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HERVE RIEL. BY ROBERT BROWNING. On the sea and at the Hogue, sixteen hundred Did the English fight the French-woe to

And, the thirty-first of May, helter-skelter through the blue, Like a crowd of frightened porpoises a shoal of sharks pursue,

Came crowding ship on ship to St. Malo on the Rance, With the English fleet in view.

Twas the squadron that escaped, with the victor in full chase; First and foremost of the drove, in his great ship, Damfreville; Close on him fled, great and small,

Twenty-two good ships in all; And they signalled to the place 'Help the winners of a race! Get us guidance, give us harbor, take us quick—or, quicker still, Here's the English can and will!"

Then the pilots of the place put out brisk and

leaped on board; "Why, what hope or chance have ships like these to pass?" laughed they: "Rocks to starboard, rocks to port, all the passage scarred and scored,

Shall the Formidable here with her twelve and eighty guns Think to make the river-mouth by the single narrow way, Trust to enter where 'tis ticklish for a craft of

twenty tons, And with flow at full beside? Now 'tis slackest ebb of tide. Reach the mooring? Rather say, While rock stands or water runs,

Not a ship will leave the bay!" Then was called a council straight: Brief and bitter the debate: "Here's the English at our heels; would you

have them take in tow All that's left us of the fleet, linked together stern and bow, For a prize to Plymouth Sound?

Better run the ships aground!' (Ended Damfreville his speech.) "Not a minute more to wait! Let the captains all and each Shove ashore, then blow up, burn the ves-

sels on the beach! France must undergo her fate." "Give the word!" But no such word

Was ever spoke or heard: For up stood, for out stepped, for in struck amid all these-A captain? A lieutenant? A mate-first, second, third?

No such man of mark, and meet With his betters to compete! But a simple Breton sailor pressed by Tourville for the fleet-A poor coasting pilot he, Herve Riel the

Croisickese. And "What mockery or malice have we here?" cries Herve Riel: "Are you mad, you Malouins? Are you cowards, fools, or rogues?

Talk to me of rocks and shoals, me who took the soundings, tell On my fingers every bank, every shallow, every swell

'Twixt the offing here and Greve, where the river disembogues? Are you bought by English gold? Is it love the lying a for: Morn and eve, night and day,

Have I piloted your bay, Entered free and anchored fast at the foot of Solidor, Burn the fleet, and ruin France? That were

worse than fifty Houges. Sirs, they know I speak the truth! Sirs, believe me there's a way! Only let me lead the line,

Have the biggest ship to steer, Get this Formidable clear, Make the others follow mine, And I lead them, most and least, by a passage I know well,

Right to Solidor, past Greve,
And there lay them safe and sound;
And if one ship misbehave—
Keel so much as grate the ground—
Why, I've nothing but my life: here's my head!" cries Herve Riel. Not a minute more to wait.

'Steer us in, then, small and great! Take the helm, lead the line, save the squadron!" cried its chief. Captains, give the sailor place! He is admiral, in brief. Still the north wind, by God's grace. See the noble fellow's face As the big ship, with a bound, Clears the entry like a hound, Keeps the passage as its inch of way were the wide sea's profound! See, safe through shoal and rock,

How they follow in a flock. Not a ship that misbehaves, not a keel that grates the ground, Not a spar that comes to grief!

The peril, see, is past, All are harbored to the last, And just as Herve Riel hollas "Anchor!"sure as fate, Up the English come, too late.

So, the storm subsides to calm: They see the green trees wave On the heights o'erlook ng Greve: Hearts that bled are stanched with balm, "Just our rapture to enhance,

Let the English rake the bay, Gnash their teeth and glare askance As they cannonade away! 'Neath rampired Solidor pleasant riding on the Rance! How hope succeeds despair on each captain's

countenance! Outburst all with one accord "This is Paradise for Hell!

Let France, let France's king Thank the man that did the thing!" What a shout, and all one ward, "Herve-Riel, As he stepped in front once more,

Not a symptom of surprise In the frank blue Breton eyes, Just the same man as before. Then said Damfreville, "My friend,

I must speak out at the end, Though I find the speaking hard; Praise is deeper than the lips; You have saved the king his ships You must name your own reward. 'Faith, our sun was near eclipse! Demand whate'er you will, France remains your debtor still.

Ask to heart's content, and have, or my name's

not Damfreville. Then a beam of fun outbroke On the bearded mouth that spoke, As the honest heart laughed through Those frank eyes of Breton blue: "Since I needs must say my say, Since on board the duty's done, And from Malo Roads to Croisic Point, what

is it but a run?-Since 'tis ask and have, I may-Since the others go ashore Come! A good whole holiday!

Leave to go and see my wife, whom I call the Belle Aurore! That he asked, and that he got-nothing more.

Name and deed alike are lost: Not a pillar nor a post In his Croisic keeps alive the feat as it befell;

Not a head in white and black On a single fishing-smack, In memory of the man but for whom had gone to wrack
All that France saved from the fight whence

England bore the bell. Go to Paris; rank on rank Search the heroes flung pell-meil On the Louvre, face and flank; You shall look long enough ere you come

to Herve Riel. So, for better and for worse, Herve Riel, accept my verse In my verse, Herve Riel, do thou once more Save the squadron, honor France, love thy

wife the Belle Aurore!

peace with France:-

-Harper's Weekly. THE WAR INDEMNITY.

WHAT THE COST TO GERMANY FIGURES UP. A Berlin correspondent of the London Times professes to give the particulars as to the manner in which the Germans have made their calculations with regard to the terms of

First of all they have gone back to the time of the First Empire, and taken note of the exactions then imposed on Germany. From the papers left by Lord Castlereagh, figures are extracted to show that between 1792 and 1860 1,679,904,000f, was levied by the Freuch in different parts of Germany. Money being in those days worth four times its present value, the equivalent of this sum in modern reckoning would be more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ milliards. And even this, it is urged, did not represent the whole exactions of France, for Napoleon continued raising contributions for fifteen years more. Apart from this, however, it is calculated that the cost of the present war to the Germans is not less than 5,000,000,000 francs. The Post, of Berlin, a semi-official print, estimates the average loss to the Germans at 6d. a day for each of the 40,000,000 constituting the empire. Dr. Hirth, a well-known statistician, has gone more into detail in his calculations. Early in September he made out the following little bill:-

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