# he Visitors' Book.

A YACHTING STORY.

By A. T. QUILLER-COUCH.

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At the conclusion, Mr. Job loosed his | Job, I made my way to Mrs. Carlingneckeleth, and spoke:

"That book, sir, ought to be lyin' at the bottom of the sea. It was lost on nothing was known of her where the evening of September the 3d, 1886, abouts. The landlady could not even on board a yacht that went down with tell me whether she had moved from all hands. Now I'll tell you all about Bedminster, and so I had to let the it. There was a gentleman called matter rest. Blake staying over at Port William that summer-that's four miles up the coast,

I nodded. "-Staying with his wife and one son, a tall young fellow, aged about twenty-one, maybe. They came about twenty-one, maybe. They came from up the country—M — was the place, in Lancashire—and they had a yacht with them, that they kept in Port William harbor, anchored just below the bridge. She would be about thirty ton—a very pretty boat. They had only one hired hand for crew; used to work her themselves for the most troubles between 1881 and 1881. It was said to work her themselves for the most they had joined one of the brotherhoods. to work her themselves for the most part; the lady was extraordinary clever at the helm, or at the sheets either.

Very quiet people they were. You year in Liverpool we were forced to fly year in Liverpool we were forced to fly south to Port William, where we brought the yacht and fived for some time in quiet, grounds. What was she called? The Queen of Sheba—cutter rigged—quite a new boat. It was said after that the escape when need arose. My husband had chanced while at Liverpool upon an old

the made a lot of talk at the time. One day—it was the 3d of September '86—the day I spoke about—Mr. and Mrs. Blake and the son, they anchored Mrs. Blake and the son, they anchored himself as Mr. Carlingford. All the while off the haven and came up here to tea.

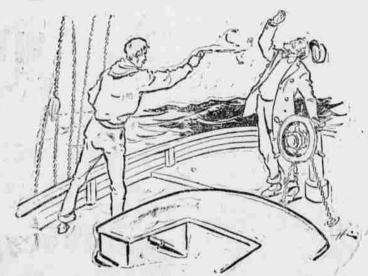
I supposed at the time they'd left their paid hand, Robertson, on board; but it voyage of at least three weeks, when the turned out he was left at home at Port William that day, barkin' a small main-book of a small inn at Penleven. We left sail that Mr. Blake had brought o' pur-book of a smail in at Penleven. A book of a smail in at Penleven, and beld pose for the fishin'. Well, Mrs. Blake steadily up the coast until darkness. she ordered tea, and while my missus Then we turned the yacht's head, and ran was layln' the cloth young Mr. Blake straight across for Morlaix; but the he picks up that very book, sir, that was lyin' on the sideboard, and begins readin' it and laffin'. My wife she goes out of the room for to cut the breadout of the room for to cut the breadand-butter, and when she comes back there was the two gentlemen by the through the straits, finally reaching Ma-

ford's lodgings.

She had left them two years before;

But just fourteen days ago I received the following letter, dated from a work-house in one of the midland counties:

"Dear Sir: I am a dying woman and shall probably be dead before this reaches you. The doctor says be cannot give me new boat. It was said after that the owner, Mr. Blake, designed her himself. She used often to put in to Penleven. Know her? Why of course I'd know her, 'specially considerin' what appened.
"What was that? A very sad case: few pounds, and a stranger, for a very few pounds, and with her—what he valued



backs to the room, and Mrs. Blake lyin' back in the chair I'm now sittin' on, an' her face turned to the wall-so, The young Mr. Blake he turns round and says: "This here's a very amusing book, Mrs. Job. Would you mind my borrowing it for a day or two to copy out some of the poetry? I'll bring i back next time we put into Penleyen Of course my wife says: 'No, she Aldn't mind.' Then the elder Mr. Bake he says: 'I see you had a visitor here yesterday-a Mr. Macguire. Is/he in the house?" My wife said: 'No, the gentleman had left his traps, but he'd started that morning to walk to Port William to spend the day. Nothing more passed. They had their tea, and paid for it, and wen off to their yacht. I saw that book in the young man's hand

as he went down the pasasge. Well, sig, it was just dusking in as they weighed and stood up towards Port W diam, the wind blowing pretty steady from the south ard. At about ten in nutes to 7 o'clock it blew up in en little squall-nothing to menthe fishing boats just noticed it that was all. But it was reckoned that squall capsized the Queen of Sheba. She never reached Port Willliam, and no man ever clapped eyes on her after twenty minutes past 6, when Dick Crego declares he saw her off the Blowth, half-way toward home, and going steady under all canvass. The affair caused a lot of stir, here and at Port William, and in the newspapers. Short-handed as they were, of course, they'd no business to carry on as they did, 'specially as my wife declares from her looks that Mrs. Blake was feelin' faint afore they started. She always seemed to me a weak, timmersome woman at the best; small and ailin' to look at." "And Mr. Blake?"

"Oh! he was a strong-made gentleman; tall, with a big red beard."

"The son?" "Took after his father, only he hadn't any beard; a fine upstanding pair." "And no trace was ever found of them?"

"Not a stick or thread." "But about this visitors' book. You'll swear they took it with them? See, there's not a stain of salt water upon

'No, there isn't; but I'll swear young

Mr. Blake had it in his hand as he went from my door," I said: "Mr. Job, I've kept you already too long from your dinner. Go and eat, and ask them to send in something for me. Afterwards I want you

to come with me and take a look at my yacht that is lying just outside of the haven." As we started from the shore Mr. Job, casting his eyes over the Siren, remarked. "That's a very pretty yawl

of yours, sir." As we drew nearer he

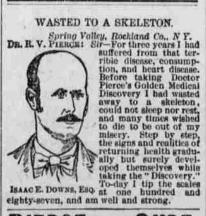
began to eye her uneasily. "She has been lengthened some five or six feet," I said; "she was a cutter to

begin with." "Lord help us!" then said Mr. Job, in a hoarse whisper. "She's the Queen of Sheba. I'd swear to her run anywhere ay, or to that queer angle of her

hawse-holes." close examination confirmed Mr. Job that my yacht was no other than the lost, Queen of Sheba, lengthened and altered in rig. It persuaded me, too. I turned back to Plymouth, and leaving the boat in Cattwater, drove to the Millbay station and took tickets for Bristol. Arriving there just twentyfour hours after my interview with Mr.

window studyin' the book with their | laga. There we staid and had the yacht lengthened. My husband had sold his small properly before ever we came to Port William and had managed to invest the whate under the name of Carlingford. There was no difficulty about letters of ergalit. At each port on the way we had shown the Wasp's papers, and used the name of Carlingford; and at Lisbon we read in an English newspaper about the supposed capsizing of the Queen of Sheba, Still we had not only to persuade the officials at the various ports that our boat was the Wasp. We knew that our enemies were harder to delude, and our next step was to make her as unlike the Wasp or the Queen of Sheba as possible. This we did by lengthening her and alter-ing her rig. But it proved useless, as I had always feared it would. The day af-ter we sailed from Malaga, a Spanishspeaking seaman, whom we had hired there as extra hand, came aft as if to speak to my husband (who stood at the wheel), and, halting a pace or two from him, lifted a revilver, called him by name and shot him dend. Before he could turn, my son had knocked him senseless, and in another minute tumbled him overboard. We buried my husband in the sea, next dey. We held on, we two alone, pas Gibraltar-I steering and my son hand-ling the salis-and ran up for Cadiz. There we made a deposition of our losses, inventing a story to account for them, and my son took the train for Paris, for we knew that our enemies had tracked the yacht, and there would be no escape for him if he clung to her. I waited for six days, and then engaged a crew and worked the yacht back to F—. I have never since set eyes on my son; but he is alive, and his hiding is known to myself and to one man only—a member of the brotherhood, who surprised the secret. To keep that man silent I spent all my re-maining money; to quiet him I had to sell the yacht; and now that money, too, s gone, and I am dying in a workhouse, God help my son! I deceived you, and yet I think I did you no great wrong. The yacht I sold you was my own, and she was worth the money. The figures on the beam were cut there by my husband before we heached Vigo, to make the yacht correspond with the Wasp's certificate. correspond with the Wasp's certificate. If I have wronged you I implore your pardon. Yours truly, CATHERINE BLAKE."

Well, that is the end of the story. It does not, I am aware, quite account for the figure I saw standing by the Siren's wheel. As for the Wasp, she long since rotted to pieces on the waters of the Mersey. But the question is: Have I a right to sell the Siren? I certainly have a right to keep her, for she is mine, sold to me in due form by her rightful owner, and honestly paid for. But then I don't want to keep her.



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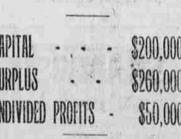
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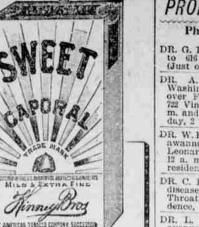


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For Northumberland, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Hloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Entimore, Washington and the South, Northumberland and intermediate stations, 6.00, 9.55 a.m. and 1.35 and 6.97 p.m.
Nanticoke and intermediate stations, 8.66 and 11.29 a.m. Plymouth and intermediate stations, and 1.50 and 8.52 p.m.
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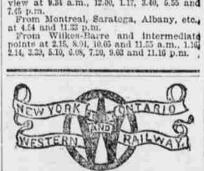
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Commencing Monday, day, July 20, all trains will arrive at new Lacknews and avenue station as follows:

Trains will leave Scrantor station for Carbondale and intermediate points at 2.29, 5.55, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.19 a.m., 12.00, 2.29, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.25, 9.10 and 11.20 p.m.

For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 19.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m.

p.m. For Albany, Saratoga, the Adirondacks and Montreal at 5.45 a.m. and 2.29 p.m. For Wilkos-Barre and intermediate ants at 7.45, 8.45, 8.28 and 10.45 a.m., 12.05, 129, 2.23, 4.00, 5.10, 6.05, 9.15 and 11.38 p.m. Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.40, 9.34 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 3.40, 4.54, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.33 p.m. From Honesdale, Waymart and Faryylew at 9.34 a.m., 12.30, 1.17, 3.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.



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