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A LAUGH IN CHURCH. The dear was woman of firm; Her feet in their shiny slippers Hung dangling over the floor...

suddenly appeared off the bar of Charles... It was a bright, warm day in the early spring time. That morning the good ship the Royal Princess, Captain Robert Clark...

wife, it is said, and striking up a friendship with the governor, the colonial secretary and other dignitaries of the province... The stranger smiled when she saw her sitting by the Well at the End of the World? he asked.

stepmother when she saw Eolen at the door. 'Go away! you are a witch!' 'Why, what have I done?' Eolen asked.

also broke through, and like his wife, sank to his chin. Now, chilled by the plunge, both of them were throwing forward their arms, and by their desperate struggles causing the edges of the broken ice to crumble before them.

Webster and Max Wetherill, when this double catastrophe was upon them, were some 200 yards off, still skating. The lad Max, probably hearing the alarming cries, was the first to catch sight of this imperiled couple, but dimly seen in the evening haze.

before the audience with the bees swarming all over him. They were on his face, on his hands, crawling over his clothes, and his pockets were full of them. It looked as if he were a great flower full of material of which bees could be made...

Pirate Blackbeard.

A Story of Buried Treasure, by Howard Pyle.

There are two pirates, each of whom are very famous in this country—Captain William Kidd, of whose adventures and the treasure buried upon Gardiner's island has already been told—and Captain Blackbeard.



BLACKBEARD.

Blackbeard opened the battle by firing two broadsides at the lieutenant's sloop, under the smoke of which he and the king's men drifted closer together and finally grappled. As soon as they were near enough the pirates began to throw aboard the sloop a great number of bottles filled with small shot and pieces of iron.

Blackbeard's story, as that he had brought to the coast a present of 50 hogsheads of the sugar, and Mr. Knight, the colonial secretary, a gift of 20 hogsheads. The rest was divided among the pirates.

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A MEDAL OF HONOR.

How a Boy Gained It—By Oliver O. Howard, Maj.-Gen. U. S. A., Retired.

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A HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS.

Impressions of a Portolan Man at the Holiday Season in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Dec. 31.—There was no single sleighbell, for no snow lay upon the ground; no cold rains or winds to chill the marrow of one's bones...

ABANDONED.

THE CHILDREN'S SECOND VISIT.

There was no trouble with this ring. It was so large for any of Eolen's fingers. She had the whitest and most beautiful hands ever seen, but the ring would fit none of her fingers.

BLACKBEARD ABANDONS NINETEEN OF HIS CREW ON A DESERT ISLAND.

How he fought his last fight, and how he left behind him a hidden treasure that has never yet been unearthed. Captain Edward Teach began his pirate life about the year 1716, sailing from the island of Providence, in the West Indies...

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AN ECCENTRIC CHARACTER.

An eccentric character was Aaron Randall, of St. Albans, Me., who died last week at the age of 98. He was a doctor both of man and beast, and a man of many good deeds as well as peculiarities.

LONG-LOST MANUSCRIPTS.

No success has attended the search made throughout the last six months in the square miles of vaults which extend in every direction under the Kremlin at Moscow for the long-lost collection of books and of ancient MSS. formed by the Tatars.

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