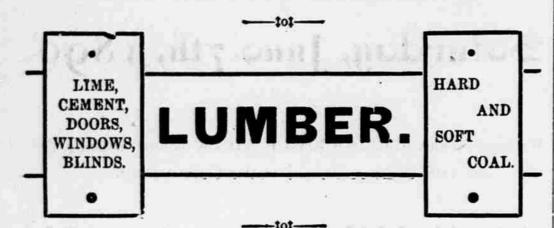
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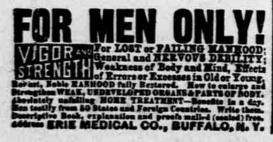


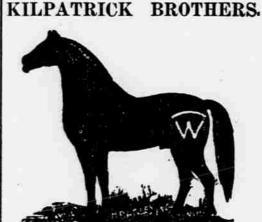
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They shared their cake and their venison,
And they talked o many a thing—
Of books, of songs and foreign lands,
Of strange and wandering lives,
And by and by, in softer tones.
They spoke of their homes and wives.

"I married the Lady o' Logan Brae,"
Said one, with a lofty air;
"There isna in a' the North countree
A house with a better share
Of gold and gear, and hill and lock,
Of houses and farms to rent;

There's many a man has envied me

And I'm mair and weel content.

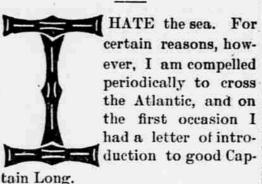
'Dream of a woman as bright as day." The second traveler said 'Dream of a form of perfect grace, Of a noble face and head. Meyes that are as blue as Heaven, Of flowing nut-brown hair; That is my wife, and, though not rich,

The third one said: "I have a wife, She is neither rich nor fair; She has not gold, nor gear, nor land, Nor a wealth o' nut-brown hair; But, oh! she loves me! and her love
Has stood through every test,
Benuty and gold are good, but, friends,
We know that love is best.

Oh, she is wondrous fair!"

They filled their cups in the spring again, And they said, right heartily: 'Here to the loving, faithful wife, Wherever her home may be!"
And soon they took their different ways, One thought in each man's breast; "Beauty is good, and gold is good, But a true love is the best.'

CAPT. LONG'S PASSENGER.



We shook hands, the screw began to move and I rushed off to my cabin, where I remained throughout the voyage. I believe he came to see me often in my misery. "Visiting the sick" at sea is a much more unpleasant thing than on shore, remember, that I didn't know, and I didn't care. I saw him-to know him again-at New York; and in short, though on board his ship, he might have been its rudder for all I saw of him. We

"It was five or six years ago," said he one day, "and in the summer time, that the ship was making her voyage out, and a very good voyage. The whole way the sea had been like a duck-pond."

met on shore both in the New and

Old World pretty frequently.

Here I shook my head incredulously. I had seen the Atlantic in the condition referred to and felt it.

"Well, I should not perhaps have said 'the whole way,' "he admitted my difficulty, for I don't know just with a smile, "for when we were about a hundred miles from port we met with a breeze because we picked up a little sailing boat with only one man in her, who had been blown out to sea, and whom we took on board. About half an hour after that incident I was informed that one of the passengers wished to speak with me in private upon a very important matter. Accordingly he came to me-a commonplace looking man, whom I had scarcely noticed as being on board; indeed, he was insignificant enough in every way save for the expression of his face, which certainly exhibited the most intense anxiety and distress of mind. Of course I thought he had been drinking, and in fact was on the verge of the 'jumps,' which is what the Yankees term 'delirium tremens.' I, severely, I have no time to throw

"'That is true. captain,' he answered, in a thin, quavering voice will never see New York, and much less make it, unless you are prepaired to act on the information I am about to give you. Neglect it, and your ship will be at the bottom of the sea in he looked at his watch— true that he intended to keep the yes, exactly an hour and a half.'

"'All right, my man,' said I. 'You may go. I'll send the ship's doctor to look at you,' for of course I thought he was wandering in his

"Then what had seemed like anxiety in his face became mortal feargenuine abject terror, such as no actor could have imitated. He threw talk such nonsense about my ship?"

"Because it's true captain," he of the dyngroaned. "There's dynamito on cisco Call. board and clock work machinery connected with it. As I am a living man if the thing is not at once looked to, the ship and all on board of her will be blown to atoms within the time I have mentioned.'

"Good heavens, man, tell me all,"
I cried, 'and quickly.'

"'Nay, but I daren't and I can't,'

hearkened to the whisper of the dev- drunken man.'

il. I repented and would have undone been employed to sink her. I brought the machinery, set to this very day (for you have made the voyage quicker than was thought possible), down to Liverpool, in a small port manteau which was sent on board the night before she sailed. It was a stipulation that I should sail with you to see that nothing interfered with the execution of the plan. But I swear to you no sooner did I touch the

"'Come at once, you scoundrel, cried I, and identify this horrible thing.'

deck than I repented.'

"I set twenty men to work immediately to bring up the luggage on the deck, which, since we had not even sighted land, astonished them not a

"'Quick, quick, my good fellows; there will be extra grog for you.' I said, 'if you turn the thingsout with-in the hour. That dreadful portmanteau, as it happened, was at the very bottom of all—a mangy, ill-look-ing thing enough, and, though small, as heavy as lead. Now just throw that overboard, my fine fellow,' said I, 'will you be careful not to knock it against the bulwarks.'

"Now that all was safe, as I thought, I called the fellow into my cabin. 'Look here,' said I, 'you unmitigated thief and villian, there's one point in your story that wants clearing up. Your life is not very valuable, it is true, but I dare say you yourself put a fancy price upon it, and that being so, how could you take personal charge of a machine that, according to your statements. was to blow us all to splinters? How comes it, I mean, that you was on board with it yourself?"

"'Well, captain,' he replied, 'you see I am a poor man, and the money was a good round sum, and as I told you, my employer insisted on my going to see that the thing was going right with my own eyes; there was a risk of course, but the fact is that arrangements had been made for meeting me in this very latitude. The man in the boat whom you took on board was on the lookout for me off the ship.'

"When we were still some way from the harbor we were met by a pclice boat, the chief officer of which demanded to be taken on board to speak with me.

"'Hullo!' I said, when we were in the cabin together; 'no extradition business, I hope. There is no murdering Englishmen among my pas-

sengers, is there: "'Well, no,' he answered; 'but I've reason to believe there is a citizen of the United States who would neither stick at murder nor anything else.'

"Then I thought of the dynamite, of course, and I rejoiced that the villian had been discovered without any betrayal of his secret on my

"'You have a warrant for his ap-

prehension I conclude?' "'Well, no, captain, that is just which man it is; but I've an order to search the luggage. Information has come by wire that a whole outfit for forging American bank-notes is being imported by your ship. It will not be down below, of course, but in the man's personal luggage in his

"I smelt a rat at once and I dare say looked pretty blank and bam-

"'According to my instructions,' continued the officer, 'the plant is contained in a portmanteau of bullock's hide, with brass nails around the rim and easily recognizable.'

"Of course the officer didn't find that portmanteau among the 'personal luggage,' though I am bound to say he looked for it very carefully and scandalized some of my saloon passengers not a little by his unwelcome attentions; nor was it among the larger articles, though "'Well, my man, what is it?' said they all lay exposed on the decks as severely, I have no time to throw if for his especial behoof and convenience. His impression was, he said, that his 'information' had been incorrect and that the bullock's-hide and with a strong American accent; portmanteau must be coming over but your time will be even shorter on the next ship, which, I said, was than you imagine unless you listen possible, because everything is posto what I have to say to you. You sible, you know, though I own I did not think it very probable.

"As to the owner of the article in question, he kept out of my way and slipped out of the ship on the first true that he intended to keep the things in his cabin to be got quietly on shore, only the steward had objected and caused it to be taken below. That information had been telegraphed from England to the New York police was known to his confederate, who had come out to warn him, and they would no doubt have saved me all trouble by dropping the portmanteau overboard himself upon his knees, and clasping themselves, only it was among the hes hands together, besought me not other luggage. How to get it out to treat his words with incredulity. and dispose of it without discovery "Then why, sir,' I replied, do you was the problem they had to solve, which they accomplished by means of the dynamite story."-San Fran-

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