIPS

ish fleet, made for the West Indies. This, however, was only a ruse, and as soon as Nelson had been lured into following them, the French and Spanish fleet returned to home waters. But Nelson, not finding them in the West Indies, suspected their design, and hurried back to England, nearly heart-broken at the way in which he had been tricked. In the meantime, the French and Spaniards had arrived at home, had fought a losing battle with a British fleet under Sir Robert Calder, and taken refuge in the harbour of Cadiz.

On October the 21st, 1805, the French and Spanish