ICE BOUND

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(COSTISUED.)

A strange figure he looked, just touched by the yellow candle light, and standing out upon the blackness like some vision of a distempered fancy, in his hair cap and flaps, and with his long nose and beard and little eyes shining as he rolled them here and there. We made our way over the casks, bales and the like till we were right aft, and here there was a small clear space of deck in which lay a hatch. This he lifted by its ring, and down through the aperture did he drop, I following. The lazarette deck came so low that we had to squat when still or move upon our kness. At the foremost end of this division of the ship, so far as it was possible for my eyes to pierce the darkness—for it seems that this run went clear to the fore hold bulkhead, that is to say, under the powder room, to this run went clear to the fore hold bulkhead, that is to say, under the powder room, to where the fore hold began—were stowed the spare sails, ropes for gear, and a great variety of furniture for the equipment of a ship's yards and masts. But immediately under the hatch stood several small chests and cases rainted black stowed side bests and cases, painted black, stowed side by side so that they could not shift.

Tassard ran his eye over them, counting. "Right!" cried he; "hold the lantern, Mr.

Rodney."
I took the light from him, and, pulling the keys from his pocket, he fell to trying them at the lock of the first chest. One fitted; the bolt shot with a hard click, like cocking a bolt shot with a hard click, like cocking a trigger, and he raised the lid. The chest was full of silver money. I picked up a couple of the coins, and bringing them to the candle perceived them to be Spanish pieces of 1789. The money was tarnished, yet it reflected a sort of dull, metallic light. The Frenchman grasped a handful and dropped them, as though, like a child, he loved to hear the chink the pieces made as they fell.



He loved to hear the chink.

The next chest he opened was filled with jewelry of various kinds—the fruits, I dare say, of a dozen pillages; for not only had this pirate robbed honest traders, but a pica-roon as well, that had also plundered in her turn another of her own kidney; so that, as I say, this chest of jewelry might represent the property of the passengers of as many as a dozen vessels. It was as if the contents of the shop of a jeweler, who was at once a gold-smith and a silversmith, had been emptied into this chest. You could scarce name an ornament that was not here-watches, snuff boxes, buckles, bracelets, pounce poxes, vinai-grettes, car rings, crucifixes, stars for the hair, necklaces—but the list grows tiresome in silver and gold, but chiefly in gold-all shot together and lying scramble fashion, as if they had been potatoes. I was thunderstruck, as you will suppose

by the sight of all this treasure, and looked and stared like a fool—as if I was in a dream. I had never seen so many fine things before, and indulged in the most extravagant fancies of their worth. Here and there in the glittering huddle my eye lighted on an object that was 100, perhaps 200, years old-a cup

very choicely wrought, that may have been in a family for several generations; a watch of a curious figure, and the like. There might have been the pickings of the cabins, trunks, and portmanteaus of 100 opulent men and women in this chest; and, so far as I could judge from what lay atop, the people plundered represented several nationalities. plundered represented several nationalities.

But there were other chests and cases to explore-ten in all; two of these were filled with silver money, a third with plate, a fourth with English, French, Spanish and Portuguese coins in gold; but the one over which Tassard hung longest in a transport that held him dumb was the smallest of all and this was packed with gold in bars. The stuff had the appearance of moldy yellow soap, and having no sparkle nor variety did not affect me as the jewelry had, though in value this chest came near to being worth as much as all the others put together. The fixed, transported posture of the pirate—his little shining eyes intent upon the bars, his form in the candle light looking like a sketch of a strange, wildly appareled man done in phosphorus, coupled with the loom of the black chests, the sense of our desolation, the folly of our enjoyment of the sight of the treasure in the face of our pittable and dismal plight, the melancholy storming of the wind, moaning like the rumble of thunder heard in a vault, and above all the feeling of unreality inspired by the thought of my companion having lain for eight-and-forty years as good as dead-combined to render the scene so startingly impressive that it remains at this hour painted as vividly upon the eye of memory as if I had come from it five minutes ago, "So," cried the Frenchman, suddenly,

slamming the lid of the chest, "tis all here! Now, then, to the business of considering how to come off with it." He thrust the keys in his pocket, and we

CHAPTER XVIII.

WE TALK OVER OUR SITUATION. That night, as afterward, Tassard occupied the berth that he was used to sleep in before he was frozen. Although I had not then the least fear that he would attempt any malignant tricks with me while we remained in this posture, the feeling that he lay in the berth but one next mine made me uneasy in spite of my reasoning; and I was so nervous as to silently shoot a great iron bolt, so that it would have been impossible to enter without beating the door in.

In sober truth, the sight of the treasure had put a sort of fever into my imagination, of the heat and effects of which I was not completely sensible until I was alone in my cabin and swinging in the darkness. That the value of what I had seen came to ninety or a hun-dred thousand pounds of our money, I could not doubt: and I will not deny that my fancy was greatly excited by thinking of it. But there was something else. Suppose we should have the happiness to escape with this treasure, then I was perfectly certain the Frenchman would come between me and my share of it. This apprehension threading my heated thoughts of the gold and silver kept me restless during the greater part of the night, and I also held my brains on the stretch with devices for saving ourselves and the treasure; yet I could not satisfy my mind that anything was to be done unless nature herself assisted us in freeing the schooner.

However, as it happened, the gale roared for a whole week, and the cold was so frightful and the air so charged with spray and hail that we were forced to lie close below hail that we were forces with the hatches on for our lives.

CHAPTER XIX.

WE TAKE A VIEW OF THE ICE. For seven days the gale raged with uncom-mon violence; it then broke, and this brought us into the first week in August. The wind in the night, and I was awakened by the silence, which you will not think strange if you consider how used were my ears to the flerce secthing and strong bellowing of the blast. I lay listening, believing that it had only veered, and that it would come on again in gusts and guns; but the stillness con-tinued, and there were no sounds whatever save the noises of the ice, which broke upon the ear like slow answers from batteries near and distant, half whose cannon have been

I slept again, and when I awoke it was 7.30 o'clock in the morning. The French-man was snoring lustily. I went on deck before entering the cook house, and had like to have been blinded by the astonishing trilliance of the sunshine upon the ice and snow. All the wind was gone. The air was exquisitely frosty and sharp. But there was a neavy sound coming from the sea which gave me to expect the sight of a strong swell. The sky was a clear blue, and there was no cloud on as much of its face as showed be-

cloud on as much of its face as showed betwixt the brows of the slopes.

My attention was quickly attracted by the
appearance of the starboard cliff over against
our quarter. The whole shoulder of it had
broken away, and I could just catch a view
of the horizons of the sea from the deck by
stretching my figure. The sight of the ocean
ahowed me that the broakage had been prodigious, for to have come at that prospect
before I should have had to climb to the
height of the main lower masthead. No
other marked or notoworthy change did I detect from the deck; but on stepping to the
larboard side to peer over I spied a split in
the ice that reached from the very margin of
the ravine—I mean to that end of it where it
terminated in a cliff—to and past the bows of terminated in a cliff—to and past the bows of the schooner, by at least four times her own

I returned to the cook room and went about the old business of lighting the fire and pre-paring the breakfast—this job, by an under-standing between the Frenchman and me, falling to him who was first out of bed—and in about twenty nighter Teresch exist.

in about twenty minutes Tassard arrived.

"The wind is gone," said he.

"Yes," I replied; "it is a bright, still morning. I have been on deck. There has been a great fall of ice close to."

"Does it block us?"

"No. on the contrary it clears the ways to

"No; on the contrary, it clears the way to the sea; the ocean is now visible from the deck. Not that it mends our case," I added. "But there is a great rent in the ice that puts a fancy into my head; I'll speak of it later, after a closer look."

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bring them with you. We don't want to sell
you any goods. Come and see us; make an
impression; see how we conductour business;
go and relate what you have seen to your
nearest grocer; don't leave him; we don't expect all who visit us to buy of us; don't stay
away on this account, but whenever you co
want to make a change in your dealings, give
us first chance. We are getting new trade
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