The Image-Maker.

"No graven image shalt thou make;" And yet, O Sculptor, for the sake Of such an effigy as I-

The superscription like the face Disfigured now, and hard to trace Didst Thou thyself consent to die. -John B. Tabb, in the Atlantic.

BY THEODORE A. CUTTING.

P5222222222222222222 The most skilful master of catboatsailing that I ever knew was Yamate. Never, I think, was there a more adroit hand than his at sheet or tiller. He could sheer up close into the wind and bowl along as if it blew across his beam. Always, too, he knew the exact amount of sall to spread, and could carry more in rough water than any of his fellow fishermen.

Yamate was also the folliest of stood watching the salmon-boats return. There was a stiff offshore astern. breeze, to which the foremost boats paid respect by single or double reefs of sail: but presently in came Yamate nader full canvas, his boat rocking unth the tip of the boom dipped the waves, his mouth curved in a gleeful grin, and his eyes dancing with the joy of swift motion.

He shot in close to the pier and drifted up to the landing without a stroke of the oar, where others had had recourse to an awkward tack, or even to rowing under a swinging boom that batted them upon head and shoulders.

smelt one year in June that Yamate's sailing was put to a test that taxed even his skill to the utmost.

were out again. To the disappoint- feet in the air. ment of the fishermen, however, the Had it not been for Yamate's hand few ran down the coast for smelt.

Nakamura. The day was not very shore dangerous. But Yamate, with an empty can, the two oars and a his usual fearlessness, ran in to basket, but of the man not a sign. the very line along which the break- Then an indistinguishable mass of ers formed, to cast his net.

little craft, and then down in each come quite to the surface, but Ya- his water-logged craft beyond the line successive hollow it sank again. mate lest not an instant. He took of danger. Sometimes the thin edge formed and a turn of the sheet about the cleat, began to curl under the very keel, grabbed with the other hand a gaff, but always the boat escaped being and leaned far out over the gunwale. overwhelmed

a gale to a calm. He was jubilant, the shape of a black head of hair. too, from the success of his seine. for each draw was satisfactory; and up Nakamura by the arm. for the delicately flavored smelt there was always a market.

came to his net.

who still lay on the surf-line, but with size was less than six yards distant. a constant eye upon the incoming and creep up a little into the wind- rock. This Yamate did, letting go comber.

For two bours or more they conkamura no fish.

survey of the breakers and the jagged rocks beyond, against which they pounded, slacked off his sheet and he had to turn back. Then Yamate ran in where the smelt seemed so plentiful.

when he took alarm at an approaching swell. Quickly he threw the tiller over and hauled upon his sheet. His canvas had but begun to draw when the wave reached him: but of its own accord it held together until it was several yards to leeward.

Nakamura was surprised at the rapidity with which it had come upon him, and a little nervous; but since the danger was over and no harm had come beyond the shipping of a little water, he made fast the sheet and busied bimself with straightening the small seine.

"Look out! Look out! A big one!"

suddenly shouted Yamate. He himself threw over his titler and shot up into wind and wave in a twinkling. The great billow rolled upon the bows and sent in a bucketful or two of water; but for all that, the little craft cut its way through to safety and stodd off on a tack.

Not to with Nakamura, Easily enough and he squared away and run down late the breakers with the wind, but to work back in its teeth was another thing. As before, he prepared to draw slowly away on a long tack, but in an instant the great wave was upon him broadside. From the shot up into and through stem to stern it tumbled into the without misfortune, and immediately sailbeat, filling her in a trice. Over slacked away again to get up speed she west, boom and gaff slabbing for meeting the second.

down into the sea, and the next moment was bottom up, driving rapidly toward the rocks.

feet, moreover, had become entangled in the length of net.

extricate himself. Indeed, it seemed against him. but to tighten with his struggles. With last part of his inhalation was stinging brine.

Strangling and suffocating, he wore away his strength trying to get free from the net. More and more frenair could he get; when it was not water that he sucked in, it was froth and spray. Soon he sank helplessly beneath the green surface; and then have come to grief. the long, sobbing inhalation that he

took was from the depths. Yamate's eyes, even while he steered his own craft to safety, were turned back toward his less skilful countryman; and when he saw the cap- show. The wind caught away the Japanese. I first saw him from the size, he immediately threw over his comb and made of it streaming penhead of the pier at Monterey as I tiller, jibed his sail, and squared away into the breakers with the wind water towered that it became trans-

A great wave formed beneath him as he ran, and with the full spread threatening the desperate Japanese of sail he kept pace with it, riding high upon it as it rolled in toward the rocks. At last, as if fretful of its load, the billow reared to a crest, and all but pitched the boat forward

But at the same instant it was brought to its knees by the rocks below, and crumbled into spray. In the smother of foam the craft still

Close alongside lay the upturned keel of Nakamura's boat but of the It was during a run of salmon and capsized fisherman Yamate could see nothing. All was white boiling water, which here sucked down and swirled away, and there bubbled forth again. There had been a gale, which for Then the billow fe'l wi h a wighty two days had put an end to all fish- crash upon a grim sandstone rock, ing; but upon the third all boats and the whipped spray leaped twenty

salmon had scattered So few, in at the tiller, the catboat would also deed, were to be taken that most have crashed and crumpled in like of the men drew in their hooks and a birch cance; but obedient to his began to cast for mackerel; others touch, it turned aside from the outsought the rockfish grounds; and a standing rock and drove on yet farther toward the solid abutment of the Among the latter were Yamate and mainland, that could not be dodged. Still the daring Japanese had no propitious for taking this fish, in sight of Nakamura. Upon the tumulasmuch as there was still a heavy tuous surface of the water was strewn sea from the recent wind-storm, which the contents of the boat; there was, in the water was the gunwale. But

some kind bubbled up within a cou-Up with each great swell rose his ple of yards of the stern. It did not came in to lend a hand and to tow

He secured and pulled up the ob-The wind, already sufficiently brisk ject. It was the empty coat. But for the precarious fore-and-aft sail, in the same instant his quick eye ance, drew in his trailing rigging, was increasing; but this was no cause caught sight of a second shadow in bailed his boat, and presently was of worry to Yamate, who preferred the waters, which rapidly assumed

Yamate hooked again and brought

With his stomach over the tiller, and so holding it, he heaved his coun-With Nakamura it was otherwise, tryman inboard. In the next instant Well beyond the line of breakers, he he did three things-resumed the fished perseveringly, while his sail tiller, loosed the sheet from the cleat, slatted in the breeze. But only taster and turned his attention upon the less surf perch and a few sardines sea. He was none too agile. The boat had swung round broadside to Enviously he looked in at Yamato, the waves, and a billow of no mean

There was but one chance of escapshells. Ever and again he saw his ing it-to slack off before the wind, more daring comrade draw his sheet to drive in still closer to the wall of upon each occasion just in time, as the sheet upon the instant the craft it seemed, to escape from a gigantic came round and taking the sea upon the stern. The distance lost was appalling; it seemed that the grip of tinued to fish in the same manner. the wave would not loose until it had To Yamate came no harm and to Na- borne them to the very rocks. The instant it passed. Yamate jerked in At last Nakamara, after a timorous the sheet to bring the boat about; but it was not to be. A second more followed so closely that once more for an instant lost hope, for cersainly if no time were given him be-Hardly was the fisherman's net out tween breakers to turn, he could not draw out of them. Boats do not sail backward.

Small as his hope had become, however, the Japanese stood alert at helm and sheet. To his joy, he saw that the third was far behind the two that had fallen in such quick succession. Amidst the flurry even before the billow had passed, he bore over the tiller and stood away.

The boat came whirling round and red down through the foaming trough of water with the speed of a gull. So close it was upon the rocks, that the boom end almost scraped in turning; so close, too, that the undertow helped to sweep it back. But although the boat lived, there was the whole tumbling line of breakers that stood between her and safety.

Still she was headed toward the open sea, and for Yamate that was enough to stir hope, although he knew that every inch of the way must be fought for against wind and wave. With the sheet somewhat free to acquire momentum, he ran off on . long tack almost parallel with the shore.

When the foremost wave reached

His age meanwhile swept the whole belt of breakers, where three already definitely formed waves were racing Nakamura, at best but a laborious toward him. The first two were of swimmer, found himself under a moderate size, gathering height and lathom of water in a heavy coat. His momentum as they advanced; but the third and most remote sent a chill to his heart. It was far out, rising From the loose-niting over-coat ne so high as to shut out the horizon, managed to get free, but from the and looked to the troubled sailor like

While the spell of that sight held his arms alone, however, he fought him, the nearest of the three waves his way to the surface, and caught a fell upon his starboard bow. Alhalf-breath. But upon the instant a though he had mechanically forced new wave fell upon his head, and the over the tiller to meet it, the boat was not fully in position; and in consequence sea-water came over the gunwale.

Yamate did what he could to bring the eraft properly up, and then, as zied and confused became his thrash- the breaker passed, stood away as ings. Not a single breath of pure before. One favoring circumstance did not desert him-the breeze swept in from the sea without gust or lull. But for that he would before now

> Up came the tremendous ridge of water, rising higher and higher. growing thinner and thinner. Already the crest was forming and glints of white were beginning to nants of mist. So high and thin the lucent green, beautiful but ominous. Meanwhile the intervening billow was sailor. It was perfectly able to overwhelm the boat if allowed to catch it broadside, and in the absence of its overtowering pursuer it would have caused anxiety. But Yamate met and cut through it without taking aboard

> So closely followed the mountainous mass of the great third wave that the Japanese did not attempt another tack. He sprang immediately forward, tore the mast from its step. and with all his might heaved it, together with sail and rigging into the sea. Then back he ran into the stern-sheets and again caught the tiller.

Down upon them came the smother of foam. The seething flood poured in upon the two fishermen from port, starboard and stem. Nakamura, as he lay limply in the bottom of the boat, was for a second time swallowed up by the sea.

Yet the craft did not completely fill, for Yamate held her true. The rpare and canvas at the prow, too, Lelped to cut a passage; and they came through

Yamate snatched the oars and renewed the struggle. A very little wave would upset them now, so low rendered a close approach to the a floating mass of corks and lines, the worst was past. Onl oily swells met them, which lapped gently against the bows and rolled on.

Yet Yamate was glad of assistance from the Japanese fishing-boat that

Nakamura was dragged from underneath the thwart and transferred to dry boat as soon as deep water was reached, and presently he came to.

Yamate, refusing further assiststanding away again under his own water-soaked but still effective canvas .-- Youth's Companion.

The Persevering Guesser. Dr. Aked, John D. Rockefeller's

paster, was praising the perseverance of the suffragettes, who, he said, stood reedy to undergo imprisonment and to sacrifice their lives to right what they decided an intolerable wrong."

Then, with a smile, Dr. Aked resumed:

"It is amazing what perseverance will achieve. Even misdirected perseverance has achieved marvels. There is the case of Robson, great Notts ericketer.

"Robson, during his Australian tour, was determined, one scorching afternoon, that his side shouldn't do the hard work of fielding.

"Well, when the Australian captain spun the coin, Robson shouted: " 'Woman!'

"Then, seeing that heads lay uppermost, instead of acknowledging defeat Robson said, with perseverance and nonchalance: "'Well, we'll go in.'

"'But-er-I thought,' said the puzzled Australian, 'you see, I don't quite know the English meaning of "woman." "Then,' said Rohson, gallantly,

We'll toss again.' "The Australian made a second toss. Robson called heads, and tails came up. The ordinary man would at this point have surrendered in de-

spair, but not so Robson. "'Honors are now easy,' said he. with a pleasant smile. 'On with the rubber.

"The Australian a third time flipped the coin, and having at last called the toss correctly, the persevering Robson led his side to the shady

Bureau of Education.

A national department of education, with a secretary in the cabinet, scems decidedly ambitious, in view of the beggarly support now given by congress to the national bureau of education. Commissioner Brown would consider himself extremely fortunate if he could hire a few more experts to make important educational investigations and, in many ways, make his modest bureau (ulfil its mission originally outlined for it when it was created .- Springfield Re-

State of Pennsylvania

KILLS WOMAN AND SELF. Youthful Telephone Inspector Shoots 18-Year-Old Companion,

Reading. - While speeding along in a taxicab here Stella Rocktashel, seine about his feet he could not an unstable mountain ridge coming 18 years old, was shot and killed, and her companion, George E. Knaut, 20 years old, after directing the chauffeur to hurry to a hospital, turned the revolver that killed the girl upon himself and sent a bullet into his heart, dying almost instantly.

Whether there had been a quarrel, or the two had agreed to die together, has not been determined. Lewis Becker, the chauffeur, is unable to throw any light on the affair, but the police believe, however, that was a case of deliberate murder

Started For Girl's Home.

The couple engaged the taxicab in the business section of the town shortly before 2 o'clock A, M., the young man telling the chauffeur to drive to the girl's home at 617 North Front Street. When the vicinity of the young woman's home was reached the chauffeur was startled by a revolver shot inside the cab. Simultaneously with the report the front window of the cab was shattered and the driver heard the whiz of a bullet over his shoulder.

A moment later Becker declares the man in the cab yelled excitedly, 'Drive to the hospital!"

Recognizing that something serious had occurred, Becker rushed the machine to the Reading Hospital. Just as he entered the hospital grounds there was a second shot inside the cab. Halting at the hospital door Becker summoned the night nurse, and she in turn called the in-

Dead On Reaching Hospital.

The young woman was found in a heap on the seat of the cab. Her face was covered with blood. There was no pulse, and it was found that she was dead. A bullet wound in the right side of the head, together with powder burns on the flesh, told how she had met her end. Fired at close range, the bullet had passed through her head.

A hurried examination of the man revealed that he, too, was dead, having shot himself through the heart. There was nothing the hospital physicians could do, and they immediately notified the police, who took

charge of the bodies. Knaut was a telephone inspector. Inquiry into the case developed that Knaut had asked several persons to lend him a revolver, saying he wanted to go to a masquerade ball. As there was no public mask ball here the authorities are of the opinion that the case was one of murder and

Miss Rocktashel was a prepossessing young woman of lively disposi-She and Knaut had been friends for several years. Her father is George Rocktashel, a Reading Railroad engineer, and one of the best known railroad men in this sec-

Supposed They Were Engaged. Her mother said:

Why this thing occurred I cannot explain. Knaut and my daughter had always been good friends. and I understood that they were engaged to be married. I thought him fine young man. Where they were I do not know, but I know that they were at no place where they should not have been."

From another source it was learned that Knaut and the girl were at a social gathering in the evening and that later they were in a saloon. It was from there that they went to a nearby street corner, where the taxicab was engaged to take them to her home.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

Farmer Adopts A Sure Method Of Ending His Troubles.

Warren. - Charles F. Hull, of Grand Valley, despondent and seek-Ing death, committed suicide by blowing himself to atoms with the aid of dynamite. He placed 15 sticks of the explosive in a hollow stump, attached a battery to it and sat on the stump while he touched off the improvised mine.

Where the stump was there is a hole big enough to bury a brick house. The only portion of Hull's and the thoroughness and care with CENTRE HALL, PE'N body recovered was found in a tree

two farms away. For some time Hull had been breeding over financial losses. farm was to have been sold by the sheriff. He hunted out a great box of dynamite which he had saved from blasting last year, and writing a note, he pinned it to a tree near his barn. then went to the woods, half a mile distant, to end his life in a manner which would leave no uncertainty as to the success of his suic'de plan The note which he left reads as follows: "On the day of the sale my troubles will be over." The sale was postponed.

STATE ITEMS.

The State Health Department has received word of three cases of cerebrospinal meningitis at Wilkes-Barre. They are the only cases of the kind

Caught by the coat in machinery which he was watching at Draper Collfery, Gilberton, 15-year-old Oscar Leibig, of Frackville, was mangled

in the State.

At their annual meeting the trustees of the Free Library of the Bethlehems elected these officers: President, Prof. J. L. Stewart, of Lehigh University; vice president, Abraham S. Schropp; treasurer, W. A. Wilbur; secretary, Miss Elizabeth A. Dinan.

The body of an unknown woman was found in the Lehigh Canal at Easton. In a dress pocket was found a half pint bottle of whisky and a purse with 25 cents in it. The body had been in the water probably two The woman was about 28

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JAPAN'S WAR ON THE PLAGUE.

One Item the Killing and Disscetion of 800,000 Rats a Year.

The plague in Japan first broke out in 1899, the cases numbering 230. The second visitation was 1902 and 1903, the cases numbering 71. The third outbreak occurred on August 24, 1905. From then until the end of March, 1906, the cases numbered 103. The means employed for fighting the disease are given by the London Illustrated News as:

(1) Collecting and purchasing of rats at five sen a head (or rather body, for the whole carcass has to be delivered). To insure greater activity a ticket is given to every man who brings in a rat. This ticket is numbered, and may draw a maximum prize of yen 600

(2) The distribution gratis of rat poison on application. Ten cakes of poison to each house. Delivered to 3000 houses a day-30,000 cakes of n at an average cost of about yen 75 a day.

(3) Cleaning of houses and go-

downs (warehouses). (4) To prevent rats from reassembling in godowns extensive repairs are being carried on and all ground floors and walls rendered impenetrable. (In connection with this regulation the number of godowns considered in need of repair was 1613.)

(5) The damming of holes in drains to prevent the rats getting out. This process was also carried out on the sea coast near the Kobe customs house.

(6) Inspection of patients. Doctors from the sanitary department make a house to house inspection and where any sick person is discovered carefully investigate the nature of the disease.

(7) Examination of dead bodies. (8) Injection of anti-plague serum In family of infected patient. (9) Strict isolation

The rats killed in Tokio from 1900 to June, 1908, numbered 4,820,000, an average of more than 800,000 a year. The ratio between the number of rats infected and the number of cases serves to prove beyond a doubt that these little animals are the most active disseminators of the disease: which the inspection is carried on is evinced by the fact that over 100,000 rats may be dissected without finding a trace of infection, yet vigilance is never relaxed.

Never for one instant do the surgeons forget that the very next one may contain microbes enough to depopulate the largest city. The marvelous rapidity with which the examination is done can be imagined when one learns that from 2000 to 3000 rats are examined a day, according to the number brought in.

The cakes of poison supplied by the Government are made of sweet potato, red pepper and arsenic and are colored with methyl violet to prevent children eating them by mistake. The cleaning of houses is carried out most thoroughly twice every year, whole streets being taken at a time. Everything is brought out of the houses and piled up in the streets. Dirt, dust and refuse of all kinds are carted away and burned.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

Adam-"I couldn't believe my eyes when I first beheld you!" Eve (wrathfully) -- "So you were expecting some other woman, were you?"-New York Times

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