

and I was too tired to wait. My name

is Estcourt, captain of her majesty's

ship Niobe, when you bring me to her."

in the service myself once; but I wasn't

by no such feeling, and went on.
"I was broke for a trifle," he said;
"a young man's folly. But I don't know

that I've been much the worse. It's a

'Where shall I breakfast?" he asked.

"With me," said the captain. "You'll

find me pretty snug below, and that's

don't care how many trips I make in

Dick could hardly say that he hoped

never to make another voyage in the

brig, or that he already wished this one

was over; but both thoughts came dis-

his garrulous companion; "just a stroke

o' luck. I'd nothing to do for long

enough, and was getting a bit down;

and then suddenly my lords find them-

selves short of a hand, and come run-

ning to me, cap off, and money down on

to me," said Dick; "they were in a hur-

crew to carry his majesty's stores, let

alone his majesty's officers," he added,

'Oh!" said Dick, "what sort of fel-

"All sorts," answered the captain,

"and more than that. There's English

Jacks and French Johnnies, and a cou-

ple o' Spaniards and a nigger; I never

saw such a first-to-hand lot in my life.

They're willing enough, you know, but

The brig herself looks to be fast and

it's the rummest crew to be working

well found," said Dick, with an approv-

ing eye on the white canvas bellying

"Oh, she's well enough," replied the

And he led the way

captain, carelessly; "there's better and

there's worse, no doubt. Let's go down

So the days went by for the most part

in cheerful content; only now and then

his brow clouded when they spoke a

passing ship, and answered the cheers

and waving signals of English men and

hour, for the water he sailed was no

obscure or unknown sea. From Cor-

unna to Cadiz there are names and

memories upon its shore that might

have stirred the very ship herself, as

she swept past them with the flag of

On the ninth day they passed St. Vin-

cent. The sun was setting, and the

crags of the cape were sharply relieved

against the opposite horizon, all aglow with answering fire. Far beyond them.

lost in the vast glimmering distance

toward the east, lay a yet more famous

headland, and Dick, as he leaned over

the bulwarks, and vainly strained his

eyes toward Trafalgar, felt his breath

quicken with a great inspiration and his

hands clench with the fighting instinct

But now the Speedwell left the coasts

of Europe, and passed on southward in-

to the region of the islands. The ordi-

nary route to the caps lies outside these

groups, the Azores being the only stop-

ping point on the voyage for most Eng-

lish vessels. Esteourt, seeing that the

brig stood in to the east and took a

more direct ling, concluded at once that

she was to touch at Madeira or the

hazarded this conjecture; "I wish we

could put into Funchal or Santa Cruz,

they're both pleasant places, when

"No," said the captain, when he

empire rippling at her mast-head.

Sometimes he was even happy for an

women homeward bound.

"That's pretty much what happened

have been in a hurry too, or

"It was a stroke o' luck," continued

Speedwell, if I'm always as com-

the main thing in the world, eh?

fortable and as well paid."

tinctly into his mind.

at the last moment."

with an affable grin.

navy ship."

to breakfast."

of his race.

Canary Isles.

aloft

below.

lows have you on board, then?"

the nail."

Dick had nothing to say to this.

called Worsley then."

barrassed.

"Ay, ay," replied the other; "I was

"Indeed!" said Dick, and stopped, em-

CHAPTER IX .- (CONTINUED) The letter was written in a format clerk's hand, dated from the Admiralty, and signed with a hieroglyph which was no doubt the autograph of some high official. It ran as follows:

The Volunteer has brought intelligence that his majesty's ship Niobe, seventy-four, has put into the Cape of Good Hope to refit. She has lost her captain and first lieutenant overboard in a gale, and is reported severely damaged and short of all stores. brig Speedwell has been loaded with the necessary material, and will take out an officer to bring the Niobe home. Captain Truscott, to whom this commission was offered, is at the last moment unable to sail. If you are in a position to take his place you will be good enough to start immediately for Mount's Bay, where the Speedwell was to put in on Thursday next. You will be carried as a free passenger to the Cape, where you will take over command of the Niobe; and for this purpose the present letter shall be a good and sufficient authority to the officer in charge to hand her over to you.

In the event of your being unavoidably prevented from accepting you will be good enough to re-address and forward this letter to Captain Anderson at Portsmouth without delay.

Dick read without understanding anything beyond the general purport of the letter, but he grasped clearly enough that Camilla was lost to him for many months at least.

He roused himself to consider ways and means at once, and his eye fell upon the valise, which the messenger was still holding in his hand.

To his surprise he recognized it as his

Where did you get this?" he asked. "From your house, sir," replied the "There's a uniform and a few things in it his lordship thought you might want, as you wouldn't have time to go back to town."

'His lordship? Whom do you "It was Lord Glamorgan, sir, that

gave me the letter." 'Ah that explains it," exclaimed Dick. "But how did Lord Glamorgan or you

know where I had gone?" "His lordship sent me to you house, sir; and they sent me on to No. 23 Bedford square."

"And they told you there?" "Yes, sir; they said you'd gone off aft-

er a wagon on the road to Guildford."
"Very well," said Dick; "now you had better go and bait your horse. Come to me in the parlor when you're ready to go back, and I'll give you an answer for Lord Glamorgan."

Half an hour afterward the man knocked at the door of the room where Dick was writing his acceptance to the Admiralty and his thanks to his patron for this second piece of cruel kindness. He handed them to the messenger with a liberal pourboire, and rang the bell to make arrangements for continuing own journey.

While he was talking to the host a clatter of hoofs was heard outside the window. "There goes my man," thought Dick;

"he's a hot rider, it seems. I wish to heaven he had broken his neck on the way here"

CHAPTER X.



ICK HAD A LONG and hurried journey efore him, and he made preparations accordingly for starting in good time on the following morning. He also tried once more to find out from the driver of the wagon where the De Montauts' baggage

was to be delivered; but the man, though assured that Dick himself had no longer the time to follow him, stoutly refused to give any further answer, and by daybreak next morning he had disappeared, wagon and all, without giving any one a clue to his destina-The sun was setting as Dick left Hel-

ston for the last stage of his journey When he came in sight of Mount's bay there was but one golden bar left in the western sky. Gradually this too faded, and a gray, misty twilight began to creep over the bay. St. Michael's Mount loomed in sight, weird as the en-chanted castles of fairyland. In the highest turret glimmered a single light, making the mist more drear and the silence yet more desolate.

The opposite shore was wrapped in darkness, but on the broad water berestless sparks that Dick knew for the lunterns of the ships at anchor. of them doubtless was the fate that he must follow. Will-o'-the-wisp or guid-ing-star, there it gleamed among the rest, with the dim. shivering night around and the fathomless sea

A mile or two more, and they came rattling into the streets of Penzance. and Dick arose from his reverte. He in quired for the Speedwell, and found that she was lying out toward Newlyn, and was to sail at daybreak.

Her captain had been ashere that afternoon, looking out for a passenger who had beer expected by the coach

Dick engaged a boat and ordered supper at once; by 10 o'clock he was alons-side the brig, and half an hour later fast asleep in his berth, forgetting for diality, but he was almost alone on

board, all the passengers having goashore for the day, and half the crew being away in search of water. "I hear," said Dick, "that you've som

passengers for us. Who are they?" "Madame Schultz and M. Frochard, replied the captain. "They're Swin colonists for Ascension-brother and sister; and there's a Spanish seaman named Gildez, who's working out his passage to the Cape."

"I'm disappointed to hear that," said Dick. "I had hoped for one or two fellow-countrymen to talk to. We're deadly dull on the brig. "Oh!" said the captain of the Hamil

ton, laughing, "you'll be lively enough now. Prochard is a first-rate fellow for stories, and speaks English capitally and his sister's a real beauty, if only she wouldn't keep to herself so much. The boats were now seen putting of

to the ships one of them left the res and steered for the Speedwell. "There go your passengers," said the captain to Dick. "They said good-by to me before leaving this morning, and now all that remains is for you to take their baggage over in your boat, it

from the shore. When they came near

you'll be so good."
"Certainly," replied Dick; "I'm ready as soon as it is loaded."

"Avast there!" said the captain: 'we're not so inhospitable as that. You must stay and meet the rest of our company at supper.

The remainder of the passengers were st coming on board. Esteourt was in-The captain was apparently troubled troduced to them all in turn, and the sat down to supper soon afterward They were a very uninteresting lot chiefly Portuguese and English men of business, voyaging for mercantile hard service-the king's; you make no houses with a South American connec money in it, and glory's a thing I never took much account of." tion. But the crowded table, the hum of conversation, and the continual laughter were a change to Dick, and he delayed his departure till the last mo-

When he returned to his own ship he found that his new companions had already gone to their cabins. Their baggage was carried down to them, and finding that they were not likely to appear again that night Dick soon afterward turned in himself.

He was already drowsy, when he became slowly conscious that he was listening to a noise which seemed to have been going on for an indefinite length

It was the sound of two voices, whether far off or near he could not tell but the other seemed still like a voice in a dream, utterly remote from the real world, and yet in a way even more real to him than that which preceded and followed it.

Over and over again he thought himry and the man before me failed them self on the point of remembrance, but he never quite reached it, and in a "Ay, ay," replied the captain; "they short time the bland, soothing tones overcame him like a spell, and he fell they'd never have come down on an old into a dreamless sleep. dog like me and such a ramshackle

When he awoke next morning the mysterious noises of the night had passed entirely from his recollection. He hastened on deck, and found that he was the first to arrive there. It was a fresh, breezy morning, and the brig was cutting the waves gallantly as she went southward in long tacks. Four or five miles away to starboard the Hamilton was winging her way to the westward, the courses of the two vessels diverging more and more with every minute. The islands lay like tiny clouds upon the horizon behind them, and the long, low coast-line of Africa was visible to larboard under a rainy

Dick took a careful survey, and began to prophesy to himself about the weather.

"Those who are expecting today to be the same as yesterday," he murmured, sententiously, "will be probably a good deal-

As he spoke the words died away on his lips and the torpor of helpless astonishment seized upon him. He could not turn his head, he could not move; but he heard behind him a voice that shook the inmost fibers of his soul. Whether it came from the sky or the sea, if he were mad or sane, living or dead, he knew not, but these were the lovely tones in which Camilla spoke in the old times before he had to begin life snew.

The voice came nearer, and still he could not or dared not move. suddenly, another voice answered-the strange familiar voice of the night before; he remembered it in a flash, and knew it for Colonel de Montaut's. He turned swiftly and was face to

face with them. The colonel came toward him at once with outstretched hand, and with cordial smile upon his face; but Dick passed him and went forward to Camilla.

TO BE CONTINUED.

ning's lower factory in Chester Satur-

day, writes the piscatorial editor of

the New York Bun. A large number

of cels about three inches long were

seen climbing up the perpendicular

sides of the wooden flume with appar-

ent case. A little moisture assisted

their speed, but when it was perfectly

Where Does the Cash tin?

the hands of the bookmakers during

the racing season in this country. Of

course, some of it comes back to the

betters, but, as few who bet come out

ahead at the end of the season, and the

bookmakers constantly complain that

they are losing money, it would be in-

teresting to know where all the cash

Several millions of dollars pass into

Singular Suicide. A Paris working shoemaker named Chapeau committed suicide on July 23 said: "For ten years past I have been saving up to buy a really pretty china table service, which has cost me 115 francs. I had promised to inaugurate it by a dinner to my numerous friends in the neighborhood; but, as I have not

you've a day or two to spare; but my the means of providing a good feed I orders are to sail straight for Boavista in the Cape Verd Islands. There's some have resolved to die. In order that my passengers to come aboard there." friends might not be wholly losers, "Passengers!" cried Dick, in astonishhowever, I desire that the service may distributed as here set down." "Oh, they won't trouble us long," said Then follows a list of the friends among the captain; "they go off again at Aswhom he wished the different parts to ension. I suppose they're going about ooking after the government colonies be divided. in these parts. When we're rid of them, Chester's Climbing Reis. Quite a novel sight was seen at Jen-

we shall have a clear run to the Cape. Dick felt by no means so anxious about their departure. He was pleased to think that he would, for some days at any rate, have the monotony of his voyage, entivened by new companions. and he began to look forward eagerly to the moment when he would no longer be alone at every meal with old Worsley and his flow of demoralized conversation

A few days more and Madeira was dry their movements were but slightly left on the starboard quarter; they impeded. Ex. passed through the Canaries, between Peneriffe and Grand Canary, and on April loth came at last in sight of Boavists, and dropped anchor toward evening in the roads on the northwest of the island.

Within a quarter of a mile of them lay a large merchant-vessel with English colors at the top, and Dick was not long in getting a boat lowered and rowing off to visit her. She turned out to

Few Actresses Are Pretty in Private

There is Lotta, says a writer in the New York York Press, fascinating as a white kitten on the stage, who would recognize her in the red-headed, freckled-face little woman black-berrying in a calico dress, tin pail in hand, that you meet in the woods about Lake George? Ellen Terry? One would know her anywhere, to be sure. Still, a tall figure with a bounding step might brush by on Oxford street or Piccadilly before you realized that the rough Newmarket and somewhat battered hat was worn by a woman whose beauty people forget to question and who leaves her paint pots in the theater dressing-room.

We owe Miss Terry a good deal. She is the only actress of fame who does not insist on telling, through public advertisements, what make of powder she prefers and whose perfume goes on her handkerchief. Neither does she lend her face to the soap maker or tobacconist, nor her characteristic autograph to anybody's balm or lotion. We, too, have been spared a catalogue of her body-linen. To this day an admiring public is ignorant as to whether its pet actress wears silk or woolen next her skin. Neither has she conjured us in the magic name of Worth or Pingat. Yet who could wish her to dress her part differently.

The stars wno, in the detective light of the sun, are handsome are exceedingly rare. The two most noted examples are Mary Anderson and Mrs. Langtry. The latter is fast losing her fine lines and freshness, but her exquisite dressing does something to deaden the sense of loss At least it

distracts, the eye. Mary Anderson is always a handsome woman, and this is largely due to the fact that she has a complexion more English than American in its bloom. She is careful almost to precision in her toilet, and if seen in a neglige it is certain to be both elegant and becoming.

The Worship of Wonderful Springs.

Popular Science Monthly for March. From the most remote time the beneficent springs that jet from the interior of the earth have excited the gratitude and admiration of men Like the sea and rivers they have been deified by the peoples of the Indo-European family, and the worship that has been given to them, and the fables with which superstition has invested them, express the degree to which popular imagination has been struck by their mysterious origin, their inexhaustible flow and their secret properties. 'The Greeks attributed to the fountain of Dodona, in Epirus, the faculty of discovering hidden truths and uttering oracles. The fountain of Egeria was supposed to possess the same power, and was entrusted to the guardianship of the Vestal Virgins. The fountains of Castalia, on the flank of Parnassus, of Hippo-crene, near Helicon, were believed to

communicate the poetic spirit. The Gauls had special veneration search of health. The old romances of chivalry in their fancies of a fountain of youth, where spent forces and lost charms could be recovered were only

reproducing a myth of old Greece. The perennial nature of springs. which was for a long time regarded as a sacred mystery, was also their most striking characteristic to those who sought to explain it without reference to religion and poetry. According to Aristotle's idea, which was adopted by Seneca and prevailed till the sixteenth century, "the interior of the earth contains deep cavities and much air, which must necessarily be cooled there. Motionless and stagnant it is not long in being converted into waby a metamorphosis like that which, in the atmosphere, produces rain drops. That thick shadow, that eternal cold, that condensation which is disturbed by no movement, are the always subsisting and incessantly noting causes of the transmutation of air.

Women in Russia.

From a Moscow Letter. The women in Russia do two-thirds

of the work in the country. There for an extraordinary reason. He was are immense wheat, out and hay found dead in his room, sufficiated by fields everywhere, and in August there the fumes of a charcoal stove. On the is great activity in the country. The table was found a letter, in which he large majority of persons at work are women. They wear short dress a. plain and straight, and a long piece of cloth over their heads like Arabs. The wheat is sown broadcast, and if not cut by the women with sickles, is harvested with the old-fashioned scythe, which is a two-pound snead and a broad, short blad-. From the snead up to the handle there is a wooden bow, sor ething like in appearance, the bad of the heavy bayed hoop. This bow keeps the wheat, rel hoop. ete, from falling mack over the scytha handle and scattering. I have never yet seen the man who would deim to gather up, bind and stack the wheat or oats when once it was felled. The women must do this while the men do the "gentlemanly" work, although I have seen many women ent ting grain with the scythe. The neighbors club together in harvest and help one another. A Russian harvesting tendezvous is quite lively and the scene of a motley crowd. T old men and young, boys and girls. with their mothers, grandmothers and aged women assemble at day break. There are a number of horses on which are carried water, food and extra implements. The horses the boys and men ride, while the old women walk. They always carry the scythes, forks and rakes back and forth every day and work as long as there is daylight, and since it is day. break at 3 a. m. and not dark until half past nine p. m., the hours of in-

An Expensive Dinner. A trio were sitting on the postoffice guard rail one night teiling stories. One of them related this: "I know of a fellow who had spent a very quiet life in the country and had never been life in the country and had never to the city. Coming into a little money he suddenly developed a desire to be a sport and immediately departed for the ty. It was his habit after arriving to lounge around the corners in the central part of the city, and he naturally heard the gilded youth talking about the amount of money they

"Say, I had a great dinner last night," he heard one say, 'and it cost

"Many other remarks like this he heard, and the rustic sport decided to get into the swim too. He made up his mind at once to get an expensive ner, not realizing that the most of the money spent by the boasters he had overheard had been for wine. Walk-ing into a swell restaurant, he called the waiter over. 'Say, look here,' said he, 'I want an expensive dinner like the best of the bloods. Bring me \$20 worth of ham and eggs."

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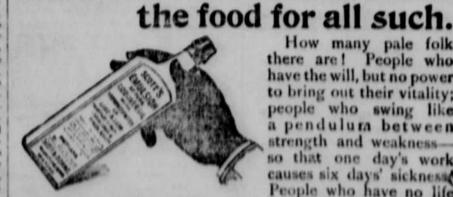
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