"To your stations, every one of you! He

The enen were cowed into obedience. Al-

mest before they realized what had been

league, clogged the propellors and the steer-

ing gear and so silenced the throbbing of

There were scowlings and mutterings

mong the men when they realized what

they had done, but when the sharp com-

mands of their captain rang out over the

deck they sprang to ebey with a celerity

which at least evidenced their belief that

through him only could they hope to escape

from the dilemma. The engineers and their

enachinists were directed to unahip the pro-

pellers from their shafts, for she was a

twin-screw steamer of the latest modern

type. These were sent inboard, and were

housed in the hold, the rudder chains were

hauled taut and lashed immovably, and the

rudder itself was pinioned in its place with

iron clamps. Then the iron tubes through

her engines.

*********************************** THE SALLIE JOHNSON DERELICT.

An Adventurous Voyage to the Saragossa Sea.

By FREDERIC VAN RENSSELAER DEY.

South Atlantic ocean."

"Very true," responded the captain's viscapitalist, not yet past the prime of life, office records her as the Sallie Johnson. who had attained the portly physique. Does that explanation satisfy you?" plethoric pocketbook, placed countenance and easy conscience of the successful and not overscrupulous business man. His dignity never deserted him, and yet it was always that easy dignity which is frequently mistaken for cordiality, but which is never really more than diplomacy. "Very true, he repeated, after a moment's 'nevertheless, facts are facts, and the information that I possess is one that has frequently been re-established by those same official hydrographic reports. The derelict did exist up to a date not yet six months old, for it was at that time sighted, identified and reported. Prior to that time she had not been reported for almost a year, which is circumstantial evidence that it may be presumed to be in existence yet. If it is in existence, I believe that you can find it. If you discover it, the \$5,000,000 which it contains belongs to us. One-fifth to you and the balance to me, because I undertake to meet the entire expense of the expedition, beside paying you a competent salary for your services. I cannot understand why you hesitate, when you have everything to gain and nothing to lese, and where even the element of personal danger need not be taken into consideration for I cannot see that there is any involved. Of course, I shall accompany you on the

Richard Darrington swung himself out of the chair in which he had been half buried and, striking a quarter-deck attitude before his companion, with his feet wide spart as if to resist the furching of a rolling ship, with his thumbs in the armholes of his waistcoat and with his pipe held firmly between his white and even teath, said deliberately, but firmly: "I will tell you in one sentence why I hesitate, It is because you have not told me half the story. When I was in the navy I always left port with scaled orders, which I could not open until I was far at sea. I am no longer in the navy and I will not again, for you or any man, hegin a voyage in that way. If you are willing to tell me all there is to tell I will listen and doubtless accept the commission you offer me. Unless you are willing to do so, let us change the subject."

"There are others, Captain Darington, who might not be so arbitrary," said the capitalist, coldly.

"Then apply to them," responded Darrington. "As for me, I will have none of it upon any other conditions than those I have named," and the stern ex-naval officer re-

thought and he drummed the ends of his minutes west longitude, 28 degrees 15 min- from time to time sent in by the captains came to them from distances, and it was as "It is great!" exclaimed though they had glided into another world, enthusiasm. "It is magnificent who had sighted her the hydraulic office had though they had glided into another world, enthusiasm. "It is magnificent who had sighted her the hydraulic office had though they had glided into another world, enthusiasm." with a low, tuneless whistling which escaped his lips

"Very well." he exclaimed with sudden impulse, "you shall have the story as I know it. Afterward, if you will go to my. house with me, you shall see the proofs of its verity; all this, however, with the enderstanding that you accept the commission and we sail within the week, or as soon as our preparations can be completed." Darrington made no reply and Gregory, accepting the silence as implied consent

continued: "You are aware, Captain Darrington, that until a little more than a year ago, I was ongaged in the South American trade; and rou should know, if you do not, that my succas in that business was due almost endrely to the influence that I possessed with the foremost men of those revolutionary countries, with which I did business. If there was a concession to be obtained, I could always secure it against every compet Even the private affairs of many of the great men of those revolutionary countries frequently came under my personal care. Such men as Blanco, Crespo, Ezeta, were their political opponents and enemies consulted me, or left their private fortunes in my hands for safekeeping or distribution, when about to organize a fresh revolution. They knew by their own experience and by the experience of others before them that the

trust would be fulfilled. It is in such a manner as this that I became possessed of the knowledge of the existence of the forocean, concealed in the hold of a waterlogged derelict, and without a human being. save myself (and you, now I have told you of it), aware of its existence."

He paused, as if expecting some commen from his companion, but there was none; and presently he went on again:

"It is not necessary that I should mention the names of those who were originally interested in this fortune. Suffice it to say that there is no person now alive who possesses, or who may possess any legal claim to this amount in gold, which is stored in ten different compartments of the wandering derelict. The compartments were prepared expressly for what they now contain, and \$500,000 was stowed in each one of them. I have in my possession a set of blue-print tracings of the vessel, showing where each they may be discovered and made to disgorge their treasures. These blue prints came into my possession in a perfectly natural way were delayed in transmission nearly three years, so that when I did receive them there remained no possibility of fulfilling the trust that had been imposed upon me, and, besides, there was a saving clause among the documents which bestowed the wealth absolutely upon me in the event of certain contingencies happening. Every one of those contingencies had arisen before I received the documents and tracings, and in addition to that, the vessel which contained the treasure had never been spoken or heard from since she started on her voyage to New York. I say never heard from; that is, however, not strictly true, since a part of her crew were picked up and saved by a tramp steamer bound for China. These men re-ported the total wreck of their vessel, the loss of their officers and half the crew, and their own narrow escape from death. It was with great difficulty that I got trace of them and subsequently became convinced that the treasure ship had gone to the bottom.

'Not very long ago it happened by acci dent that I examined one of the official hydrographic reports, and there I saw the name of this very vessel, as describing one of the hundreds of derelicts which are floating about the seas as constant menaces

"You have thus far neglected to mention the name of this derelict," interposed Darrington quietly, but not without irony.

"He patient," was the quick response. "for since I have chosen to relate the story I will tell it all. She was called the Sallie

(Copyright, 1900, by Fred Van R. Dey.) the South American port, from which she "As near as I can make out from the de- subsequently suited, Inden with gold, but tails you have given me," said Captain Dar- ostensibly with a cargo of fruits and spices, rington, applying a lighted match to his consigned to my house, of which I was at freshly replenished pipe, and for a moment that time the head, she had been purchased vanishing amid the cloud of smoke which and fitted up expressly for a treasure ship. he ejected, "there is about as much chance Her original officers and crew were disof our finding the long-lost derelict as there charged, well paid for their consent to forego is of discovering the proverbial needle in the shipping articles they had signed. The the much abused stack of hay. The records name of the vessel-she was a bark-was of the hydrographic office have demon- changed to La Paloma, and under that name strated repeatedly that earth, nor sky, nor she cleared for New York, although the hazardous voyage. Everything that could a tentacled octopus as she advanced, and sea, possesses a more erratic or unstable formality of painting out her former name quantity than the wandering derelict of the and port of halling was neglected, and as a its owner and Captain Darrington had unce-dereffet, which she now is, she is known

> "Quite so, Mr. Gregory. Your information seems to be exact. It will, however, concerning the voyage and its results, be difficult to locate her, if, indeed, she she was last reported?"
> "About six months ago.

"Where was she at that time?"

she become involved in it. I refer to an is reached. invention of my own, which in a few words With deliberate calmness, but with flashis a hydraulic steering gear, but which ing eyes and with stern demeaner, he drew may also, if occasion demands, be utilized two revolvers from his pockets and policed as a motive power as well. With it I can them in his hands, Gregory, standing beside force her through the water, not more him, did likewise; and then the voice of rapidly than three or four knots per hour. Darrington, clearer and louder than before but it is a force which seems presistible up | rang out in stern command. to that point. It affords no impediments, such as propeller flanges, rudders and steer- who disobeys me now, or refuses instant ing gear, to become entangled in your Sara- and perfect compliance with orders, dies! gossa weeds, but on the contrary, assumes Officer of the deck, head on, full speed!" the utility of both. That is why I do not and he pointed one of the revolvers full dread the Saragorsa sea. That is why I at the breast of the frightened man. honestly believe that I can force my vessel through it from one extremity to the other."

A week later the private yacht of Stephen done the yacht leaped forward at full speed, Gregory, flying the pennant of the New and ten minutes later plunger headlong into York Yacht club, was bounding through the the mass of tangled weeds and roots and muddy waters of the gulf stream on its drifting things, which closed behind it like be done to simplify or lighten the task that which, before she had secomplished half a taken was accomplished. The hydrographic by the name which she bore when she left office had provided them with every in-A-vis. whose personal appearance afforded the stocks and glided down the ways at formation it possessed and Darrington, in instant evidence of what he was, a retired Yarmouth. The United States hydrographic addition to studying charts and data and examining thoroughly the documents and tracings in the possession of Gregory, had imbibed all the enthusiasm of his owner

Also, with the thoroughness of an expestill floats. When was it, did you say, that rienced naval officer, he had examined and experimented with the hydraulic apparatus with which the yacht was provided, and he had convinced himself that Gregory had not The capitalist took a memorandum from overestimated the possibilities of his invenhis pocket and after studying it for a mo-tion. He was satisfied that with judgment ment read aloud as follows: "Derelict, Sallie, he might venture at least a little way into Johnson, reported by Captain Graham of the the maze of weeds and drifting things so steamer Scorpion, bound from Buenos Ayres dreaded by sailors of all classes since the to Liverpool. In the tailend of a gale nor'- ocean became a known and traveled high-east by east, still raging at number "five." way.



THEN THE VOICE OF DARRINGTON RANG OUT IN STERN COMMAND, "TO YOUR STATIONS, EVERY ONE OF YOU!

laxed the attitude he had taken and re-seated himself in the chair.

Sighted derelict about four bells in the During the several years since the Sallie morning watch, December 13. No observa- Johnson became a derelict her wanderings For several moments Mr. Gregory was tion except dead reckoning for three days, had been confined to the boundaries desilent. His brows were knitted in deep Location of derelict probably 41 degrees 20 scribed by Gregory, and from the reports heavy seas. Derelict headed due west, but these tracings Darrington possessed, and owing to the gale making sternway almost during the first month of the search they to leeward. Decks awash. Hull compara- followed them in a zigzag course, hoping that tively buoyant. If gale continues, in my opinion, she will make the Saragossa sca her before still directed her. and disappear. There, captain, you have a her. I have the hydrographic official tracings of her supposed wanderings since she became a derelict, during which time she has covered approximately 5,000 miles over a zig-zag course between the Caribbean sea on the west, the neighborhood of the Azores on the east, latitude 48 degrees on the north and the margin of the Saragossa sea on the south. Somewhere within those boundaries I believe that we will find her, if she is still affoat, unless, indeed, she has lost herself among the weeds and debris of the Saragossa region. And, man" he exclaimed, leaping to his feet with more excitement than he had yet shown, "we must penetrate even there, if need be, to find her."

"Humph!" said Captain Darrington, com-

placently leaning back in his chair, and emitting a volume of smoke worthy of the Balmaceda, Acosta of Peru, and others who funnel of a man-of-war. "Have you any idea what the Saragossa sea is like? Do you know how impossible it is to penetrate it, or having penetrated it, to escape again into the open sea? If your Sallie Johnson has found entrance there, \$5,000,000 is too small a price for its deliverance, or \$500,-000,000 for that matter. Once involved in that labyrinth of weeds and wrecks, there tune in gold that is now floating aimlessly, is straight to the coral beds beneath it. is only one exit for a sailorman, and that about the southern currents of the Atlantic However, it may not have entered there. The Saragossa sea, although deadly in its embraces, repulses with the same power aggressions upon its domain. The came weeds which entangle and hold everything direction and velocity of the wind blowing at they grasp, repulse with cushion-like obstinacy the storm-driven wrocks and derelicts which wind and currents force that the northeast branch of the guif stream and way. A decelict wandering at the will of wind and waves will gilde for hundreds of . miles along the edges of that dreary place was doubtless the point at which the Salile and never enter there; but when one is Johnson had forced an entrance into the driven by the force of a gale such as Captain Graham describes, end on against it. it is more than likely that the violence of the storm has opened crevices in the weedy mase, through which the wreck may be forced and forever lost to human knowledge. I have no doubt that there are wrecks of these compariments is located and how and derelicts in that mysterious region now, which have been affeat for scores of years. and which may continue to float as many more. I have no doubt that there are other fortunes there as great as this one which has excited your cupidity and mine. I say this, Mr. Gregory, not to argue against the

> its embrace. "I do not wholly agree with you, Darrington," Mr. Gregory replied after meditating for some time upon what the cap- sternly addressed them for the last time. tain had just said. " I realize that my

expedition we are to undertake, but to im-

press upon you the absolute futility of con-

tinuing the search beyond the margin of

Johnson, Yarmouth, as she pitched in the made tracings of her voyaging. Copies of the winds and currents that had influenced

A month was consumed in this manner literal copy of the last report concerning when the yacht put in at the island of Martinique for recoaling, and then the search was resumed.

Practically the same methods were pursued; the same zigzag courses were laid and the same waters searched with watchful eyes and unceasing vigilance.

But without reward. No derelict of any lescription was sighted. The vessels that they spoke from time to time had sighted none, and knew of none, and sincerely hoped they never might; so that at last, after nearly four months voyaging and three times recoaling, they found themselves one midday in latitude 27 degrees north and longitude 40 degrees west, with silent engines, floating upon the placid, glass-like surface of the sea, which washes against the wilderness of weeds so aptly named Saragossa. All hope of discovering the derelict outside that labyrinth of weeds had been abandoned, and now they found themselves confronted by a difficulty unforeseen. The sailors on board the yacht positively refused to assist in taking her into that unknown and mysterious place and were on the point of mutiny. Commands, entreaties and promises of reward were alike unavailing. men refused to go, and there seemed no help for it but to abandon the enterprise at the moment when it seemed nearest to success, and when already many thousands of dollars had been expended.

Calculating upon the basis of the report made by Captain Graham (the last concern ing the Salite Johnson) and estimating the that time, together with the possible influence exerted upon the floating derelict by the suction of the North African current, the position in which the yacht now floated sea of weeds. If it had glided along the northern and northeastern margin until it felt the North African current, it was probable that it would have been carried that through the Guinea current and thence into one of the two great currents to the south, the main equatorial or one of the branches of the southern connecting In that case years of research might not accomplish her discovery.

These exigencies of the case had been thoroughly discussed between the two men, the captain and the capitalist. They had decided with their hydraulic apparatus to force their way into the Saragossa sea at the point where they believed the derelict bark must have entered it, if at all, and that sea of weeds, ahould we ultimately de- if they could not find it after doing the eide that the Sallie Johnson has fallen into best that could be done to do so, to abandon the search forever. Now they were held back by the mutiny of the crew.

Darrington had the men piped aft, and "Men," he said, and his voice was like ignorance concerning these matters is as the ship's bell, ringing clear and true. profound as your knowledge is complete, "there are reasons why I do not blame you Nevertheless, I do not agree with you; and for objecting to enter upon this unknown my reasons are these: First, I have absolute sea. That you have superstitions concernconfidence in your ability as a sailor and as ing it, I know: I possessed them myself, an executive officer and I have entire faith until I was convinced that this vessel posin your courage; second, I believe in my sesses a power which can defy its dangers, from which she had hailed, "Ya-," yacht, which you know to be, with the With scarcely an exception, you have been exception of the interior decorations, the in the employ of Mr. Gregory since this vessister ship to William K. Vanderbilt's Val- sel was launched. Has she ever been a its place. The hydraulic apparatus was set lant. She is fully stocked and stored in jonah? Has she ever made an unlucky voy- in motion again, and the weeds and wrecks preparation for this cruise and she is age, or fallen in with an ominous event, and were pushed aside until the nose of the manned by a crew who, almost without ex- will you who are sailors all abandon a ves- yacht was thrust against the half-sunken ception, have been with me since she was sel which has been your mascot always? bull of the long-lost derelies. The excitelaunched. She has a coal capacity for \$.000 More than that, will you formake a man ment communicated itself to the men, almiles, which is almost unprecedented in a who has been your friend as well as your though they did not know for what they vessel of her size and build, but I sacri- employer, because you see shead of you a really searched. fixed much to gratify that one whim. She suggestion of danger? Are you sailors "My men," called out the captain, stepis arrong and fleet and is provided with tried and true, or are you cowards? One ping amidahips to be nearer to them, "we duplicate and often with triplicate paris more word and I have finished. I am cap- have arrived at our destination. In a to her machinery. In addition to these vir- tain here, and I will be obeyed. The man hours our work will have been performed.

which the hydraulic force was to be exerted were shipped and adjusted. The connections were made with the mighty number so that all of the exertive power of boilers and engines might be applied to them and through them. Rehabilitated in this way for her excursion smong the weeds, steam was once more adnitted to the cylinders, the mighty pumps began their work and the gallant vessel forged ahead again defiantly. There was no longer anything left exposed which the floating mass could clog or hinder, nor had

it sufficient solidity to impede her course, which, although slow, was sure. Great masses of the floating debris gathered like hillocks in front of her and on either quarter, only to waste away and settle again into their former soddenness, when she had passed and the pressure was removed. Which directed the way to the hidden mil Astern, the channel that she cut closed together again almost instantly, as moist sand fills in a human footprint. It seemed the captain at last, thrusting the papers her way through yielding masses of earth and brushwood, instead of floating on the this fortune. The other half lies on the star

sea itself. The sailors, at first terrified, became confident when they realized that the mass of watched with unceasing interest, and some then, I grant you, the thought would be ten with superstitious awe, the towering hillocks of reeking slimy weeds which sometimes only to disappear again to an undulating mass of sodden evenness astern.

It was two bells in the afternoon watch \$500,000 in gold in each; \$2,500,000 in all." when the yacht entered the Saragossa sea. An hour had been consumed in making the alterations in her machinery, so that when he sun went down, as it did about 6 o'clock, left twenty miles of weeds behind them.

Then the engines were stilled, and everywhat a night it was!

surface. Louder and still stranger noises hands and remove it." heretofore unvisited by man.

that night. Uncanny sights and sounds dis-

should eight a derelict; and they had not produced and the work commenced, made three more knots through the weedy There were solid masses of weed-grown rotten bits of planking that he cut away. wrecks, brown with age and mold, and green and red and yellow with moss and vegetable and peering through, he saw a heap of canfungi. Some were comparatively new, and vas bags, and he knew that part of the here and there a deck-house showed itself treasure was found. among the stagnant growth. Others were



WILL TELL YOU IN ONE SENTENCE WHY I HESTATE.

so old and besodden and pulpy that one hour later, with her great pumps working to wondered why they did not sink. Every stage their full capacity, she was forcing her way of decay to which the handiwork of man is back again through the sea of weeds, home heir was here in evidence, and over it all ward bound. there hung an indescribable odor of wretch- Of the fortune they had sought to reclaim edness, of misery, of decay and death. There scarcely one-twentieth part was recovered. were living things there, too; strange, and Gregory, after paying Darrington his world; and even the stout heart of Captain left among his crew. Darrington faltered and trembled with If there lives a man quite brave enough alarm at what he saw.

his way back again to the open sea, he longitude of the spot for his adventure. raised his binoculars and swept one more searching glance about him, upon that huddled mass of rlowly revolving, decaying, forgotten wreckage. His arms dropped at his sides. He ut-

tered an exclamation of amazement. Before heart of the lettuce leaves and chep them him, not half a mile away, listed to star- Drain all the liquid from a can of peas and board so that only the port half of her deck then wash the peas in cold water. Pu and hull could be seen, he discovered the bject of their search. The water covered add two tenspoons of augar and a few mishalf the name yet visible upon her stern, but leaves finely minced. Then put in two he could read enough to satisfy him that he was right. "Sallie Jo--" gleamed at him above the weeds, and beneath it were the first two letters of the name of the port

In an instant his momentary trepidation motionwas forgotten and excitement took

tues she possesses one which I believe will who refuses to obey will be prosecuted for I thank you for your courage. I ask your Johnson, of Yarmouth. When she entered save her from the Saragossa sea, should mutiny, if I do not kill him before a port patience yet a little while. When next Jap Rose, Soap Carries the perfume of natural roses. Delightful for Coilet and Bath. KIRK makes it. DEALERS sell it.

we're under weigh our bow will be pointed toward the open sea and home. Three cheers now for your owner and the yacht. "Aye, and for the captain, too," shouted resonant voice from the forecastle, and they were given with a hearty will.

. Below in the cabin Darrington and Greg ory worked long over the blue print plan

"There is only one way, Gregory," said indeed almost as if the yacht were forcing aside and rising to pace the cabin deck. "We an, at best, recover no more than half of soard side out of our reach, and it were eadly to any man to seck it in this awful place. Were the Sailie floating on an even weeds could not imprison them. They keel, as last reported by Captain Graham, ble; as it is, it is out of the question. Your plans here show us that five of the ten comgrew to ominous proportions, dead ahead, partments in which the gold was stored, lie along the port side of the hold, just above what is now her water line. There are "And that, Derrington, you believe we can

save?" asked Gregory, eagerly. "Yes, or nearly all of it, if we work with system and with care. I have figured out Captain Darrington estimated that they had the measurements here," placing his hand upon a sheet of paper that laid upon the ta-"They are mathematically exact. bing was made snug for the night; and can put my finger over the precise spo where each compartment is located. The mass of weeds which surrounded must bore through the hull at these placesthem on every side seemed to be on fire. I have indicated them here-saw out sec Strange prosphorescent lights gleamed over tions of the planking, penetrate to the inner them like darting flames, unlike anything bull, pierce that in the same manner, and they had ever witnessed before. Swishing, the gold-the treasure for which we have gliding, rustling noises tiled the air, as if searched so long-will be exposed to our serpents were at play upon that treacherous view, where we have but to reach in our

"It is great!" exclaimed Gregory, with Out upon the deck the men were grouped There were sleepless eyes aboard the yacht along the starboard rail, viewing and discussing the derelict. The captain closely pelled all thought of slumber, and the watch followed by Gregory, issued from the cabin. upon the deck comprised the whole ship's Hasty orders were given, three of the machinists were detailed as assistants, meas-But with the dawn of another day the urements were taken from bow to stern o illusions of the night were dispelled. Greg- the floating wreck and from the freeboard ory offered a reward to the first man who down, augers and saws and other tools were

it went on joyously for quite a time, th mass before a dozen were discovered. An- excitement which neither the captain no other knot and the yacht seemed to be in Gregory could conceal, imparting itself to the vortex of the Saragossa sea, around the men. At last the inner hull was pierced which the mass of weeds and floating things | Captain Darrington's own hands plied the revolve, drawing all things to its center. saw. Piece by piece he flung aside the half. Then the aperture stared open before him.

> Reaching in his hand, he drew one ou with difficulty, and passed it to the deck where Gregory seized upon it with delight Then another and yet others till they ceased to count, and only viewed the growing heap

> littered upon the deck. And then, while yet there were other still unrescued. Captain Darrington felt a trembling shudder beneath him where he knelt upon the rotting derelict.

His sailor-lore told him all too surely what t was and what it meant. He leaped to his feet with a warning cry to his companions. With one impulse, they sprang for the rail of the already heeling

yacht. "Axes, and cut away for your lives," cried the captain, as he seized the rail. "The wreck is sinking, and will drag us down. Quick-for your lives!"

They were none too quick. The dereliet like an over-soaked sponge which yet has buoyancy enough to float, lost that buoyancy when her side was pierced, and the gases generated there were permitted to escape She loosened her faint hold upon life and disappeared beneath the waves, dragging the yacht's nose under, loading her deck with sedden sea weed, and almost making a wreck of her.

But the men worked quickly and with a will. She righted and was saved, and an

crawling, writhing creatures, as of another share, divided a large portion of what was

to search the bottom of the aca where the Then while he stood appalled, with the Sallie Johnson sank, Captain Darrington will impulse growing upon him to turn and make acquaint him with the exact latitude and THE END.

> Lettuce and Peas Combined. An original sort of dish is made by com bining lettuce with canned peas. Take the them in a saucepan with the chopped lettucsmall slices of cold ham, one tablespoon o butter and two tablespoons of water and pepper to taste. Let the whole simme slowly until the peas are tender. Remove the pieces of ham and add one cup of cream Let this stew for a moment longer, then

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The Franco-German war of 1870, with all its horrors and terrible loss of life, still bures in the memory of most living. For many years previous a bad feeling existed between France and Prussia and both great powers had been getting their armies in readiness and were armed to the teeth. Distrustful and full of hate to each other, they soon found themselves in a position from which neither could retreat with honor and an appeal to the sword was the only alternative. The Spanish crown offered the Prince of Hohencollern, in June, 1870, and being accepted by him, caused the interference of Prussia, which the French government resented, feeling that Prussia had no right to interfere in Spanish affairs, and step by step the quarrel grew, and although Great Britain and other European powers tried to avert an open rupture and to preserve the peace of Europe, the war spirit was madly popular in both Prussia and France. At last, on the 15th of July, 1870, the crisis came. The Duke of Grammont told Lord Lyons, the British ambassador, that "The Prussian government had deliberately insulted France by declaring to the public that the king had affronted the French ambassador. It was evidently the intention of the king of Prussia to take credit with the people of Germany for having acted with haughtiness and discourtesy-in fact to humilitate France." Emperor Napoleon, as early as the 8th of July had moved forward his troops, and on the 15th of July war was declared by the French government to exist between France and Prussia. Al! Paris was in an uproar of delight. The declaration of war made Napoleon popular with his subjects and the Chambers, by an averwhelming vote, granted a credit of 50,000,000 francs for the army and 16,000,000 for the navy. The war was carried on with vast expenditure of force on both sides, and war was brought to a close after seven months of awful bloodshed and almost daily battles, the details of which are wo harrowing to parrate. The Germans lost 6,247 officers and 123,453 men. The total losses of the French were incalculable. Strasburg and Metz, which Germany had lost in a time of weakness, were reconquered, and the German Empire had arisen anew. and France had thrown off bondage and had become a free nation-a republic. Se good came out of evil.

While reflecting upon these eventful times, M. Jean Batiste Edouard Detaille, the great and famous French painter, was inspired with the idea of painting his world famous picture, "The Defense of Champigny."

Before giving a few facts, a description of this magnificent painting, an outline of the village that has been made so famous, may be here narrated. Champigny, with a population of over 2,000 might almost be described as a beautiful suburb of Paris. It lies five miles east, southeast of the gay city. Here business men from the busy capital and picnic parties wend their way for a quiet rest, fresh air, and to take in the rural and pretty landscapes. Here, scattered through the village, were lovely homes or chateaus, surrounded with well-laid-out gardens and lawns, full of sweet-scented and pretty flowers and beautiful trees, casting a heavenly and peaceful aspect all around. But this beautiy was to be marred by the ravages of war, to be trampled down by the soldiers and implements of war, for, situated as it is, on the Marne, it was selected as a place for a sortie on behalf of the French army, and here on November 30th until December 2nd, 1870, was the scene of protracted and bloody encounters between the French troops under colonel Ducrot and the Germans, and on December 3rd the French recrossed the Marne, having slain 5,900 Germans and sustained a less of from 10,000 to 12,000 men and leaving Champigny a waste. M. Detaille's painting of The Defense of Champigny, 1870, holds a most prominent position in New York. It is now hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park, and is valued at over \$60,000.

THE BALLOON-By Julien Dupre.

The subject treats of a group of peasants in the harvest-field. The peasants have spent the morning raking and stacking hay, the sun is at its zenith, not a breath of air is stirring, you can almost hear the bees as they buzz from flower to flower, and away off in the distance is seen a balloon floating majestically in the clear, blue sky. Evidently the villagers are holding their country fair, and a balloon ascension is one of the features. The group consisting of the peasant and his family are in the picturesque costume of the country. They have all stopped work and stand with their rakes in their hands gazing intently at the distant balloon. Wonder, awe and admiration are blended in their expressive faces, and revealed in their attitudes. The subject has been treated with those soft, mellow tints which its artist knows so well how to paint, and recalls to the mind many just such incidents in our childhood life. It is justly popular, both on account of its artistic quality and deep human interest with which it has been clothed.

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