

## HELPLESS AT SEA.

Story of Two Ships That Met and Parted in a Wild Storm.

"I suppose you've heard plenty of stories about men being rescued at sea," remarked the captain of a liner plying out of New York, "and for that reason I'm going to tell you a story, for variety's sake, about some men not being rescued at sea. It was one of the worst experiences I ever had since I've been a sailor.

"It was in the middle of a terrible hurricane, and the boat I was on was but barely manageable. All we could do was to keep steering way on her and trust to weather the storm.

"Well, at the very worst of it, when the wind was howling like mad and the waves were almost burying us, we heard a yell from out somewhere on the sea. The next moment we caught sight of a sailing vessel not more than a few hundred yards away, evidently in distress.

"Soon we were so close to her that we could see she had lost one of her masts and was absolutely at the mercy of the storm. We could plainly see her sailors clinging to the rigging or hanging on to whatever hadn't been washed off her decks. What was worse, we could plainly hear them shouting to us for help.

"But there was nothing whatever we could do. You are not a sailor, and perhaps you can't understand what I'm telling you when I say that we simply had to stand there on our boat, listening to those men in their agony, yet we couldn't so much as throw them a rope.

"Why? Because our boat was barely manageable itself, as I told you. We were fighting the storm as hard as we could. If we had had a second boat we would have lost steering way and run the risk of being swamped; also we stood an excellent chance of being rammed against that disabled boat and sending ourselves and it to the bottom. As to throwing them a rope, first, we couldn't throw it far enough for them to reach it, and, second, there was the probability of the rope getting tangled in our propeller and spoiling our chances of escape.

"There was nothing—nothing whatever—for us to do. And, I tell you, it was a terrible thing to scoot past those poor devils hanging on to that hulk and hear their cries growing fainter and fainter in the distance. I've never forgotten the sound of them."—New York Times.

## His Way of Spelling It.

Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B., was discussing the marriage question.

He quoted the American phrase that "Courtship is bliss and marriage is bluster." American humor, he said, often embodies an exaggerated statement of truth, and that phrase is apt to come true if a man marries a girl because she has a pretty face.

He gave this after honeymoon dialogue:

She—Do you spell "disillusionize" with a "z" or an "s"?

He—I do not.

She—Don't be tiresome! How do you spell it?

He—How do I spell "disillusionize"? I spell it "m-a-r-r-i-e-d!"—London Tit-Bits.

## PAPER MONEY.

It Was First Issued by Count de Tendilla at Alhambra.

The Count de Tendilla, while besieged by the Moors in the fortress of Alhambra, was destitute of gold and silver wherewith to pay his soldiers, who began to murmur, as they had not the means of purchasing the necessities of life from the people of the town.

"In this dilemma," says the historian, "what does this most sagacious commander: He takes a number of little morsels of paper on which he inscribes various sums, large and small, and signs them with his own hand and name. These did he give to the soldiers in earnest of their pay. 'How, you will say, are soldiers to be paid with scraps of paper? Even so, and well said, too, as I will presently make manifest, for the good count issued a proclamation ordering the inhabitants to take these morsels of paper for the full amount inscribed, promising to redeem them at a future time with gold and silver. Thus by subtle and most miraculous alchemy did this cavalier turn worthless paper into precious gold and silver and make his late impoverished army abound in money."

The historian adds, "The Count de Tendilla redeemed his promises like a

royal knight, and this miracle, as it appeared in the eyes of the worthy Aguida, is the first instance on record of paper money."

## GETTING UP STEAM.

A Young Engineer's Answer to a Gruff and Persistent Examiner.

A bright young fellow came up for the cadet engineers' examination at Annapolis one day, and the judges asked him the usual questions, which he answered readily enough until one gruff old fellow frowned at him and demanded:

"How do you say you proceed to get up steam?"

The cadet glibly described the process of building the fires, testing the water in the boilers and all that.

"And then?" snapped the examiner.

The young fellow twisted his cap in his hands and thought up a few more details.

"And then?" rasped the examiner once more, pursing his lips and looking as if something important had been missed.

The cadet did the best he could, slightly adding such details as that he would but the furnace doors after putting the coal in. The moment he stopped he same old question burst out:

"And then?"

"And then," repeated the cadet slowly, raising his cap to his breast and gazing at the ceiling, "and then I should look up to heaven and think I am ready to go home if the boiler front comes out."—New York Sun.

## Hoaxed the Book Collectors.

Some years ago a cruel hoax was played on the ardent detourers of booksellers' catalogues. A number of well known book lovers in France and Belgium received a catalogue of a library to be sold at Binche, a small town near Mons. There were only 252 items in the catalogue, but all these were unique examples, for, it was announced, "the late owner, M. de Fortuna, would destroy any book in his collection if he ascertained that another copy existed." The catalogue, as may be imagined, caused a sensation in the book world. On the day appointed for the sale swarms of collectors, including representatives of several national libraries, descended on Binche, only to find that both De Fortuna and his bluebird library were myths.—London Chronicle.

## Six of One, Half Dozen of the Other.

One of the most discouraging features of life in Tripoli, as in other Mohammedan countries, is the condition of the veiled, fatalistic women. Those of the richer classes live in untended idleness, the poor in even more ignorance and constant ill directed drudgery. A missionary for whom the wife of a muleteer was preparing supper noticed that she set aside in a furtive way a small part of the tea and sugar.

"Why do you do that?" was asked.

"Oh," said the woman, "I must provide against the day when my husband may divorce me."

She then made the startling announcement that she was her husband's sixth wife and that he was her sixth husband.—Christian Herald.

## STEAM PUMP FISHING.

It Was Rapid, but Disastrous, and France Stopped It.

One of the most singular fishing devices imaginable was discovered by accident in France. Though extremely simple, the system is revolutionary.

A pond on the farm of La Mariequette, bordered by rocky shores, was drained one year by the aid of a steam pump. Each stroke of the piston drew up twenty-five gallons of water, and the pond was emptied in a few hours and not only was the water drawn off, but all the fishes also were transferred to a new element.

This was a revolution. The owners of ponds in the neighborhood followed suit, and the proprietor of the pump made a specialty of this sort of work. He "let" one of his pumps, modified for the purpose. The peasants of the region called it "the fish pump." Each stroke of the piston brought up torrents of water, in which were fish and crawfish, together with mud and debris.

One pond of several acres was cleared of fish at an expense of 35 francs, or \$7.20. The process was ingenious, but as one cannot have his fish and eat it, too, and as such rapid consumption would have led to equally rapid extermination, the authorities stopped the practice.—Scientific American.

## HACKNEY COACHES.

Tradesmen Protested When They First Appeared in London.

In a letter dated April 1, 1639, Mr. Garrard, writing to the Earl of Strafford, says: "Here is one Captain Bailly. He hath been a sea captain, but now lives in London, where he tries experiments. He hath erected according to his ability some four hackney coaches, put his men in a livery and appointed them to stand at the Maypole in the Strand, giving them instructions at what rate to carry men into several

parts of the town, where all day they may be had.

"Other hackney men seeing this way, they flocked to the same place and performed their journeys at the same rate, so that sometimes there are twenty of them together, which disperse up and down."

Citizen shopkeepers bitterly complained of this, saying:

"Formerly when ladies and gentle men walked in the streets there was a chance of customers, but now they whisk past in the coaches before our apprentices have time to cry out 'What d'ye lack?'"

The word cab, a contraction of cabriolet, was not used until 1823.—London Standard.

## He Liked Scotchmen.

The late Meredith Townsend had an affection for Scotchmen as contributors to the Spectator, of which he was for so many years proprietor and coeditor. Mr. Townsend's liking for the Scots was based on an experience he had in Leith when a boy. He was on a holiday and had run short of money for his return to London. He boldly boarded a London passenger boat, intimated his desire to the captain to go south, explained who he was and stated that he was without funds. Seemingly favorably impressed by the lad's tale and appearance, the captain, a Scot, said that would be all right and showed him to a cabin. "But," said young Townsend, "this is a saloon. As things are steered would do all right." "Na, na, my mannie," said the captain. "If I trust ye at all I'll trust ye first class!" London Spectator.

## The First Henchmen.

Skeat derives the word henchman from heugstman (Anglo-Saxon), horseman, groom. It is probable that henchmen were in the first instance young nobles who at state ceremonies attended on the king as mounted pages. History speaks of these henchmen in this capacity, for we read that Henry VI. had three and Edward IV. six of them. We find, too, that they were mentioned in the royal ceremonies as belonging "to the riding household" and took part in tournaments. The last time "henchman" is mentioned in connection with the court is in the reign of Henry VIII., and gradually it came to mean an ordinary page. The word is used by Ben Jonson and Shakespeare in this sense.

Bishop Nathaniel S. Thomas of Wyoming visited the state penitentiary and endeavored to ascertain what causes had led to the downfall of the various prisoners. Almost to a man they told the bishop that love of drink had put them behind the bars. This interested him, and he asked each prisoner for his solution of the liquor problem, carefully tabulating the answers for future reference. All but one of the prisoners announced themselves advocates of prohibition.

One man, a lean, rugged, leather-necked convict, not yet bleached by prison life, denounced this plan when the bishop suggested it to him.

"The trouble with prohibition is it don't prohibit," he said vigorously. "What you want to do is to close up the distilleries. They're the boys to go after."

"A sensible idea, certainly," said Bishop Thomas, making a note of it. "Your plan is to stop the traffic at its source. Excellent! You seem like a very intelligent man. May I ask you you are—what you are here for?"

"Oh, me," said the prisoner. "I am a moonshiner."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## Anger.

Bride thy passion. Anger is the sin of all the greatest. It leads up to deeds known only to the darkest hours of night. It tempts the upright man to throw aside his cloak of reason and go forth to dip his hands in human blood. It covers up the path where duty walks with steadfast feet.

It will not listen to the soft appeals of maiden loveliness or turn aside from its fierce purpose when the dimpled hands of mercy are held up before its gaze. It will not falter in its stubborn course when old age counsels with great swelling words.

It is the curse of youth and middle age. Of gray haired men and women. It beclouds the sensibilities of all alike. 'Tis only fit to live where madmen live. Safe stabled behind the strongest prison bars. —Herbert E. Day.

## Misnamed.

An old lady was going over the London zoo, and after some time she went up to a keeper and tapped him on the shoulder with her umbrella.

"Well, mum?" said the keeper.

"I want to ask you," explained the old lady, "which of the animals in the zoo you consider the most remarkable?"

The keeper scratched his head for awhile.

"Well, mum," he replied, "after careful consideration, as you might say, I've come to the conclusion as the biscuit goes to the laughing hyena."

"Indeed," said the old lady in surprise. "And why do you consider the laughing hyena so remarkable?"

"Well, mum," answered the zoological expert, "he only has a sleep once a week, he only has a meal once a month, and he only has a drink once a year. So what he's got to laugh about is a bloomin' mystery to me!"

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