ICE BOUND

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The breakfast was ready, and we fell to in a hurry, the Frenchman gobbling like a hog in his eagerness to make an end. When we were finished be wrapped himself up in three or four coats and cloaks, warming the under ones before folding them about him, and completing his preparations for the excursion by swallowing half a pint of raw brandy. I bade him arm himself with a short headed spear to save his neck, and thus equipped we (CONTINUED.) spear to save his neck, and thus equipped we went on deck.

He stood stock still with his eyes shut on emerging through the hatch, crying out with a number of French oaths that he had been struck blind. This I did not believe, though struck blind. This I did not believe, though I readily supposed that the glare made his eyeballs smart so as to cause him a good deal of agony. Indeed, all along I had been surprised that he should have found his sight so easily after having sat in blindness for forty-eight years, and it was not wonderful that the amazing brillance on deck, smiting his sight on a sudden, should have caused him to cry out as if he had lost the use of his eyes forever.

forever.

I waited patiently, and in about ten min-utes he was able to look about him, and then

it was not long before he could see without pain. He stood a minute gazing at the glories upon the rigging, and in that piercing light I noticed the unwholesome color of his face. His cap hid the scar, and nothing of his countenance was to be seen but the face. His cap hid the scar, and nothing of his countenance was to be seen but the checks, eyes and nose. He was much more wrinkled than I had supposed, and me-thought the spirit of cruelty lay visible in every line. I had never seen eyes so full of cunning and treachery—so expressive, I should say, of these qualities; yet they were no bigger than mere punctures. I was sensible of a momentary fear of the man—not, let me say, an emotion of cowardice, but a sort of mixture of alarm and awe, such as a ghost might inspire. This I put down to the searching light in which I watched him the searching light in which I watched him for a moment or two—an irradiation subtle enough to give the sharpest form to expression, to exquisitely define every meaning that was distinguishable in his graveyard physiognomy. I left him to stare and judge for himself of the posture in which the long, hard gale had put the schooner, and stepped over to the two bodies. They were shrouded in ice from head to foot as though they had in ice from head to foot, as though they had each man been packed in a glass case cun-ningly wrought to their shapes. Their faces were hid by the crystal masks. Tassard "Small chance for your friends now," said

I, "even if you were agreeable to my pro-posal to attempt to revive them." "So!" cried he, touching the body of the mate with his foot; "and this is the end of the irresistible Trentanovol for what conquests has Death robed him so bravely! See, the colors shine in him like fifty different kinds of ribbons. Poor fellow! he could not our him provided the could be supported by the the su not curl his mustaches now, though the loveliest eyes in Europe were fixed in passionate admiration on him. He'll never slit another throat, nor hiccough Petrarch over a gobletful, nor remonstrate with me for my humanity. Shall we toss the bodies over the side? "They are your friends," said I; "do as

you please."
"But we must empty their pockets first,
Business before sentiment, Mr. Rodney."
He stirred the figure again with his foot.

"Well, presently," said he, "this armor will want the hatchet. Now, my friend, to view the work of the gale." The increased heel of the ship brought the larboard fore channel low, and we stepped without difficulty from it on to the ice. The

rent or fissure that I have before spoken of went very deep—it was nearly two feet wide in places; but, a lough the light poured bril-liantly upon it, I could see no bottom. "If only such another split as this would happen t'other side," said the Frenchman, "I believe this block would go adrift."

"Well," said I, after musing a little while, as I ran my eye over the hollows, "I'll tell you what was in my mind just now. There is great quantity of gunpowder in the hold-ten or a dozen barrels. By dropping large parcels of it into the crevices on the right there, and firing it with slow matches"—

He interrupted me with a cry: "By St.
Paul, you have it! What crevices have you!"

We walked briskly round the vessel; and all about her beam and starboard quarter I found, in addition to the seams I had before noticed, many great cracks and fissures, caused no doubt by the fall of the shoulder of the slope. I pushed on farther yet, going down the ravine, as I have called it, until I came to the edge; and here I looked down from a height of some twelve or fourteen feet—so greatly had the fee sunk or been changed by the weather—upon the ocean. I called to Tassard. He approached warily. I firmly believe he feared I might be tempted

to give him a friendly shove over the edge.
"Observe this hollow," said I; "the split there goes down to the water, and you may take it that the block is wholly disconnected on that side. Now look at the face of the ice," said I, pointing to the starboard or righthand side; "that crack goes as far as the yessel's quarter, and the weakness is carried on to past the bows by the other rents. Mr. Tassard, if we could burst this body of ice by an explosion from its moorings ahead of the bowsprit, where it is all too compact, this cradle with the schooner in it will go free of

He answered promptly, "Yes, it is the one and only plan. That crack to starboard is like telling us what to do. It is well you came here. We should not have seen it from the top. This valley runs steep. You must expect no more than the surface to be liberated, for the foot of the cliff will go deep." "I desire no more."

"Will the ship stand such a launch, supposing we bring it about?" said he. I responded with one of his own shrugs,

and said, "Nothing is certain. We have one of two courses to choose; to venture this launch, or stay till the ice breaks up, and take our chance of floating or of being "You are right!" he exclaimed. "Here is

an opportunity. If we wait, bergs may gather about this point and build us in. As to this island dissolving, we are yet to know which way 'tis heading. Suppose it should be traveling south, hey!" He struck the ice with his spear, and we

toiled up the slippery rocks with difficulty to the ship. We walked past the bows to the distance of the vessel's length. Here were many deep holes and cracks, and, as if we be taught how these came about, even while we were viewing them, an ear splitting crash of noise happened within twenty fathoms of us, a rock many tons in weight rolled over and left a black gulf be-

The Frenchman started, muttered and crossed himself. "Holy Virgin!" he cried, rolling his eyes. "Let us return. The powder barrel must have the first chance." And he made for the schooner savagely striking the ice with his spear, and growling curses to himself as he plowed and climbed and jumped his way along.

CHAPTER XX.

A MERRY EVENING.

By the time we had reached the bottom of the hollow, Tassard was blowing like a bellows with the uncommon exertion; and swearing that he felt the cold penetrating his bones, and that he should be stupefied again if he did not mind, he climbed into the ship and disappeared. I loved him so little that secretly I very heartily wished that nature would make away with him-I mean that something it would be impossible in me to lay to my conscience should befall him—as becoming comptose again, and so lying like one dead. Assuredly in such a case it was not this hand that would have wasted a drop of brandy in returning an evil, white livered hectoring old rascal to a life that smelled foully with him and the like of him.

I entered the ship, and found Tassard roast-

ing himself in the cook house.

I have been surveying the ice," said I, drawing to the furnace, "and have very little doubt that if we wisely bestow the powder in great quantities we shall succeed in dislocating the bed on which we are lying."

"But after?" said I.

"As much of this bed as may be dislodged will not be deep; icebergs, as of course you know, capsize in consequence of their becom-ing top heavy by the wasting of the bulk that

is submerged. This block will make but a small berg should we liberate it, and I very much fear that the weight of this schooner will overset it the instant we are launched."
"Body of Moses!" he cried, angrily, knitting his brows, whereby he stretched the scar to half its usual width, "what's to be done,

"She is a full ship," said I, "and weighty. If the liberated ice be thin she may sit up on it and keep it under. We have a right to hope in that direction, perhaps. Yet there is another consideration. She may leak like a sieve!"

"Why?" he exclaimed. "She took the ice "Why?" he exclaimed. "She took the ice smoothly; she has not been strained; she was as tight as a bottle before she stranded; the coating of ice will have cherished her; and a stout ship like this does not suffer from six months of lying up!"
Six months, thought I.
"Well, it may be as you say; but if she leaks, it will not be in our four arms to keep her free."
He arclaimed botty "Mr. Bottney if we

He exclaimed, hotly, "Mr. Rodney, if we are to escape we must venture something. To stay here means death in the end. I am persuaded that this ice is joined with some vast main body far south, and that it does not move. What is there, then, to wait for! There is promise in your gunpowder proposal. If she capsizes, then the devil will get his own." And with a savage flourish of the pannikin he put it to his lips and drained it.

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