

Only a baby,  
Kissed and caressed,  
Gently held to mother's breast.

Only a child,  
Toddling alone,  
Brightening now its happy home.

Only a boy,  
Trudging to school,  
Governed now by sterner rule.

Only a youth,  
Living in dreams;  
Full of promise life now seems.

Only a man,  
Battling with life,  
Shared in now by loving wife.

Only a father,  
Burdened with care,  
Silver threads in dark-brown hair.

Only a graybeard,  
Toddling again,  
Growing old and full of pain.

Only a mound,  
O'ergrown with grass,  
Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

### THE TREASURE SHIP.

A Story of Naples in the Seventeenth Century.

#### CHAPTER I.

It is a bright summer morning in the early part of July, 1647, and the sun is shining brightly upon the bay of Naples, and the little town that sits on the rocky headlands of the distant island of Capri, with its Spanish colors displayed, lies at anchor about half a mile from the shore, her flagging pennant flying to the breeze. On the deck of the vessel, which is the Spanish galleon, the young admiral, Don Juan Fernandez, is seated, looking out over the bay. He is a young man of about twenty, with a fair complexion and a noble bearing. He is dressed in a rich, gold-embroidered uniform, and his eyes are fixed upon the distant shore, where he has just received intelligence that the Spanish fleet is approaching the harbor. He is a man of high rank and great promise, and his father, the Duke of Aros, is one of the most powerful nobles in the kingdom. He is now on his way to Naples, to take command of the Spanish fleet, and to see that the Spanish galleon is properly equipped for the voyage. He is a man of high rank and great promise, and his father, the Duke of Aros, is one of the most powerful nobles in the kingdom. He is now on his way to Naples, to take command of the Spanish fleet, and to see that the Spanish galleon is properly equipped for the voyage.

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CHAPTER II.

The impatient admiral might perhaps have watched the approach of the barge with less interest, had he been present at the conference which had taken place an hour before in the market-place of the revolted city. Genoa was assigning to his various adherents their several parts in the great work of the day; a programme in which the vessel of Fernandez occupied a very prominent place.

"I hear from some of our prisoners," said the young leader, in his clear, firm voice, "that that vessel in the roadstead carries a large sum of money, part of which is intended for the pay of the soldiers who hold the citadel. You must see that the Spaniards, in their moment they find themselves, baulked of their pay, will mutiny, as a matter of course, and then the fortress falls into our hands without a shot being fired. That vessel and that treasure must be taken, cost what it may, and to do such a deed, I know no better man than yourself."

The man to whom the last words were addressed was a huge, black-bearded fellow, whose reddened right eye revealed through its socket the iron and silver of a mercenary. It would have been difficult indeed to find a better specimen of his class, whether physically or in the way of his conduct. He was a sailor, a free-lance, he had faced every danger and committed every violation of law which could be committed by a man of his profession. When the vessel of Fernandez was ordered for the conduct of an enterprise which most men would have regarded as all but certain, he was the first to volunteer, and he had been in the thick of the fight, and he had seen the dark face might have betted a school-boy listening to the unexpected announcement of a victory.

"Lads!" he roared, in a voice that dominated all the surrounding clamor, "I want fifty men for the job. Who'll follow?"

The risk of shouting volunteers that nearly swept him away the next moment, showed plainly enough that, if he had called for five hundred men instead of fifty, he might have had them all.

"Fifty are enough," said he, with a decision which admitted of no reply. "Follow me down to the harbor, and there I'll tell you what to do."

But, although he spoke so boldly, the worthy leader was not a small person. He was a man of about forty, with a broad forehead, a large nose, and a pair of eyes which could find fault with any man's conduct. He was a man of high rank and great promise, and his father, the Duke of Aros, is one of the most powerful nobles in the kingdom. He is now on his way to Naples, to take command of the Spanish fleet, and to see that the Spanish galleon is properly equipped for the voyage.

### TRAPPING A BIG BEAR.

Surprised White Preparing for His Capture—Why a Hunter Crewed News.

A few days ago a very exciting but also ludicrous incident occurred at the upper end of Hunter's Flat, some ten miles north of West Point, Calaveras county, Cal. John Giles, who has been profitably engaged in trapping in the mountains above, the past winter, visited a hunter's flat. A few hours previous to Giles' arrival a bear had paid her respects to one of Hall's Berkshire pigs, leaving the smaller portion of it under an oak tree for future lunch. Giles owns a large steel trap, weighing sixty pounds, which was hauled to the oak tree. A pine cone was stuck in the diameter of the trap, the hole being nearly reaching the oak. The heavy chain attached to the trap had an enormous swivel at the end, which was securely fastened to a strong iron bolt inserted in the butt end of the pine. The remains were carried up the oak tree and the trap was then set, and Giles proceeded to obtain a seal-parking tone. "Here he comes!" Sure enough, an enormous and apparently enraged bear was making rapid headway toward the mournful looker-on. Before Giles got started in the ensuing race Hall had taken the lead by a good many lengths, leaping wild coffee bushes six feet in height with ease. The roaring of the ferocious brute in the rear accelerated Giles' speed until he was exhausted, when he ventured to look back and note the distance between him and the bear. He found that the bear had given up the race. He shouted to his companion, who was some four hundred yards ahead, but Hall continued the race until he reached his cabin. The two now concluded to wait some two hours. Giles had no weapons with him, and when the bear came within range he uttered trivial objections, but offered to lend his rifle. As Hall is acknowledged to be a bold and skillful hunter, Giles pressed him to explain his apparently cowardly behavior, and the blushing and stuttering friend said that he was recently engaged to the reigning belle of West Point, and that he had to hurry to the city to see to the arrangements for the wedding. He had become fastened in the undergrowth, held him securely. Giles says he lodged five balls in the bear's ears, which all ineffectually flattened. Bled fairly at the head only penetrated the skin. Several shots in the region of the heart finally brought him down, but the bear did not until he had been skinned. His back, head of his ears, was found to be two feet ten and one-half inches in circumference. The carcass when dressed weighed 1,453 pounds. It is probably the largest bear of its species ever seen in California. The skin is to be carried to San Francisco, and Giles intends to present it to President Hayes.

### THAT BIG FROG.

How the Gateless Policemen of a Detroit Station House Were Taken In.

It was remembered afterward that he had a sneaking, low-down look, and the boys were sorry that they didn't arrest him as the Nathan murderer. He called at the Ninth avenue station and asked if they had an aquarium there, and if they didn't want a Lake St. Clair frog to put in it, and he added, "I'll give you a dollar for it."

"Gentlemen, it is a frog which I caught myself, and he really ought to be on exhibition. I never saw a frog of his size before."

"How large is it?" inquired a sergeant, instinctively glancing toward the top of the coat stand.

"Gentlemen, I hate to give you the figures, because I'm a stranger," replied the man.

"There's some old whoopers up in the lake," put in one of the relief squad. "I've seen 'em as big as a stove-cooker, and even bigger."

"Well, some one ought to have this frog who can feed him up well," said the sergeant. "I ain't much on natural science, and I've seen about all there is to see, but this frog—great heavens! Some man ought to take him round the country."

"How did you catch him?" asked the captain.

"Run him down with a tug and threw a fish-net over him."

"And he's a monster, eh?"

"A monster! Well, I don't want to give you dimensions, but he's about a hundred at the most, perhaps, and every mustard plaster is used in every family, and physicians prescribe their application. The ordinary way is to mix the mustard with water, tempering it with a little flour; but such a plaster as you want is made of mustard, water, and a little of the mustard plaster. Use no water, but mix the mustard with the white of an egg, and the result will be a plaster which will 'draw' perfectly, and will not produce a blister on the skin of an infant no matter how long it is allowed to remain on the part."

A Wash for Fruit Trees.

The following is recommended by a commission of fruit-growers, presided over by Prof. J. M. Thomas, State entomologist of Illinois, and is part of a very full report, embodying advice that infest the orchards of that State:

Insects and mildews, injurious to the leaves of seedlings and root grafts, can be kept in subjection by the use of a free use of a combination of lime and sulphur. Take of quick or unslaked lime four parts, and of common flour of sulphur one part (four pounds of sulphur to one peck of lime); break up the lime in small bits, then mix the sulphur with it in a tight vessel (iron is best), and mix the whole with boiling water to slake the lime to a powder; cover in the vessel close as soon as the water is poured on; this makes also a most excellent whitewash for orchard trees, and is very useful as a preventive of blight on pear trees, to cover the wounds in the form of a paste when cutting down pear trees; also for coating the trees in April. It may be considered as the one specific for many noxious insects and mildew in the orchard and nursery; its materials should always be ready at hand; it should be used quite fresh, as it would in time become sulphureous, and also except in excess, unless the water is mixed with lime is spoken of, this should be used. This preparation should be sprinkled over the young plant as soon as or before any trouble from aphides, thrips or mildew occurs, early in the morning while the dew is on the trees. The lime and sulphur combination is destructive to these pests in this way first by giving off sulphuric acid gas, which is deadly poison to minute life, both animal and fungoid; and the lime destroys by contact the same things, besides its presence is noxious to them; neither is it injurious to common vegetable life, except in excess, unless the lime is the foliage of evergreens.

A Test for Eggs.

An egg is generally called fresh when it has been laid only one or two days in summer, and two to six days in winter. The shell being porous, the water in the interior evaporates, and leaves a cavity of greater or less extent. The yolk of the egg sinks, low, as may easily be seen by holding it toward a candle or the sun; when shaken, a slight shock is felt if the egg is not fresh. To determine the precise age of eggs, dissolve about four ounces of common salt in a quart of water, and then immerse the egg. If it is one day old, it will descend to the bottom of the vessel; if but three days, it will float in the liquid. If more than five days old, it will come to the surface, and project above it in proportion to its increased age.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

For the Household.

NUMBER CAKE.—One cup of butter; two cups of sugar; two tablespoons molasses; three cups flour; four eggs; one teaspoonful of soda; two teaspoons of cream tartar; one cup of raisins; spice to taste.

RICED AND APPLES.—The following is a very nice thing, especially for the children: Core as many nice apples as will fill the dish; boil them in light molasses; prepare a quart of a pound of rice in milk, with sugar and salt; put some of the rice into the dish, then put in the apples and fill up the intervals with rice, and bake it in the oven until it is a fine color.

A USE FOR CATYENNE PEPPER.—Cayenne pepper will keep the buttery and store-room free from ants and cockroaches. If a mouse makes an entrance into a part of the dwelling, saturate a rag with cayenne in solution and stuff it into the hole which can be repaired with either wood or mortar. No rat or mouse will eat that rag for the purpose of opening communication with the depot of supplies.

WOMAN'S SPOONER.—As house-mistress and as mothers, women have duties to perform quite as important in their results, if not so extensive in their area, as all that fall to the lot of men. As the former, the comfort and happiness of a greater or less number of people depends upon their efficiency. As the latter, the influence and mold of future generations, and so are the ultimate sources whence flow the current of events, and the creators of the characters in which history is to be written. But for the most part they enter on these important duties with no preparation, and with hands unaccustomed to the work. They must, by a judicious use of their hands, make a night of it at Belmont.

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