

# JOHN TOPP, PIRATE

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

As we had abundance of victuals and water and were in nowise pressed for time, as soon as the Scourge was ready for sea we took her for a week's cruise through the desert sea to the northward of our island. This was the more necessary as, except our captain, none of us had more than the vaguest notions of for and seamanship, and it would have been fool's counsel to think of fighting till we had got all hands used to the feel of their new ship.

We were returning from this cruise, well satisfied with what we had seen and learned, and were within sight of the Temple of the Serpent on Cave Island when Alec called a general council.

The question was put to us what to do next.

There was no lack of suggestions. One proposed that we should cruise along the main straight away; another thought that we had better run into harbor again and, lying snug there, plant a lookout on the mountain who should give us word when a suitable quarry was in sight. One man added this bit of advice and another that. But when each man who had anything to say said it, and there were almost as many plans as there were men, Willie Trehallion, who had been standing straddle-legged by the binnacle and rubbing his skin cap fore and aft across his bald pate, as he always did when his thinking machinery was at work, took a step forward and put in his word.

"There's an island hereabouts," he said, "lying some fifteen southward an westward, that should yield some good pickings to them as goes adventuring on it."

"An island with pickings!" said Job Trehallion. "Then there's Spaniards on it, too, uncle?"

Willie took no notice of him. "Margherita's the name o' it," he went on. "Some o' you may have heard o' it, but all o' you may not know that the Spaniards has got three towns planted there to look after the pearl fisheries. Now, pearls isn't gold, but pearls is what the queen's own majesty wears sewed about her gown, so as it balm't for the like o' us to turn up our noses at 'em. Besides, there's Spaniards there to collect 'em from the pagans as brings up the pearl oysters from the sea floor, an where there's Spaniards you can lay your teeth on't there's powder as well."

"And you suggest, Willie?"

"That we harry a town on Margherita."

Job chuckled. "A whole town would make a big mouthful," said he. "Happen it might squirm about when we was trying to swallow it an choke us."

"Always a fool, Job," replied his uncle sourly, "an but one peg removed from a natural. But I never thought to call nephew of mine lily livered."

The big, dark scar which seemed Job's face flashed out and grew purple, and he stepped forward with hands clinched and lips trembling. And no wonder, for, as every one knew, there was not a braver man on board.

Willie did not move a muscle. "Stop!" cried Alec sharply. "I allow no quarrelling on board the Scourge. Job's objection is a reasonable one and deserves a reasonable answer. There's nothing of the coward about him, and, Willie Trehallion, every man on the Scourge will tell you so. He has faced death at our side and at mine many a time, as I ought not to have to remind you. But enough of this. What is the size of these Spanish towns you speak of and how do they lie?"

"There's Pamapas at the east-southeast," replied Willie Trehallion gruffly, "an there's El Pueblo de la Mar a league to leeward o' that, an there's El Pueblo del Norte on the north side."

"And their strength?"

"I don't know, nor their size either. But they're not as big as London nor Bristol nor Whitby either, mebbe."

"Which of them would suit our purpose best?"

"Pueblo del Norte."

"Because?"

"Because it's highest, Captain Ireland."

"Could you pilot us there?"

"Yes, captain, with a couple o' careful hands at the lead. I seed the place marked on one o' them rubbishy Spaniard's charts, but the lubbers hadn't marked down the fairways into the harbor. The island is steep, too, an rocky on the sea face, though, so there should be water enough."

"We'll try," said Alec. "So we'll 'bout ship now, boatswain, and shape a course for the island of Margherita. And then, in a lower tone: "Mind, Willie, I don't want you to sail the Scourge into any harbor which masked batteries and unknown currents may turn into a deathtrap for her. Brag her a short sea mile off the town and then lay to. We can do the rest in the boats. If this wind holds, we should, with luck, be within hail of El Pueblo del Norte when its doughty townfolk have their shoes off and their night-caps on."

And, bidding all except the watch turn in, so as to come up fresh when work was on hand, Alec and I went below.

"You are doing this against your own judgment, Alec," said I.

"Yes; not because I fear to fail, but because street fighting may cost us a

life or two. And heaven knows we haven't a man to spare!"

"But the pearls, old lad?"

"Aye, Jack, the pearls!" he answered bitterly. "They drew you up as they did the men forward. Not one of you cares how many of his fellows fall so long as his own chest bursts with treasure. And once the hatches cover what you think enough there'll be a common cry, I warrant, for the eastward cruise. Eh, Jack?"

"Grammercy, Alec! You'd not stay holding on and off this sweltering coast longer than we have to, would you?"

"Yes," he cried fiercely. "I'd stay till we'd driven every Spaniard back to the devil who spawned him. I'd stay till we'd given the country back to the Indian it was stolen from or till we'd peopled it with honest English hearts. And, mark me, Jack, that's what it will come to. Our people at home are increasing every day, and the island that holds them isn't. Look at London, look at Bristol; they're big, overgrown cities even now, and they're still growing. Where, think you, must the overflow drift to? I'll tell you. When bread begins to fall them, as it soon will, and the little ones begin to cry to their fathers for food, they will pour out to the west here. Raleigh and his friends planted a faint hearted crew in a more northern land, so I have heard, among savages and snowstorms and barren rocks, and, as might have been expected, those that did not die came back wallowing over their miseries and cursing the men who had led them away from England. But here, I tell you, it is different. The tierra firme bristles with Spanish towns. There are Cumana, Barcelona, La Guayra, Caracas, Valencia, Cartagena and all those in Mexico besides. And in every one of them the cursed Spaniards torture and burn unhindered and makes the very gardens of God's earth into foul blaspheming hells. I ask you, what nobler aim could a man have in life than to wrest this fair land from these demons and to bring it instead under the sway of Elizabeth of England?"

"Jack Topp," he went on, flushing deeply and gripping my arm till I fairly winced, "I swear to you that if I get back home from this voyage with sound skin and sufficient booty for the purpose I will get a charter and fit out an armada at my own cost, if no one else will join me—and I'll sail for the main here and take every town as I pass along. The west is the treasury of Spain, and if her power be once broken out here in the new world there's little doubt as to who will be queen of the seas over yonder in the old."

He broke off suddenly and went to his bunk, and I turned away to mine. For, truth to tell, I had little heart to argue with one who was as eager for profitless battle as any paladin of the crusades, with never an eye for the plunder which would follow a good fight. Many a hard blow have I taken and given, but it is a sport I care little for, unless behind it there is that which will pay for the broken heads and damaged limbs. And to give credit where it is due, no man can say that John Topp was ever backward in a fight against those who were defending goods or treasure. But be that as it may.

The sun was balancing over the western water line when I came on deck again, and the cliffs of Margherita were showing in a low, dark line fine in the lee bow.

Willie Trehallion was steering, with his one brawny hand on the tiller and the tiller rope cast on to his hook with a couple of half litches. His one eye took an occasional squint aloft and then rove once more along the land ahead. The vessel was rising it rapidly, charging the short seas with her sharp stem and riding over them dry decked like the beauty she was. Our Scourge was a craft of which every man of her crew might well be proud. There were none of those dull swishing thuds of green wave against round apple bow, which cause a ship to stop and shudder as though cringing under a blow. The motion was gliding, oily and pleasant. And the pace was so great that we deemed it advisable to stow the foresail and hoist the main-tack lest if we allowed ourselves to come into sight in the daytime the dons of Margherita should suspect our intent and make ready an uncomfortably warm reception for us. We could not afford to risk by such a piece of carelessness the loss of our dainty racer.

Night fell, dark, moonless, starless, but without rain or haze—just such a night as our purpose asked for. All hands were on deck, eager and expectant, for word had been passed that El Pueblo del Norte was close under our lee.

Now, there is and has been from time immemorial a custom among fighting men to put on their best clothes to do battle in. The sea dandy of the queen's ships would turn out in all the bravery of puffed and bolstered hose and trunks and with a starched ruff circle as big as a punchon head cumbering his chest. But we wore our best—and worst—clothes every day; in fact, we had no more than one suit apiece, and that a skimpy one. We could not, therefore, honor the conflict by much change of apparel. True, there was Spanish body armor in plenty if we had cared to put it on, but body armor has never found much favor with Eng-

lish sailors, and, moreover, it was monstrous heavy and uncomfortable. So, with the exception of a metal helmet apiece, which Alec insisted that each of us should wear, we were prepared to go into battle protected only by our own quick sword play and the supple strength of our iron muscles.

And when the Scourge was hove to and the boats dipped into the water there scrambled into them surely the most ragged, tattered and unkempt crew that ever set out to capture a town. Most of us lacked shoes and hose, some of us even wanted a shirt; but, though a scarecrow would not have taken our clothes as a gift, every man was armed to the teeth with jeweled hilted swords and daggers, and our hopes told us that we were likely soon to have other gear to match the quality of our side arms.

(To be continued next Friday.)

**Drying preparations** simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions, which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants, fumes, smokes and snuffs and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for 10 cents. All druggists sell the 50c. size. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N.Y.

The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation. With Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh and Hay Fever.

**The Most Stubborn Coughs** resulting from an attack of la grippe or heavy cold, must yield to the wonderful healing properties of Foley's Honey and Tar, which strengthens the lungs and makes them sound. A. H. Kiesau.

**Farm land and city property** for sale by G. R. Seiler

**It's Free if it Falls to Cure** Rectol, the great pile cure. A pile pipe free with each package. We sell it under a positive written guarantee. No Cure, No Pay. 50 cents. Samples free. Kiesau Drug Co.

**Makes digestion and assimilation perfect.** Makes new, red blood, firm flesh and bone. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35c. G. B. Christoph.

**Application for Saloon Liquor License.**

Matter of application of George Eble for a liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that George Eble, did, on the 13th day of April, 1901, file his application to the mayor and city council of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at Norfolk, Nebraska, from the 1st day of May, 1901, to the 30th day of April, 1902, at lot 5, block 2, Mathewson addition in First ward of said city.

If there is no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from the 13th day of April, 1901, the said license will be granted.

S. R. McFARLAND  
City Clerk.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by Chr. Schavland, clerk of the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, upon a judgment rendered in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, on the ninth day of April, 1901, in favor of T. C. Cannon as plaintiff, and against John E. Olney, Charlotte E. Olney, et al, as defendants, for the sum of two thousand thirty-one dollars and 40 cents, (\$2,331.40), the same being for taxes with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from April 9, 1900, and costs taxed at three hundred and two dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$302.68), and accruing costs.

I have levied upon the following real estate taken as the property of said defendants to satisfy said decree, to-wit: Lots fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) in block six (6) of the town of Norfolk, Nebraska. And will offer the same for sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1901, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m. of said day, in front of the east door of the court house in Madison, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of court was held, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1901.  
Geo. W. Losky,  
Sheriff of said County.

**Application for Saloon Liquor License.**

Matter of application of J. W. O'Connell for a liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that J. W. O'Connell did, on the 24th day of April, 1901, file his application to the chairman and board of trustees of the village of Battle Creek, Madison county, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at Battle Creek, Nebraska, from the 1st day of May, 1901, to the 30th day of April, 1902, at the Brecheisen saloon building, situated on lot 2, block 17, original town site, in Battle Creek, Madison county, Nebraska.

If there is no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from the 24th day of April, 1901, the said license will be granted.

P. F. ZIMMERMAN,  
Village Clerk.

**Application for Saloon Liquor License.**

Matter of application of Michael Ambroz for a liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that Michael Ambroz did, on the 18th day of April, 1901, file his application to the chairman and board of village trustees of the village of Tilden, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at Tilden, Nebraska, from the 1st day of May, 1901, to the 30th day of April, 1902, at lot nine, block one, of said village.

If there is no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from the 18th day of April, 1901, the said license will be granted.

FELIX HALES, Village Clerk.

**The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.**

QUICK RELIEF FROM PAIN.

All who use Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism are delighted with the quick relief from pain which it affords. When speaking of this Mr. D. N. Sinks, of Troy, Ohio, says: "Some time ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. I tried numerous remedies but got no relief until I

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**It's as Certain as Death and Taxes** that Rectol, the great pile remedy, will cure the piles. A pile pipe free with each package. We sell it on positive written guarantee. No Cure, No Pay. 50c. Samples free. Kiesau Drug Co.

**Given Up to Die With Croup.**

Mrs. P. L. Cordier of Mannington, Ky., writes: "My three year old girl had a severe case of croup, the doctor said she could not live and I gave her up to die. I went to the store and got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." A. H. Kiesau.

**A Spring Tonic.**

Everybody needs a tonic in the spring, at this time the system craves a tonic. It is housecleaning time for your body. Lighty's Celery Nerve Compound will tone up your nerves, blood, kidneys and liver, and fill you with health and energy. Sold by Geo. B. Christoph.

**Caught A Dreadful Cold.**

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of a fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

**The greatest children's medicine** on earth is Rocky Mountain Tea, made by Madison Medicine Co. Makes and keeps them well all summer. 35c. G. B. Christoph.

**'Tis Easy to Feel Good.**

Countless thousands have found a blessing to the body in Dr. King's New Life pills, which positively cure constipation, sick headache, dizziness, jaundice, malaria, fever and ague and all liver and stomach troubles. Purely vegetable; never gripe or weaken. Only 25c at Kiesau Drug Co.'s store.

**Heller's Testimony.**

Albert Heller, living at 1114 Farnham street, Omaha, says: "I have tried most everything that is used as a preventive or cure for headache, but nothing did me so much good as Krause's Headache Capsules. Others who have used them say the same thing." Price 25c. Sold by Geo. B. Christoph.

**Scours in Calves and Calves.**

For a young calf or colt from a day to a month old give one teaspoonful of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in half a glass of water as a drench after each operation of the bowels more than natural; usually one dose is sufficient. For older animals it may be given in the feed. Thousands of valuable animals are saved by it each year. This remedy is just what you should take yourself when troubled with diarrhoea. For sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

**Jangling Nerves.**

Are you irritable? Do you sleep badly? Is it hard to concentrate your thoughts? Is your appetite poor? Do you feel tired, restless and despondent? Try Lighty's Celery Nerve Compound. It will do you more good than any thing you have ever tried. Sold by Geo. B. Christoph.

**A Ragging, Roaring Flood.**

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**The editor of the Fordville, Ky., Miscellaneous,** writes as a postscript to a business letter: "I was cured of kidney trouble by taking Foley's Kidney Cure." Take nothing else. A. H. Kiesau.

**The Best Cold Cure**

is one you can take without interruption to business. One that does not effect the head or hearing like the continued use of quinine. One that cures speedily and leaves you feeling fresh and clear-headed. Such a one is Krause's Cold Cure. Price 25c. Sold by Geo. B. Christoph.

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German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicines. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season

# Blood Poison

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The poison ejected from the fangs of the rattlesnake is not more surely fatal than the virus of Contagious Blood Poison, which pollutes and vitiates the blood, destroys the tissues and bones and eats like a cancer sore into the flesh.

This horrible disease appears first in the form of a little sore or blister; soon the glands begin to swell, pimples break out on the body, the mouth and throat become sore, making it painful to eat or swallow; dreadful ulcers appear on the tongue, copper colored spots and other characteristic signs of Blood Poison come as the disease progresses, and the destructive virus takes deeper hold upon the system. The medical men are as sorely perplexed over the character of this blood poison as ever; they tell you to take mercury and potash alternately for three years, but the stomach of no human being can stand this treatment long; besides, they do not cure the disease permanently, as thousands who have tried it know.

WELLINGTON, KANS., Sept., 1900. I contracted Blood Poison two years ago this fall, and was persuaded to try a medicine widely advertised by a remedy company in Chicago. I was required to pay a large amount in advance, and can truthfully say that I was worse when the treatment was left off than when I began. Reddish pimples would break out and fill with yellowish matter; copper-colored spots of all sizes would appear on my body; my throat was so sore I could scarcely swallow, and my mouth and tongue were seldom free from sores; tonsils were swollen, and my hair was coming out rapidly. This was my condition when I began your S. S. S. I have used twenty-two bottles, and am feeling splendid. Every sore on my body has healed, and my appetite good. JAKE MARTIN.

S. S. S. is not a new medicine; for nearly 50 years it has been known and used for this dreadful disease. It has brought new life and hope to thousands all over this land; it will cure you as it has others. Send for our free book on home treatment and write our physicians about your case. We will help you if you will let us; we make no charge for advice, and all correspondence is conducted in strictest confidence.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.

confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cents. Get Green's Prize Almanac. Kiesau Drug Co.

**Job Couldn't Have Stood It.**

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"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis," says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." Sold by Kiesau Drug Co.

**"Stick to It"**

Geo. L. Heard of High Tower, Georgia, writes: "Eczema broke out on my baby covering his entire body. Under treatment of our family physician he got worse as he could not sleep for the burning and itching. We used a box of 'Banner Salve' on him and by the time it was gone he was well. The doctor seeing it was curing him said, 'Stick to it for it is doing him more good than anything I have done for him.'" A. H. Kiesau.

**An Extensive Stock Raiser Tells How to Cure Scours in Calves.**

Wm. Abbott, of Tyndall, S. Dak., quite an extensive stock raiser, has for a number of years used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for scours in calves and says he has never known it to fail. He gives a teaspoonful in water as directed on the bottle for an adult man, after each operation of the bowels more than natural. Usually one dose is sufficient. For sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

**Best Way to Cure Backache.**

Backaches are caused by disorder in the kidneys. Foley's Kidney Cure will make the kidneys right. Take no substitute. A. H. Kiesau.

**The Best Blood Purifier.**

The blood is constantly being purified by the lungs, liver and kidneys. Keep these organs in a healthy condition and the bowels regular and you will have no need of a blood purifier. For this purpose there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets, one dose of them will do you more good than a dollar bottle of the best blood purifier. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Kiesau Drug Co.'s drug store.

**Good Advice.**

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnauling and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac; Kiesau Drug Co.

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Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, "but" he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and my leg was sound and well as ever."

For eruptions, eczema, tetter, salt rheum, sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. A. H. Kiesau will guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Only 50 cents.

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