ICE BOUND.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

THE ICE DREADS AWAY. It was not yet 8 o'clock. I was restless in It was not yet 8 o'clock. I was restless in my mind, under a great surprise, and was not sleepy. I filled a pipe, made me a little pannikin of punch, and sat down before the fire to think. If ever I had suspected the accuracy of my conjecture that the Frenchman's sudden astonishing indisposition was the effect of his extreme age coming upon him and breaking down the artificial vitality with which he had bristled into life under my hands, I must have found fifty signs to set my misgivings at rest in his drowniness, nodding, bowed form, weakness, his tottering and trembling, and other features of his latest behavior. If I was right, then I had reason to be thankful to Almighty God for this unparalleled and most happy dispensation; for now I should have nothing to fear

from the old rogue's vindictiveness and hor-

from the old rogue's vindictiveness and horrid greed.

Thus I sat for an hour smoking and wetting my lips with the punch, while the fire
burned low, so exciting in the thought of my
escape from the treacherous villain I had recovered from the grave, and in the feeling
that I might now be able to go to rest, to
move here and there, to act as I pleased
without being haunted and terrified by the
shadow of his foul intent, that I hardly gave
my mind for a moment to the situation of
the schooner nor to the barren consequences
of my fine scheme of mines.

The wind blew strong. I could hear the
humming of it in every fiber of the vessel,
The bed on which she rested trembled to the
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The bed on which she rested trembled to the blows of the seas upon the rocks. From time to time, in the midst of my musing, I started to the sharp claps of parted ice. Still feeling sleepless I threw a few coals on the fire, and, catching sight of the pirate flag, opened it on the deck as wide as the space would permit, and sat down to contemplate the hideous insignia embroidered on it. My mind filled with a hundred fancies as my gaze went from the skull on the black field to the death's head nine that had fallen from gars went from the skull on the black field to the death's head pipe that had fallen from the grasp of Tassard and lay on the death; and I was sitting lost in a deep dream like contemplation, when I was startled and shocked into instantaneous activity by a blast of noise, louder than any thunder clap that ever I heard, ringing and booming through the schooner. This was followed by a second and then a third, at intervals during which you might have counted ton, and ing which you might have counted ten, and I became sensible of a strange, sickening motion, which lasted about twenty or thirty moments, such as might be experienced by one swiftly descending in a balloon, or in falling from a height while pent up in a

For a little while the schooner heeled over so violently that the benches and all things movable in the cook room slid as far as they could go, and I heard a great clatter and commotion among the freight in the hold. She then came upright again, and simultane-sualy with this a vast mass of water tumbled on to the deck and washed over my head, and then fell another and then another, all in such a way as to make me know that the ice had broken and slipped the schooner close to the ocean, where she lay exposed to its surges—but not free of the ice, for she did not toss or roll.

I seized the lantern and sprang to the

abin, where I hung it up, and mounted the companion steps. But as I put my hand to the door to thrust it open a sea broke over the side and filled the decks, bubbling and thundering past the companion batch in such a way as to advise me that I need but open the door to drown the cabin. I waited, my heart beating very hard, mad to see what had happened, but not daring to trust myself on deck lest I should be immediately swept

Half an hour must have passed, during which time the decks were incessantly swept by the seas, insomuch that I never one durst open the door, even to look out. But consternation in this half hour, though the movement in the schooner was that of a very ponderous and majestical rolling and heaving, showing her bed to be afloat, I began to find my spirits, and to listen and wait with some buddings of hope and confidence. At the expiration of this time the seas began to fall less heavily and regularly on to the deck, and presently I could only hear them break-ing forward, but without a quarter of their

former weight, and nothing worse came att than large, brisk showers of spray.

I armed myself with additional clothing for the encounter of the wet, cold and wind, and then pushed open the door and stepped forth. The sky was dark with rolling clouds but the ice put its own light into the air, and I could see as plain as if the first of the dawn had broken. It was as I had supposed; the mass of the valley in which the schooner had been sepulchred for eight and forty years had come away from the main, and lay float-ing within a cable's length of the coast. A tranger, more wonderful picture human eye never beheld. The island shore ran a ram-part of faintness along the darkness to where it died out in liquid dust to right and left. The schooner sat fupon a bed of ice that showed a surface of about half an acre; her stern was close to the sea, and about six feet above it. On her larboard quarter the slope or shoulder of the acclivity had been broken by the rupture, and you looked over the side into the clear sea beyond the limit of the ice there; but abreast of the foreshrouds the ice rose in a kind of wall, a great splinter it looked of what was before a small broad browed hill, and the wind or the sea having caused the body on which the schooner lay to veer, this wall stood as a shield betwixt the vessel and the surges, and was now receiving those blows which had heretofore struck her starboad side amidships and filled her

The wind blew from the southwest, but the trend of the island coast was northeast; and as the mass of ice I was upon, in parting from the main, had floated to a cable's length from the cliffs there was not much danger, while the wind and sea held, of the berg (if I may so term it) being thrown upon the island. That the ice under the schooner was moving, and if so at what rate, it was too dark to enable me to know by observing the marks on the coast. There was to be no sleep for me that night, and, knowing this, I stepped below and built up a good fire, and then went with the lantern to see how sard did, and to give him the news; but he was in so deep a sleep that after pulling him . little without awakening him I let him lie. nothing but the sound of his breathing persuading me that he had not lapsed into his old frozen state again.

Of all long nights this was the longest I sver passed through. I did truly believe that the day was never to break again over All night I kept the fire going, and on several occasions visited the Frenchman, but

found him motionless in sleep.

At last the day broke, I went on deck and found the dawn brightening into morning. The wind had fallen, and with it the sea; but there still ran a middling strong surge, and the breeze was such as, in sailors' las you would have shown your topgallantails to I could now take measure of our situa tion, and was not a little astonished and delighted to observe the island to be at least a mile distant from us, and the northeast end lying very plain, the ocean showing beyond it, though in the southwest the ice died out upon the sea line. That we had been set away from the main by some current was very certain. There was a westerly ten-dency in all the bergs which broke from the island, the small ones moving more quickly than the large; for the sea in the north and west was dotted with at least fifty of these white masses, great and little. On the other hand, the wind and seas were answerable for

the progress we had made to the north.

The wall of ice, as I call it, that had stood over against the inrboard bow, was gone, and the seas tumbled, with much heaviness of froit and much noise, over the ice, past the bows, and washed just the bends on either side in froth, rising as high as the channels. I noticed a great quantity of broken ice sinking and rising in the dark green curls of the billows, and big blocks would be burled on to the schooner's bed and then be swept off, sometimes fetching the bilge such a thump as seemed to swing a bel-

low through her frame. It was only at intervals, however, that water fell upon the decks, for the ice broke the beat of the moderating surge, and forced it to expend its weight in apume, which there was not strength of wind enough to raise and beave. Since the vessel continued to lie head to sea, my pessionate hope was that these repeated washings of the waves would in time loosen the ice about her keel, in which case it would not need much of a billow, smiting her full bows fair, to slide her clean down and off her bed, and so launch her. There were many clouds in the heavens, but the blue was very pure between. The morning brightening with the rising of the sun, I directed an earnest gase along the horison, but there was nothing to see but ice. Some of the bergs, however, and more particularly the distant one, stole out of the blue atmosphere to the sunshine with so complete a resemblance to the lifting canvas of ships that I would catch myself staring fixedly, my heart beating fast. But there was no dejection in these disappointments; the cestasy that filled me on beholding the terrible island—the hideous from prison, whose crystal bars I had again and again believed were nover to be broken—now lying at a distance with its nortnern cape imperceptibly opening to our subtle movement, was so violent that I could not have found my voice for the tears in my heart.

This, then, was the result of my scheme; it

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This, then, was the result of my scheme; it was no failure, as Tassard had said; as he owed his life to me, so now did he owe me his liberty. Nay, my transports were so great that I would not suffer myself to feel an instant's anxiety touching the condition of the schooner—I mean whether she would leak or prove sound when she floated—and how we two men were to manage to navigate so large a craft, that was still as much spell-bound aloft in her frozen canvas and tackle as ever she had been in the sepulcher in which

afever she had been in the sepulcher in which I discovered her.

I went below, and put the provisions we needed for breakfast into the oven, and entered Tassard's cabin. On bringing the iantern to his face as he lay under half a score of coats upon the deck, I perceived that he was awake, and my heart being full I cried out cheerily, "Good news! good news!—the gunpowder did its work! The ice is ruptured, and we are afloat, Mr. Tassard—afloat, and progressing north!"

He looked at me vacantly, and giving his head a shake, exclaimed, "How can I crawl from this mound! My strength is gone."

If I was amazed that the joyful intelligence I had delivered produced no other response than this querulous inquiry, I was far more astonished by the sound of his voice. It was the most cracked and venerable pipe that ever tickled the throat of old age—a mingling of wailing falsettos and of hollow, gasping growls, the whole very weak. I threw ing growls, the whole very weak. I threw the clothes off him, and said, "Do you wish to rise? I will bring you your breakfast here

He looked at me, but made no answer. I He looked at me, but made no answer. I bawled again, and observed, by the dim lantern light, that he watched my lips with an air of attention; and while I waited for 's reply he said, "I don't hear you."

Anxious to ascertain to what extent his hearing was impaired, I kneeled on the deck, and, putting my lips to his car, said, not very loud, "Will you come to the cook house?" which he did not hear; and then louder, "Will you come to the cook house?" which he did not hear either. I believed him stone deaf till, on roaring with all the power of my

till, on roaring with all the power of my lungs, he answered, "Yes."

I took him by the hands and hauled him

I took him by the hands and hauled him gently on to his feet, and had to continue holding him, or he must have fallen. Time was beginning with him when he had gone to bed, and the remorseless old soldier had completely finished his work while his victim slept. I viewed the Frenchman while I grasped his hands, and there stood before me a shrunk, tottering, deaf, bowed, feeble old man. What was yesterday a polished head was now a shriveled pate—as though the very skull had shrunk and left the skin to ripple into wrinkles, and sit loose and puckered. His hands trembled excessively. But his lower jaw was hold in its place by his teeth; and this perpetuated in the aged, dwindled countenance something of the likeness of the fierce and sinister visage that had confronted me yesterday. I was thunderstruck by the alteration, and stood overwhelmed with awe, confusion and alarm. Then, re-collecting my confusion and alarm. Then, re-collecting my spirits, I supported the miserable relic to the putting his bench to the dresser might have a back to lean against.

He could scarce feed himself—indeed, he could hardly hold his chin off his breast. He had gone to bed a man, as I might take it, of 50, and during the night the angel of Time had visited him, and there he sat 103 years of

He looked it. Ha, thought I, I was dreading your treachery yesterday; there is nothing more to fear. Besides that he was nearly stone deaf, he could hardly see; and I was sure, if he should be able to move at all, he could not stira leg without the help of sticks. I was going to roar out to him that we were adrift, but he looked so imbecile that I thought—to what purpose? If there be aught of memory in him, let him sit and chew the out thereof. He cannot last long—the cold must soon stop his heart. And with that I went on eating my breakfast in silence, but greatly affected by this astonishing mark of the head of Providence and under the hand of Providence, and under a very heavy and constant sense of awe; for the like of such a transformation I am sure had never before encountered mortal eyes, and it was terrifying to be alone with it.

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