

ICE BOUND.

By W. CLARK RUSSELL.

"His" cried he "this was Mendonza's—the captain's. I remember, he took it for the sake of this letter upon it. He lies dead on the rocks! We missed him, but did not know where he had gone. Then, raising his hand and impulsively starting upon the mattress, he cried, while his hands were foreshaken: 'It has come back! I have it! Giuseppe Terranova and I were in the cabin; he had fallen blind with the glare of the ice—if that was it. He confronted each other. On a sudden he screamed out. I had put my face into my arms and felt myself dying. His cry aroused me. I looked up and saw him leaning back from the table with his eyes fixed and horror in his countenance. I was too feeble to speak—too languid to rise. I watched him a while, and then the drowsiness stole over me again, and my head sank and I remember no more.' He shuddered, and extended the pannikin for more liquor. I filled it with two-thirds of brandy and the rest water, and he sipped it down as if it had been a thimbleful of wine. 'By the holy cross,' cried he, 'but this is very wonderful, though I long have you seen here, sir?'"

"They should be the crid; 'we have the liquor and stores of a galleon and two canoes in our hold, apart from what we originally laid in for the cruise. Everything will have been kept sweet by the cold." "I ask your name?" said I. "Julio Cesar, of Ponce de Leon," said he. "I had come out of the Boca del Dragon, but good as Mate Terranova, and good as Capt. Mendoza, and good as the cabin boy Fernando Frailo—for we pirates are republicans, sir; we know no social distinctions save those we order for the convenience of working ship. Now let me tell you the story of our disaster. We had come out of the Spanish Main into the South seas, partly to escape some of our French enemies, who were after us and others of our kind, and partly because luck was against us, and we could not find our account in those waters. We sailed in December two years ago."

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