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Tacoma, Jan. 21 .- A recent trip by the steamer Tacoma from this city, was one unusual occurrence and a strong side-light is thrown upon the superstition of sallors by the story of a passenger:

"I have followed the water for many years, and, though on this trip a passenger, I was intimate with all aboard and during all the rough weather was the one passenger allowed on deck, or below in the working part of the ship. I have salled before the mast twenty years, and have great faith myself in 'hoodos" and "Jonahs." When the Tacoma left she had aboard a "Johah" in very truth, and all hands and the cook will bear me out, as will the man himself, if you ask him. Con Norton is from Missouri. He is an expert electrician and secured the position of fourth assistant engineer. From the moment he stepped aboard to the time we tied up to the dock yesterday it was a succession of mis-

When He Went Aboard.

He came aboard as the lines were being cast off, the 4th of October, and when he looked at the men at work heaving and pulling at the lines, something mysterious took place which every man of us felt, yet which will not bear analysis. At any rate, at that moment, for the first time in her history, the ship bumped into the dock, staving in a forward plate. Con showed his hand when we passed Point Flattery by asking how far it 39c was to the next lighthouse, and the 39c question, which you can see for yourself was sufficient to incense Father Neptune at any season of the year, the first serious intimation of the 8c tempestuous voyage we were to have 23c all the way to China and back.. No 15c one answered the question, for that would have been fatal, as you know; and, finding it unanswered, he began wondering aloud where the coaling hands skipped away in great alarm. loose.

Shaved Him at the Line.

Seeing that they were in for it, the crew put a bold face to the matter and thought to avert Neptune's wrath by the usual rites and ceremonies. On crossing the 180th parallel Con-was shaved and supposedly put on good footing with the water deities, but the very first thing he asked on being introduced to the spirits which came aboard was "Where's the line I hear so much about. I don't see anything." and there he was gazing out to sea for a glimpse of the line on crossing which the ship gains and loses a day. according to which way it is traveling. To avert disaster, after such a gross seafaring atrocity, one of the enginers hastily stretched a hair across the front of a telescope and gave him the instrument to look through. He saw the line magnified a thousand diameters, and wondered how the ship was ever going to sail over it at all. He was from Missouri all right enough, and had to be shown. Then it was the threatening clouds gathered and the storm withheld no longer, and as you know the ship went into Hongkong with all her upper works washed away. Only the stanchest of ships could have stood up in the storm, and only the superexcellent seamanship of Captain Dixon prevented her going to the bottom. Jonah and all.

Couldn't Throw Him Overboard. Of course, if the laws had been the same as in the real Jonah's case, Con would have ben thrown overboard. and the storm would have abated instantaneously. That not being possible, it became a case of sink or swim together. When Con entered the dinswing-holders over the tables would INDIGESTION come crashing down. If he met a his life, while the dishes and pota in If he opened a hatch to go on deck, the sea would focus itself and thous-

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Well, we got to Hongkong and it took many weeks to repair, during stations were placed, and how many which time we recovered our courage miles it was to the first one. The and were satisfied to have him come Buy the O. K. Grubber and Stump us, arguing that Father and as he entered the engineer's Neptune had expended his rage and messroom the great water filter fell would now smile on us. Not so, No. from its fastenings without warning, sooner were we on deep water once crashing to the floor in bits, though more than the Jonah wanted to know fastened so securely that two men if it was as far back as it was coming could not ordinarily have torn it over the Pacific alleging that he had heard somewhere of a "Milky Way." or a great circle that cuts across lots. so to speak. Then came the sound of thunder riven and for the next 55 hours the chief engineer and the captain each stood at his post without relief and without rest and only by such herculean effort saved the Tacoma and those aboard. The dishes destroyed on the voyage across had been replaced in Hongkong, but the steward will tell you that when we arrived in Tacoma we hadn't enough left whole to serve the captain. We had to put up with it and the only stipu lation made was that the Jonah should keep out of the engine room.

for on that depended our lives. Caused Her to Strike. The story of the storm has been told and need not be repeated. When It abated we were in sight of land and then came another fatal break. We had passed Cape Flattery and were on our way safely to Tacoma when Con Norton was, by mistake, allowed on deck. He looked off to the shore and swore a mighty oath he would never again set a foot on board ship. Then he asked if that red land over there was not Florida, as he had always noticed that Florida was the one red state on all the maps. Hardly was the fatal question out when, Bang! we were aground hard and fast. We got off, as you all know by this time, but when we reached Victoria it cost the hoodoo a champagne supper for everyone on board the ship, and we obtained a solemn promise from the cause of all our troubles that he would resign. He has done so, and all is well again aboard the good stanch ship Tacoma.

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