

ICE BOUND

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The vessel lay rolling so as to bring her starboard rail to level with the sea; her main deck was full of water, and the froth of it combined with the ice that glazed her sides...

My heart was never fuller than this. I half cry with the passion of joy that possessed me.

However, I was still in a situation that made prodigious demands upon my coolness and will. The wind blew southwest, the schooner was running northward...

This I could have gone widely clear of by a little shift of the helm; but while I was in the act of steering, the schooner was suddenly shrouded on the larboard bow...

But now I was nearly dead with cold. I had stood for five hours at the helm, during all which time my mind had been wound up to the fiercest tension of anxiety...

CHAPTER XXV. I AM TROUBLED BY THROGHS OF THE THROAT. The weight of the wind in the rigging steadied the schooner somewhat...

I sat upon the dresser with my back upon it, and being dead tired must have dropped asleep on a sudden—indeed, before I had half smoked my pipe...

It was a fine wintry piece, the sea green and running in ridges with frothing heads, the sky very pale among the dark snow laden clouds...

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