

blunder there was no cook aboard. The vessel was off Stapleton, Staten Island then, and a boat put ashore in order that some one might be hunted up to manage then, and a bone price in the part of manage matters in the galley. The German immi-grants became famished and broke open the heads of barrels of apples that formed part of the cargo and made the fruit disappear in a most alarming manner. Florence began to fear lest these voracious musicians might want to teed upon him, so insatiable ap-peared their hunger, when the boat returned with a man who professed to be acquainted with all the mysteries of marine cooking.

HIS INTRODUCTION TO DUFF.

Then, and even now, the most welcome dish that could be placed upon a cabin table was "duff." This is somewhat similar to what children call "roly-poly." It is a combination of dough and butter put in cylindrical shape; a sort of apple dumpling without the apple. The Captain of the Margaretta was a firm believer in "duff." To his mind all cultury ability centered around a cook's skill in preparing it. A man might be able to cook everything else in a most enticing way, but if he failed in "duff" he could not remain master of the Margaretta's galley.

The first meal that the newly-secured cook prepared had "duff" as the piece de resistance. When the dish was placed be-fore the Capitain he ordered the cook to fore the Captain he ordered the cook to stand by while judgment was passed upon it. The Captain raised a large knife aloft with an air of deep portent, while the rest of the company looked on with grave aspects. The blade descended slowly, and, with serious gesture, the Captain cut out a quarter section. He eyed the soggy mass for a moment critically and then, picking it up with one hand and without saying a word he threw it with all his force at the head of the hapless cook. The soft, warm head of the hapless cook. The soft, warm mass struck him in one eve, and, with a wild yell of alarm, he fied. The Captain wanted to throw him overboard, but was restrained. There was no more "duff" on that voyage, and the Captain consequently wore an air of gloom. They got to Rich-modd in safety, notwithstanding, and there Florence made his first appearance in a speaking part.

A LITTLE LOVE AFFAIR. One incident which Florence will relate in his "Memoirs" occurred in New York many years ago when the old Broadway Theater stood at Broadway and Ann streets. He was then a rosy-cheeked, round-faced, big-limbed youngster of 18 and was con-nested with the Broadway Theater's stock company as "first walking gentleman." "I was, in fact," he says, "little more than a big, bashful boy and dreadfully afraid of the girls. Connected with the company was a young woman who was afterward well known to the Thespian world as Sallie-but never mind what her name was. Suffice it to say that at that time her father and brother were actors, and, at the present time, she has two or possibly three daughters

upon the stage. She is long since dead and I was one of the pall-bearers at her funeral. She was a most estimable girl. "I had several times acted as her escort from the theater to her home; my conversa-tion during these journeys being somewhat abbreviated by the fact that when beside the fair Sallie my tongue positively rejused to do my bidding. Upon one memorable occa-sion, however, being emboldened by the fact sion, however, being embodemen by the fac-that I was the possessor of nearly \$2, I de-termined to invite my companion to supper after the theater. Never before had I suffi-cient anducity to make such a proposal to a girl. Appearing only in the early part of the performance, we left the theater shortly a ter 9 o'clock, and then with deep blushing and much stammering, I succeeded in ask-ing Sallie if she would not take supper with me. I need not tell you of these mod-ern days that Sallie promptly accepted.

ONE OF THE EARLY RESTAURANTS. "At that time the institution that we now call a restaurant was unknown in the city of New York. When that term was first brought to this country from France the wits told the uninitiated that the term was derived from the Latin words res, a thing, and taurus, a bull, and that it meant 'a bully thing,' But 40 years ago such places

reached I tapped my benefactor on the arm and said: 'Please, my dear sir, give me your name and address so that I can refund you the money that you so kindly loaned

caught. Good-bye!" "And that is the only time I ever acted as

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