ICE BOUND.

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CHAPTER VIII. THE PROZEN SCHOONER.

I found myself on the summit of a kind of table land; vast bodies of ice, every block weighing hundreds and perhaps thousands of tons, lay scattered over it, yet for the space of a mile or so the character was that of flatness. Southward the range went upward to a constal front of some hundred feet, with buddle of peaks and strange configuration behind soaring to an elevation from the see line of two or three hundred feet. North-ward the range sloped gradually, with such a shelving of its hinder part that I could catch a glimpse of a little space of the blue sea that way. From this I perceived that whatever thickness and surface of ice lay southward. in the north it was attenuated to the shape of a wedge, so that its extreme breadth where it projected its cape or extremity would not exceed a musket shot.

Being on the top of the range now, I could plainly hear the noises of the splitting and nternal convulsions of this vast formation. The sounds are not describable. It was imible to fix the direction of these sounds the island was full of them, and always sullenly booming upon the breeze was the voice of the ocean swell bursting in foam against the ice coast that confronted it.

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You may talk of the solitude of Selkirk;
but surely the spirit of loneliness in him
could not rival the unutterable emotion of
solitariness that filled my mind as I sent my gaze over those miles of frozen, stirless white-ness. He had the sight of fair pastures, of ness. He had the sight of fair pastures, of trees making a twinkling twillight on the sward, of grassy savannas and pleasant slopes of hills; the air was illuminated by the glorious plumage of flying birds; the bleat of goats broke the stillness in the valleys; there was a golden regale for his eye, and his other senses were gratified with the perfumes of rich flowers and engaging concerts among the trembling leaves. Above all, there was the soothing warmth of a delicious climate. But out upon those heaped and spreading plains of snow nothing stirred. if it were not once that I was startled by loud report, and spied a rock about half a mile away slide down the edge of the flat cliff and tumble into the sea.

I turned my eyes seaward. There were a few heavy clouds in the northeast, so steamlike that methought they borrowed their complexion from the snow or the island's cape there. I was pretty sure, however, that there was wind behind them for if the roll of the ocean did not signify heavy weather near to, then what else it be tokened I could not imagine.

I cannot express to you how the very soul within me shrank from putting to sea in the little boat. Yet I could not but conside that it would be equally shocking to me to be locked up in this slowly crumbling body of ice-nay, tenfold more shocking-and that if I had to choose between the boat and this hideous solitude and sure starvation, I would cheerfully accept fifty times over again the perils of a navigation in my tiny ark.

This reflection comforted me somewhat, and while I thus mused I remained standing with my eyes upon the little group of fanciful fanes and spires of ice on the edge of the

While looking at this my eve traced, a little distance beyond, the form of a ship's spars and rigging. Through the labyrinth of the ice outlines I clearly made out two masts, with two square yards on the foremast, the rigging perfect so far as it went; for the figuration showed no more than half the height of the masts, the lower parts being apparently hidden behind the edge of the

The fabric appeared as if formed of frosted class. The masts had a good rake, and with seaman's eye I took notice of the furniture, observing the shrouds, stays, backstays and braces to be perfect. Nay, as though the spirit artist of this fragile, glittering pageant had resolved to omit no detail to complete the illusion, there stood a vane at the mast head, shining like a tongue of ice against the soft blue of the sky. Come, thought I, re-covering from my wonder, there is more in this than it is possible for me to guess by staring from a distance; so, striking my 1 into the snow, I made carefully toward the edge of the hollow.

The gradual unfolding of the picture pro-

pared my mind for what I could not see till pared my mind for what I could not see the the brink was reached; then, looking down, I beheld a schooner rigged vessel lying in a sort of cradic of ice, stern on to the sea. A man bulked out with frozen snow, so as to make his shape as great as a bear, leaned upon the rail with a slight upward inclination of his head, as though he were in the act of looking fully up to hail me. His posture was even more life like than that of the man under the rock; but his garment of snow robbed him of that reality of vitality which had startled me in the other, and the instant I saw him I knew him to be dead. He was the only figure visible. The whole body of the vessel was frosted by the snaw into the glassy aspect of the spars and rigging, and the sun-shine striking down made a beautiful pris-

matic picture of the silent ship.

She was a very old craft. The snow had molded itself upon her, and enlarged with-out spoiling her form. I found her age in the structure of her bows, the head boards of which curved very low round to the top of the stem, forming a kind of well there, the after part of which was framed by the forecastle bulkhead, after the fashion of ship building in vogue in the reign of Anna and the first two Georges. Her topmasts were standing, but her jibboom was rigged in. I could find no other evidence of her people having snugged her for these winter quarters, in which she had been manifestly lying for years and years.

It was very evident that the schooner had

in year's gone by got embayed in this icc when it was far to the southward, and had in course of time been built up in it by float ing masses. For how old the ice about the poles may be, who can tell? In those sunless worlds the frozen continents may well pos-sess the antiquity of the land. And who shall name the monarch who filled the throne of Britain when this vast field broke away from the main and started on its stealthy navigation sunward?

CHAPTER IX.

I LOSE MY BOAT. I lingered, I dare say, above twenty min utes contemplating this singular crystal fossil of a ship, and considering whether I should go down to her and ransack her for whatever might answer my turn. But she looked so darkly secret under her white garb, and there was something so terrible in the aspect of the motionless, snow clad sentinel who leaned upon the rail, that my heart failed me, and concluding to have nothing to do with the ghostly sparkling fabric, I fell again to my downward march and looked toward my boat; that is to say, I looked toward the part of the ice where the little haven in which she lay had been, and I found both boat and

haven gone! I rubbed my eyes and stared again. Tush, thought I, I am deceived by the ice, I glanced at the slope behind to keep me to my bearings, and once more sought the haven; but the rock that had formed it was gone, the blue swell rolled brimming past the line of shore there, and my eye following the swing of a fold I saw the boat about three cables' length distant out upon the water, swimming steadily away into the south, and showing

and disappearing with the heave, I uttered a cry of anguish; I clasped my hands and lifted them to God, and looked up to him. I was for kicking off my boots and plunging into the water-but, mad as I was, I was not so mad as that; and mad I should have been to attempt it, for I could not swim twenty strokes; and had I been the stoutest swimmer that ever breasted the salt spray. the cold must speedily ; ut an end to my mis-

The horror that this white and frightful scene of desolation had at the beginning filled me with, was renewed with such violence when I saw that my boat was lost, and I was to be a prisoner on the death haunted waste, that I fell down in a sort of swoon, like one partly stunned; and had any person come me as dead as the body on the hill, or the corpse that kept its dismal lookout from the deck of the schooner. A second to the schooner of the school of

hy senses presently returning, I got up, and the rock upon which I stood being level, I fell to pacing it, with my hands locked behind me, my head sunk, lost in thought.

By this time the boat was out of sight. I looked and looked, but she was gone. Then came my good angel to my help, and put some courage into me. "After all," thought I, "what do I dread! Death!—it can but come to that. It is not long ago that Capt. Rosy cried to me: 'A man can die but once. He'll not perish the quicker for contemplating his end with a stout heart.' He that so spoke is dead. The worst is over for him. Were he a babe resting upon his mother's breast he a babe resting upon his mother's breast he could not sleep more soundly, be more ten-derly luiled, nor be freer from such anguish as now afflicts me, who clings to life as if this
—this," I cried, looking around me, "were a
paradise of warmth and beauty. I must be a man, ask God for courage to meet whatever may betide, and stoutly endure what cannot be evaded."

My mind went to the schooner, yet I felt an extraordinary receil within me when I thought of seeking an asylum in her. I had the figure of her before my fancy, viewed the form of the man on her deck, and the idea of trating her dark interior, and seeking belter in a facric that time and frost and death had wrought into a black mystery, was dreadful to me.

It must be done, nevertheless, thought I; I shall certainly perish from exposure if I linger here; besides, how do I know but that I may discover some means of escaping from that ship? Assuredly there was plenty of material in her for the building of a boat, if I could meet with tools. Or, possibly, I might find a boat under hatches, for it was common for vessels of her class and in her time to stow their pinnaces in the hold, and when the necessity for using them arose to hoist them out and tow them astern. These reflections somewhat heartened me, and I turned my back upon the clamorous ocean and started to ascend the slope once more.

I helped myself along with the oar, and presently arrived at the brink of the slope, in whose hollow lay the ship as in a cup. The wind made a noisy howling in her rigging; but the tackling was frozen so iron hard that not a rope stirred, and the vane at the masthead was as motionless as any of the adjacent steeples or pillars of ice. My heart was dismayed again by the figure of a man. He was more dreadful than the other because of the size to which the frozen snow upon his head, trunk and limbs had swelled him; and the half rise of his face was particularly start ling, as if he were in the very act of running his gaze softly upward. That he should have died in that easy leaning posture was strange; however, I supposed, and no doubt rightly, that he had been seized with a sudden faintness and had leaned upon the rail and so ex-pired. The cold would quickly make him rigid and likewise preserve him, and thus be might have been leaning, contemplating the A wild and dreadful thing for one in my condition to light on, and be forced to think

My heart, as I have said, sank in me again at the sight of him, and fear, and awe, superstition so worked upon my spirits that I stood irresolute, and would have gone back had there been any place to return to. I plucked up after a little, and, gripping the

oar, I started on the descent, The depth was not great, nor the declivity sharp; but the surface was formed of blocks of ice, like the collections of big stones you sometimes encounter on the sides of m tains near the base; and I had again and again to fetch a compass so as to gain a smaller block down which to drop, till I was close to the vessel, and here the snow had

piled and frozen into a smooth face, The ship lay with a list or inclination to larboard. I had come down to her on her starboard side. She had small channels with long plates; but her list on my side hove them somewhat high, beyond my reach, and I perceived that to get aboard I must seek an entrance on the larboard hand. This was not hard to arrive at; indeed, I had but to walk round her under her bows. She was so conted with hard snow I could see nothing of he timbers, and was therefore unable to guess at the condition of the hull. She had something of the look of the barco-longos of half a century ago-that is, half a century ago from the date of my adventure; but that which, in sober truth, a man would have taken her to be was a vessel formed of snow, sparred and al with whom like fronted in caprice of the genius or spirit of this white and melancholy scene, who, to complete the mocking illusion, had fashioned the figure of man to stand on deck with a human face toughened into an idle, eternal contempla-

I climbed without difficulty into the forechains, the snow being so hard that my feet and hands made not the least impression on it, and somewhat warily-feeling the government of a peculiar awe, mounting into a sort of terror, indeed-stood awhile peering over the rail of the bulwarks; then entered the ship. I ran my eyes swiftly here and there, for indeed I did not know what might steal or leap into view. Let it be remembered that I was a sailor, with the superstitious feelings of my calling in me, and though I do not know that I actually believed in ghosts and apparitions and specters, yet I felt as if I did-particularly upon the deck of this silent ship, rendered spirit like by the grave of ice in which she lay, and by the long years (as I could not doubt) during which she had thus rested. Hence, when I slipped off the bulwark on to the deck and viewed the ghastly, white, lonely scene, I felt for the moment as if this strange discovery of mine was not to be exhausted of its wonders and terrors by the mere existence of the ship-fu other words, that I must expect something of the supernatural to enter into this icy sepulcher, and be prepared for sights more marvelous and terrifying than frozen corpses, Presently, getting the better of my pertur bation, I walked aft, and stepping on to the

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