ICE BOUND.

By W. CLARE BUSSELL,

ther of "The Wreck of the Grossenon," "Jack's Courtship," "My Watch Bo-lon," "The Lady Maud " Etc.

CHAPTER XXIX. I VALUE THE LADING.

The day had been so full of business, there had been so much to engage my mind, that it was not until I was seated at supper in the it was not until I was seated at supper in the old cook room, in which I had passed so many melancholy hours, that I found myself able to take a calm survey of my situation, and to compare the various motions of my fortunes. I could scarcely indeed believe that I was not in a dream, from which I should awaken presently, and discover myself still securely imprisoned in the ice, and all those passages of the powder blasts, the liberation of the schooner, my lonely days in her affoat, my encounter with the whaler, as visionary and vanishing as those dusky forms of vapor which had swarmed in giant shape over my little spen boat.

But even if coafirmation had been wanting in the sable visage of Billy Pitt, who sat near the furnace munching away with prodigious enjoyment of his food, and bringing his can of hot spiced wine from his vast blubber lips with a mighty sigh of deep delight, I must have found it in each hissing leap and roaring plungs of the old piratical bucket, so full of the vitality of the wind swollen canvas, so quick with all the life instincts of a vessel storming through the deep with buoyant keel storming through the deep with buoyant keel

of the vitality of the wind swollen canvas, so quick with all the life instincts of a vessel storming through the deep with buoyant keel and under full control. Oh heaven! how different from the dull ambling of the morning, the sluggish pitching and rolling to the weak pulling of the spritsail!

I was up and down a good deal during the night. But for the treasure I should have been less anxious, I dare say. I had come so successfully to this point that I was resealed.

successfully to this point that I was resolved, if my hopes were to miscarry, the misfortune should not be owing to want of vigilance on my part; and there happened an incident which inevitably tended to sharpen my watchfulness, though I was perfectly con-

refous it was a million to one against its on curring a second time.

I came on deck to relieve Wilkinson at midnight, after a half hour's nodding doze by the furnace below. He went to his cabin; I stood under the lee of a cloth seized in the weather main rigging. Pitt arrived, and I told him he could return to the cook house and stay there till I called him. The helm being lashed and the schooner doing very well, nothing wanted watching in particular, and meant to keep a lookout turn and turn about with Pitt, as Wilkinson and Cromwell had. She snow had ceased, but it was very lark and thick, the ocean a roaring, welte ing shadow, palpitating upon the eyes in roll-ing folds of blackness, with the quick expiring folds of blackness, with the quick expiring flash of foam to windward. On a sudden, looking over the weather quarter, methought I discovered a deeper shade in the night there than was elsowhere perceptible. It was like a great blot of ink upon the darkness. Even while I speculated it drew out in the shape of a ship running before the gale. She seemed to be heading directly for us. The roof of my mouth turned dry as desert sand; my tongue and limbs refused their office; I could neither cry nor stir, being indeed paralyzed by the terrible suddenness of that apparition and the imminence of our peril. It all hap, med while you could have told thirty. The great black mass surged up with the water boiling black mass surged up with the water boiling about the bows; she brought a thunder along with her in her rigging and sails as she scared to the crowns of the seas she was sweeping before. I could not tell what can-

her; you heard nothing but the boiling at her bows and the thunderous pealing of the gale in her canvas. A quarter turn of the would have sent us to the bottom, and her, no doubt, on top of us. Whether she was the Susan Tucker or some other whaler, was the Susan Tucker or some other whaler, or a big South sea man driven low and getting what easting she could out of the gale, I know not. She was as complete a mystery of the ocean night as any spectral fabric, and a heavier terror to me than a phantasm worked by ghosts could have proved.

I knew such a thing could not happen again, yet when I called Pitt I talked to him about it as though we must contain be a

vas she was under, but her speed was a full ten knots, and as I did not see her till she

was close she looked to come upon us with a single bound. She passed us to windward within a stone's throw, and vanished like a

dark cloud melting into the surrounding blackness. Not a gleam of light broke from

about it as though we must certainly be run down if he did not keep a sharp lookout; and when my watch below came round at 4 o'clock, I was so agitated that I was up and down till daybreak, as though my duty did not end till then. The gale moderated at sunrise; and though

it was a gloomy, true Cape Horn morning, with dark driving clouds, the sea a dusky olive, very hollow, and frequent small quick squalls of sleet, which brought the wind to we were going. I got the schoon before it, heading her east northeast, and under a reefed topsail, mainsail and staysail the old bucket stormed through it with the sputter and rage of a line-of-battle ship. There was a logreel and line on deck, and I found a sand glass in the chest in my cabin in which I had met with the quadrants, perspective glass and the like, and I kept this log regularly going, making a point of departure on the chart the American captain had given me, which I afterwards found to be within me, which I afterwards to the true position. But for three days the weather continued so heavy that there was nothing to be done in the shape of gratifying the men's expectations by overhauling what was left of the cargo. Indeed, we had no leisure for such work; all our waking hours had to be strictly dedicated to the schooner, and in keeping a lookout for ice. But the morning of the fourth day broke with a fine sky and a brisk breeze from a little to the east of south to breeze from a little to the east of south, to which we showed every cloth the schoone had to throw abroad, and being now by dead reckoning within a few leagues of the meridian of 60 degs., I shaped a course north by east by my compass, with the design of get-ting a view of Staten Island that I might correct my calculations.

When we had made sail and got our breakfast, I told Wilkinson and Cromwell (Pitt being at the tiller) that now was a good opportunity for inspecting the contents of the hold; and (not to be tedious in this part of my relation, however I may have sinned in this respect elsewhere) we carried lanterns below, and spent the better part of the for noon in taking stock. From a copy of the memorandum I made on that occasion (still in my possession), I discovered that the Yankee captain had left us the following: Thirtyfive casks of rum, twenty-eight hogsheads of claret, sixty puncheons of brandy, forty casks of sherry, eighteen cases of beer in bottles, together with a number of "pieces" of gin, as it is called. In addition to thi were the stores in the lazarette, besides a quantity of several kinds of wine in jars, etc., elsewhere nerated, besides all the ship's furniture her guns, powder, small arms, etc., as well as the ship herself. I took the men into the run and showed them the chests, opening the little one which stood stocked with small arms, and lifting the lids of two or three of the others. They were perfectly satisfied; fully believed the chests to be filled with small arms and nothing else, and so we came away and returned to the cabin, where, to please them, I put down the value of the cargo at a venture, setting figures against each article, and making out a total of £2,040. This, of course, included the ship.

"How much'll dat be a man, massa?"

asked Cromwell.
"Six hundred and sixty pounes," I am

The poor fellow was so transported that after staring at me in silence with the cor-ners of his mouth stretched to his ears, he tossed up his hands, burst into a roar of laughter, and made soveral skips about the

"Of course," said I, addressing Wilkinson, "my figures may be ahead or short of the truth. But if you are disposed to take the chance, I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll stand by my figures, accepting the risk of the value of the lading being less than what I say it is, and undertake to give each man of you £1,000

for your share."
"Well, sir," said be, "I don't know that I ought to object. But a few pounds is a mat-ter of great consequence to me, and I reckon if these here goods and the wessel sho out to be worth more than ye offer, the loss y'd go agin the grit—ay, if 'twere \$30 a man,". I saughed, and note him to set the matter rest; there was plenty of time before us; I should be willing to stand by my offer even if I lost by it, so heartily obliged was I to them for coming to my assistance. And in this I spoke the truth, though, as you will understand who know my position, I had to finess. It went against my conscience to make out that the chests were full of small arms; but I should have been mad to tell them the truth, and perhaps by the truth make derils of men who were, and promised to remain, steady, temperate, honest fellows. I was not governed by the desire to keep all the treasure to myself; no, I vow to God I should have been glad to give them a moiety of it had I not apprehended the very gravest consequences if I were candid with them. But this, surely, must be so plain that it is idle to go on insisting on it.

The fine weather, the golden issue that was

to attend our successful navigation, the satisfactory behavior of the schooner, put us into a high good humor with one another; and when it came to my collecting all the clother in the after cabins, and to distributing them among the three men. I thought Billy Pitt and Cromwell would have gone mad with delight. To the best of my recollection, the apparel that had been left us by the American captain (who, as you know, had cleared the forecastle of the clothes there) consisted of several coats of cut velvet, trimmed with gold and silver lace, some frocks of white drab with large plate buttons, brocade waist-coats of blue satin and green silk, crimson and other colored cloth breeches, along with some cloaks, three corner hats, black and white stockings, a number of ruffied shirts, and other articles of which I recollect the character, though my ignorance of the coscharacter, though my ignorance of the cos-tumes of that period prevents me from nam-

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