"The Green Pea Pirates"

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CHAPTER XII—Cont’d.

After breakfast Inspector Gilby started with his two assistants to visit the "Green Pea Pirates," the small vessel said to be a pirate ship, which had been under observation for the past few days. The two assistants were Mr. Grant, a young man of about twenty-five, who had been with Inspector Gilby for some years, and Mr. Scott, an old hand at the work, who had been in the service of the police for twenty years. The three made their way up the hill and, as they approached the house, they could hear the sound of a small cannon firing. They knocked at the door and were admitted by the captain of the house, who told them that they were expected. The three then proceeded to the cabin and were seated around a table with the crew of the "Green Pea Pirates." They were all young men, and the atmosphere was that of a jovial gathering. The men were engaged in a game of cards, and the sound of the cannon was the signal for a round of drinking. The captain, a tall, good-looking man, introduced himself and his crew to the inspectors. He was very hospitable, and offered them a glass of rum. They accepted, and the conversation turned to the business at hand. The inspectors explained their purpose, and the captain assured them that he would do all in his power to assist them. He then showed them a map of the locality, and explained the course they had been following. The three then left the cabin and returned to the house, where they were joined by the rest of the crew. They all spent the remainder of the day in the cabin, discussing the matter at hand. The inspectors were satisfied with what they had learned, and they decided to return to the city the next day to report to their superiors. The"Green Pea Pirates" were a friendly crew, and they all shook hands as the inspectors left the house. The sound of the cannon faded away, and the three returned to the city, feeling that they had accomplished what they had set out to do.