ICE BOUND.

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CHAPTER XVII.

THE TREASURE.

When his pipe was out he rose and made several strides about the cook room, then took the lantern, and, entering the cabin, stood awhile surveying the place.

"So this would have been my coffin but for you, Mr. Rodney?" said he. "I was in good company, though," pointing over his shoulder at the crucifix with his thumb. "Lord, how the rogues prayed and cursed in this same cabin! In fine weather and when all was well, the sharks in our wake had more religion than they; but the instant they were in danger, down they tumbled upon their quivering kness; and if heaven was twice as big as it is, it could not have held saints enough for those variets to petition."

"You were nearly all Spaniards?"
"Ay—the worst class of men a ship could enter these seas with. But for our calling they are the fittest of all the nations in the world; better even than the Portuguese, and with truer trade instincts than the trained mulatto-nimbler artists in roguery than ever a one of them. I despise their supersti-tion, but they are the better pirates for it. They carry it as a man might a featherbed; it enables them to fall soft. "D'ye take me?" He gave one of his sbort, loud laughs, and and gave one of his short, fond laughs, and said, "I hope this alope won't increase. The angle's stiff enough as it is. 'Twill be like living on the roof of a house. I have a mind to see how she lies. What d'ye say, Mr. Rodney! Shall I venture into the open?" "Why not?" said I. "You can move riskly. You have as much life as ever you

had."

"Let's go, then!" he exclaimed, and climbing the ladder he pushed open the companion door and stepped on to the deck. I followed with but little solicitude, as you may suppose, as to what might attend his exposure. The blast of the gale, though it was broken into downward, eddying dartings by the rocks, made him bawl out with the sting of it, and for some moments he could think of nothing but the cold, stamping the deck in his boots and beating his hands.

"Ha!" cried he, grinning to the great of

"Ha!" cried he, grinning to the smart of his cheeks, "this is not the cook room, ch! Great thunder! you will not have it that this ice has been drifting north? Why, man, the icier by 20 degs, than when we were first locked up."

"I hope not," said I, "and I think not. Your blood doesn't course strong yet, and Your blood doesn't course strong yet, and you are fresh from the furnace. Besides it is blowing a bitter cold gale. Look at that sky, and listen to the thunder of the sea!"

The commotion was indeed terribly uproarious. The rending noises of the ice in all directions were distinct and fearful. The Frenchman looked about him with conster

nation, and to my surprise crossed himself.
"May the blessed Virgin preserve us!" he said, "Do you say we have drifted north! If this is not the very heart of the South Pole, you shall persuade me we are on the

equator."
"It cannot storm too terribly for us, as you just now said," I replied. "I want this island to go to pieces."

As I said this a solid pillar of ice just beyond the brow of the hill on the starboard side was dislodged or blown down; it fell with a mighty crash, and filled the air with crystal splinters. Tassard started back with a faint cry of "Bon Dieu!" "Judge for yourself how the ship lies,"

said I; "this is freezing work."

He went aft and looked over the stern, then walked to the larboard rail and peered "Is there ice beyond that opening?" he

asked, pointing over the taffrail. "No," I answered; "that goes to the sea. There is a low cliff beyond. Mark that cloud of white; it is the spray hurled athwart the mouth of this hollow

"Good," he mumbled, with his teeth chat-ering. "The change is marvelous. There was ice for a quarter of a mile where that slope ends. 'Tis too cold to converse here." "There are your companions," said I, pointing to the two bodies lying a little distance before the mainmost

He marched up to them and exclaimed, "Yes, this is Trentanove and that is Barres Both were blind, but they are blinder now. Would they thank you to arouse them out of their comfortable sleep, and force them to feel as I do-this cold, to which they are now as insensible as I was! By beaven, for my part I can stand it no longer!" and with that

I followed him to the cook room, and he crept so close to the furnace that I thought he had a mind to roast himself. The heat comforted him presently, and he

put a lump of wine into the oven to melt, and this comforted him also. "I can converse now," said he. "Perhaps after all the danger lies more in the imagina tion than in the fact. But it is a hideous

naked scene, and needs no such coloring as the roaring of wind, the rushing of seas, and the crashing falls of masses of ice to render it frightful."
"You tell me," said I, "that when you fell

asleep"—I would sometimes express his frozen state thus—"there was a quarter of a mile of ice beyond the schooner's stern." "At least a quarter of a mile," he answered

"Day after day it would be built up till it came to a face of that extent." I thought to myself if it had taken forty-eight years of the wear and tear of storm and surge to extinguish a quarter of a mile, how long a time must elapse before this island splits up? But then I reflected that, during the greater part of these years, this seat of ice had been stuck very low south, wher the cold was so extreme as to make it defy dissolution; that since then it was come away from the main and stealing north, so that what might have taken thirty years to ac-

tomprish in to degs, or south intriducing might be performed in a day on the parallel of 60 degs, in the summer season in these seas. Tassard continued speaking with the pan-nikin in his hand, and his eyes shut as if to get the picture of the schooner's position fair before his mind's vision: "There was a quarter of a mile of ice beyond the ship, have it very plain in my sight; it was a great muddle of hillocks, for the ice pressed thick and hard, and raised us, and vomited up peaks and rocks to the squeeze. Suppose I have been asleep a week? Here he opened his eyes and gazed at me.

complish in 70 degs, of south latitude might

"Well?" said I.

"I say," he continued, in the tone of one easily excited into passion, "a week. It will not have been more. It is impossible. Never mind about your 1801," showing his fangs in a sarcastic grin; "a week is long enough, friend. Then this is what I mean t say: that the breaking away of a quarter of a mile of ice in a week is fine work, full of grand promise; the next wrench-which might come now as I speak, or to-morrow, or in a week-the next wrench may bring away the rock on which we are lodged, and the rest is a matter of patience-which we can afford, hey! for we are but two-there is plenty of meat and liquor, and the reward afterward is a princely independence, Mr.

Paul Rodney. I was struck with the notion of the bed of ice on which the schooner lay going affont mid said: "Are sea and wind to be helped,

think you! If the block on which we lie could be detached it might beat a bit against its parent stock, but would not unite again. The schooner's canvas might be made to help it along + though suppose it capsized!"

"We must consider," said he; "there is no need to hurry. When the wind falls we will survey the ice."

He warmed himself afresh, and after remaining silent with the air of one turning

many thoughts over in his mind, he suddenly cried, "D'ye know I have a mind to view th plate and money below? What say you?" His little eyes seemed to sparkle with suspicion as he directed them at me. I was confident he suspected I had lied in saying I knew nothing of this treasure, and that he wanted if I had meddled with those chests One of the penalties attached to a man being forced to keep the company of hiars is, be himself is never believed by them. I an swered, instantly, "Certainly; I should like to see this wonderful booty. It is right that we should find out an once if it is there; for, supposing it vanished, we should be no better en to sit talking here of the fine lives we shall live if ever we get home."
Let Dicked up the lanters, and said. "I

The keys of the chests should be in one of his

The keys of the chosts should be in one of his boxes."

He marched off, and was so long gone that I was almost of belief he had tumbled down in a fit. However, I had made up my mind to act a very wary part; and particularly never to let him think I distrusted him, and so I would not go to see what he was about. But what I did was this: the arms room was next door; I lighted a candle, entered it, and swiftly armed myself with a sort of dagger, a kind of boarding knife—a very murderous little two-edged sword, the blade about seven inches long, and the haft of brass. There were some fifty of these weapons, and I took the first that came to my band, and dropped it into the deep side pocket of my coat, and returned to the cook room. It was not that I was afraid of going unarmed with this man into the hold; there was no more danger to me there than here; should he ever design to dispatch me one place was the same as another, for the dead above could not testify—there were no witnesses in this white and desolate kingdom. What resolved me to go armed was the fear that, should the treasure be missing—and who was to swear that the schooner had never been visited once in eight and forty years!—the Frenohman, who was persuaded his stupor had not lasted above a week, and who was doubtless satisfied the chests were in the hold down to the period when he lost recollection, would suspect me of foul play, and in the barbarous rage of a pirate fall upon and endeavor to kill me.

It might be that he was long because of having to seek for the keys; but my own conviction was that he found the keys easily and stayed to rummage the boxes for such jewels and articles of value as he might there find. I think he was gone near half an hour; he then returned to the cook house,

jewes and articles of value as no might there find. I think he was gone near half an hour; he then returned to the cook house, saying briefly, "I have the keys," and jingling them, and after warming himself said, "Let us go."

"I was moving toward the forecastle.
"Not that way for the run," cried he.
"Is there a hatch aft? I asked.
"Certainly—in the lazarette."
"I wish I had known that," said I; "I

"I wish I had shown that, said I, should have been spared a stifling scramble over the casks and raffle forward."

He led the way, and coming to the trap hatch that conducted to the lazarette he pulled it open and we descended. He held the lantern and threw the light around him, and said, "Ay, there are plenty of stores here. We reckened upon provisions for twelve months, and we were seventy of a

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