

LIVE AS A SAILOR.

How I Shipped on a California Clipper in '56.

LOG BOOK OF PRENTICE MULFORD.

First Year on Board—On the Wharf... From the Deck a Slave—My First... Money in Navigation—I Hunt My Super-... Overboard.

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PRENTICE MULFORD.

In 1856 I shipped "before the mast" on the A 1 first class clipper Wizard bound from New York to San Francisco.

When I made up my mind to become a sailor, I had tried several of this world's callings and seemed to find none suitable.

The Wizard, on which I shipped with five other boys from my native town, was a first class clipper.

I was the last of the six young lubbers to leave the town for New York.

On the morning of my departure the mothers, sisters and other female relatives of the five who had gone before discovered many other things which they deemed necessary for the urchins to carry on the voyage.

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When I was in the first mate's cabin... They could talk with him on the weather or any subject, but by virtue of my inferior position, was not at liberty to speak to this potentate at all.

I jumped into the pig pen. Thus despite our inclinations, forced down our throats these bitter pills.

But I got even with the mate. Destiny made me my own involuntary avenger of the indignity put upon me.

I hauled the young man overboard about three minutes afterward, but he never knew it did it, and I never allowed myself to think of the occurrence while on shipboard.

When I had been on board a few days, I felt at first some resistance something like a tug at the other end. I hauled all the harder.

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The mate was very particular. He made me swear and scrape every corner with an elaborate and painful accuracy.

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AS TO NEW NAVAL DRILLS.

THE NEW INVENTIONS ARE MAKING GREAT CHANGES NECESSARY.

Uncle Sam is Not in Good Shape in This Matter Because His New Ships Are Few in Number, but Perhaps He Will Pull Through Somehow.

Just at present almost all the nations of the world that have an army or a navy are interested in the subject of new drills and manuals to suit the changes that mechanical improvements have brought about in small arms and artillery, powders and projectiles.

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"These glasses," he says, "are not strong enough for me."

TRAVELING BEGUN.

The Brotherhood of Players Is in Disturbed Waters.

HOW W. I. HARRIS SEES IT.

He Says Jealousy, with His Green Eyes, Is Already Unloving Such That Has Been Done—The Situation at the Present Time Summed Up.

The Players' league is beginning to realize that it has some rough roads to travel before it reaches anything like success.

A French Lieutenant Devises a New Life Saving Apparatus.

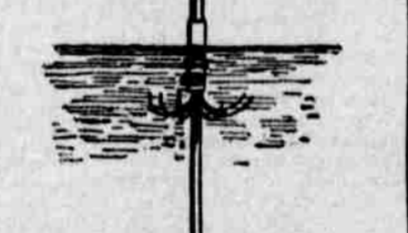


DRAGGING.

He was induced to give his attention to the matter from several cases of drowning which came under his special notice.

This incident led Lieut. DeBrosse to invent what is called the DeBrosse grapple.

If dragged along the bottom the DeBrosse grapple is very serviceable.



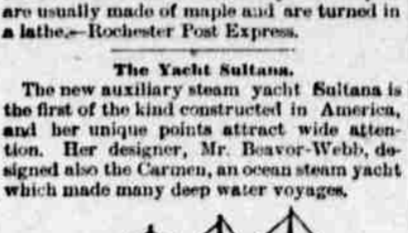
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The successful vessel carried at the fore. The number of shots fired while the vessel was in the firing arc, as well as the distribution of these shots, were the two quantities used in determining the figure of merit.

As all the world is now either rolling or talking about ten pins, an inquiry from The Rochester Post-Express sought for some information about the most essential apparatus of the game, and applied to Frank Schwickert, the billiard table manufacturer, for information about ten pins, and they are worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50 each.

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