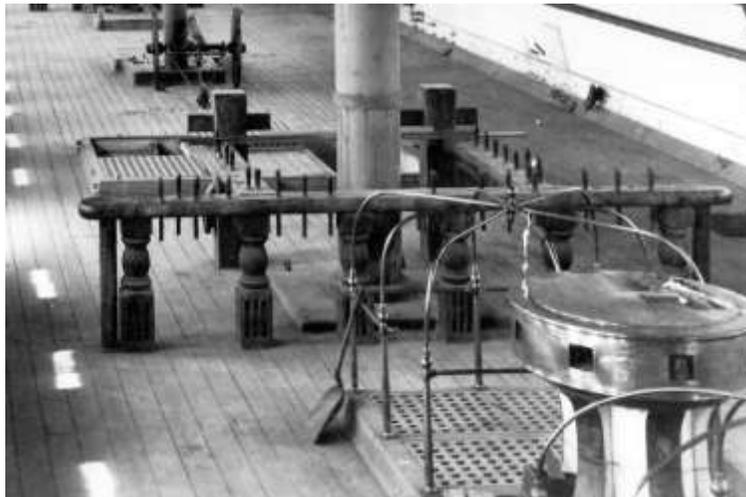


Spar Deck

***Constitution's* arched hatch stanchions & railings were likely installed when *Constitution* was a Naval Academy training ship, c. 1860. During the War of 1812, the ship had low railings and stanchions. After the war Dr. Amos Evans, *Constitution's* surgeon, described that a projectile had hit the “copper railing” of the hatch near the wheel and that a piece of the railing became embedded in Bainbridge’s leg.**



***Constitution*, c.1895, Portsmouth, as Receiving ship – USN photo**

***Constitution*, spar deck, c. 1931 – USN photo**



***Constitution vs. Java*, (above), A.O. Fischer, Navy Art Coll.**

