... A Romance of the Sea...

eyes open. The morning was exceedingly warm, but there was a light breeze from the westward-just enough to keep the canvas full. I had thought of everything I could remember to fight off the drowsiness that was stealing over me. I recalled the last song I had heard ashore and the girl who sang it. I thought of the leters I had to write before we made Hakedate, for we were cruising in the Japan sea on this night of June, 1886. There was no excuse to trim sail to keep oneself awake.

The breeze, though light, was steady, and at the foot of the main course, to which I had extended my walk, and now stood under for the delightful draught it cast, was as motioniess as if the sail-rope had been of metal. I suddenly felt that I was thirsty, and are too good looking for a man. And I hapless midshipman. There was gloom wandered down to the ganroom for a promise you that if on my watch on in the ganroom mess for many weeks goblet of rum and limejuice to give rel- [deck I see St. Elmo's light I'll send Gog | afterwards for these was a general faish to my next pipe.

Why have you Hello, old man! turned out? Three bells have not struck vet."

The face that looked up to mine from the mess table was that of a beautyso refined, not masculine comeliness but positively beauty, that no debutante at a London drawing room, no matter how levely, could demur to an exchange. There was nothing ef-feminate about the figure. The shoulders were square and muscular, and the neck showed unmistakable signs of strength. Arthur Rescoby, though we called him Miss Bescoby in the mess, was no girl boy, but a young man from the pleasant county of Kent. who was a good cricket and foot ball player, pulled a strong oar and gave ample promise of being a valuable addition to her majesty's navy.

"I can't sleep, Paddy (Paddy was my pet name). I don't know what it that worries me so, but I feel wretched."

"You're in love, Bessie. That visit you made to Scotland has settled you." Bescoby's tale face flushed, "No, I don't think I'm very hard hit, Paddy." he rejoined, "only something to keep my mind busy between mails. By the way, what did you make her out to be

I gave him the ship's position at noon and chared him at having forgot-

Suppose you take a turn with me on the deck with me. Boss," I said, "and you can get a jolly good hosing at eight bells, which will do more good than scribbling in this mess-room. Come along and I'll tell you about the girl that saved by life at Limerick, Before I concluded that remarkable tate Bescoby's blucs had disappeared, and when the next watch was mustered he was all right egain. He was a favorite of mine, and, although he spoke to me freely on many things, there was still an air of reserve about him that made all prefect confidence impossible. He was sensitive to a deand suffering under the chaffing which a lot of larky midshipmen fin l adispensible to fill in their leisure

f'd like to speak to you, sir, for a minute," said a huge fellow, the tallest man in the ship, a marine whom we called Gog Thompson, and who looked after Bescoby's clotnes and washing as

What is it, Gog? Quick, reel if off, I'm sleepy. "Ay, ay, sir. It's about Mr. Box-

coby. Did he ever talk to you about St. Elmo's light?"

"Why, yes; he was curious to see it. Well, what of it?" He's more than curious, sir. He's

superstitious about it. He thinks it will have an effect upon his life." Nonsense, said I, "Mr. Bescoby

has been chaffing you, Gog." "No, sir," repided the big marine, carnestly, who loved the handsome young middy as if he had been his son "I know you are his chum, sir, and that if I told you you'd talk him out of these ideas. But please, sir, don't mention that I had anything to say

"Certainly not, Gog," and as the ma-rine saluted and walked forward I remembered that Arthur was superstitious, and had asked me many things about ghosts and fairles and banshoes and other uncanny things indigenous to the Isle of Saints. But he had never mentioned St. Elmo's light, that pecu-Har ball of electric light, which is occasionally seen in the low latitude clinging to the trucks and the ends of the

'Til pump him about it today," I thought, and fell asleep.

That afternoon when I was writing up my individual log, Bescoby came into the gun room. I saw the same curi-cus and worried expression on his face that I had observed the night before. "Bessie, what the deuce is the matter with you? Are you fretting because have not yet seen St. Elmo's

Who has been telling you that yarn, Paddy?" he answered quickly, with a flush of annoyance, "I know, That big donkey, Gog, has been loading you up with a lot of bosh."

"Look here, old man," I said, "you confide in me. Now, I have talked to you about banshees and ghosts, tell me about this light business."

He sat down beside me, and, putting his arm on my shoulder, said, in a shameful sort of way:

"My dear Paddy, I'll tell you all. I am a silly duffer, you know, and one sweetheart again, and I avoided all week's shooting at Eaglesham Manor reference to the subject. settled me. I met there a countrywoman of yours. I will not despribe

Nora to you. But here is her picture." "Humph!" I thought: "badly hit, indeed," as he took a locket which be wore from a silk cord around his neck. opened it and laid it before me. It was the face of an exceedingly beautiful He is aloft on the mizzen royal, and girl-a regulsh, laughling face, with sent one of the boys after him and clusters of brown curly hair and deep the boy came back and said that he blue eyes. It was well painted. The was talking to himself and muttering artist was evidently deeply interested

in his subject. "That is Nora." he said, and the gentle lowering of the voice as he procounced the name of the lovely one told the whole story

"I congratulate you up on your good taste, Bess. Am I to be the best man". "Don't chaff me, Paddy," he said. "Nora is as poor as I am, but she loves She will wait for me. I am sure ing her all about St. Elmo's light, and I promised her that when I saw it I would go aloft and examine it closely swell on and the ship was rolling con-and make scientific observations and siderably. I stopped at the mizzen topall that sort of thing."

"And the last words that Nora spoke to me (we were on the shores of Eagle-sham lake and she had kissed me and called me her own sailor and told me that she knew she never could love any

when you see that light Nora will be hear you in spirt. And when you see it you say, 'Nora, Nora, Nora,' three times, and wherever I am my sound will

be close to you at that moment, Arte.
"Oh, Paddy, she is as beautiful as an angel, and I am sick with longing to see her again," and the poor lovesick lad buried his face in his hands.

"By Jove, you've got it bad, Bessie I said, "I thought I was fond of the girl that saved my life at Limerick, but my affection is but as a tallow dip alongside St. Elmo's light compared to Yours.

"Don't chaff me any more, will you Paddy?" and the hapless lover looked pleadingly at me.

"I will not, Bessy. I don't wonder that Nora fell in love with you; you Thompson to pub you out by the heels." | vorite.

After this conversation I noticed a change for the better in Bescoby. He has lost his moodiness and gave such tire tide of his meeting with and en-gagement to the Irish beauty.

I hoped that she had not been firting with my chum, but even as he told the story of their love I was villain enough to conclude in my own mind that Nora was looking out for a rich husband, and was getting her hand in by practicing on Bescoby. There was such a strawberry and cream flavor about the business, a Paul and Virginia atmosphere that I felt my countrywoman was simply amusing herself with the Susceptible young sailor and nothing more

Two days afterward we brought up in Hakodate. There were a few merchantmen in the harbor and an English yacht. At mess that evening one of our fellows who had been ashore gave us all the gossip of the place,

"That yach: is the Spray," he said and belongs to a rich Scotch lord, who has a large party on board. The consul told me all about them. His runt married sister are chaperoning the girls. One is awful pretty, an Irish girl. She is engaged to bis lordship, and they are to be married at the Bricish embassy at Hong Kong. I sav, we must give them a dance. Just think how jolly! Here we are away from and the lots of English girls we know. Hey for the maids of merry, merry England, Wouldn't it be grand wedding?

What's the owner's name?" I arked. "Lord Gilmour. A jolly young chan, oo. Has a grand shooting and great place somewhere near Glasgow," "I want to see you for a minute

I booked around and Boscoby was at eral expression.

of the starboard ports, "there is something awfully wrong. I know this Lord now she is on this cachting cruise with was only too broken now him. And he is engaged to some on semething wrong."

"Nonsense, being all that stuff." I sald, cheerity. "If Nora is on board,

He shook his head, and as he walked lord's flance, and that she had used bring to bring her laggard to the propos-

his suspicions. I met him on the bund, ashore, a few hours afterwards, of the yachtsmen, and got the whole

story from him. The false Nora was soon to become her midshipman lover completely over-

said, "and she smiled at me and shook ant acquaintance and nothing more, Lord Gilmour was quite friendly, and rail, but in the direction of the trafspoke of the shooting and invited me n board. I had only one chance to

again. Never, never.' "Bosh," said I, slapping him on the to be drawn in the present state of back, "you'll get over all this. Why, that girl that saved my life in Limer. ick, and who swore I was the only man she ever loved, was married a week afterwards to a wealthy tanner, and had the impudence to send me ne of her wedding cards."

But all this well-meant consolation had no effect upon my friend, and I was glad when we got underway, and pointed for the Straits of Sunda, Bescoby went about his duty in a dull, mechanical sort of way, and even the fellows who used to persecute him most had respect for his despondency, although they knew not the cause. He never mentioned the name of his false

I was in the second hour of a dellcious sleep r Dw nights afterwards when somebody grasped me violently by the arm and shook me.

"Rouse up, sir; rouse up!" cried Gog Thompson, hurriedly. "I think there is omething wrong with Mr. Bescoby, something about St. Elmo's light, and I am afraid sir, that he is out of his

While I was hurriedly pulling on my trousers the marine told me that that singular phenomenon had been seen first on the main truck, and that another ball of fire had rested for a momet on the end of the mizzen royal yardarm. The minute Mr. Bescoby say, this he rushed aloft and laid out on the she will. Now some one had been tell- yard. Filled with apprehension I came on deck and started quickly up the weather rigging. There was a ..evvy

mast and sung out softly:

It had gone two belis in the middle | one half as well as a sailor) were 'Arte, | topgallant rigging. As the ship rolled watch, and I could hardly keep my don't forget St. Elmo's light. And, Arte, heavily to beward I saw his figure outlined against the dusk sky, and heard him say in a peculiarly dull but distinct monotone

"I have found the light at last, Nora-I have kent my part of the promise. Is your spirit nour me new?"

Again the big ship rolled to be ward and the end of the royal yard was liftd up to the clear patch of sky. there was no one there. Poor Besechs had either surung or fallen overboard.

I shouted to the quartermaster to put the wheel bard down, and as the ship ame shaking in the wind I jumped t the topgallant backstay and slid rapidly to the deck. The boat was at once owered away and then another, but though we searched for more than an hour and burned lights over a vast area of water, we found no trace of the

I never told the story of this unfer tunate attachment, and I pover say the woman whose marriage I read of hot shots to his termenters, who used in a Hong Keng paper who had made to chaff him for their digestion, that my poor friend the sport of a summer I think he felt relieved that he had told vacation, and ruined a voting and me his story, and I listened to the en- promising life for her own gratification

RAILS TRAVEL WITH TRAINS.

Well Known Phenomenon Under Investigation by Engineers.

from the Albany Press, The railroad men of Albany are disrecepting rails. They regard it as a urious fact about modern railroading, but so far there is little knowledge obtainable about it. The matter is one which concerns practical road builders quite as much as those interested only in the theory of the thing. It was ap for discussion at the recent conention of the New England Roadmasers' association and it is to be brought up before the Roadminsters' Association of America at its meeting in Denreachis mouth:

Enginee Iswin had some comment to make upon the subject. "I noticed writer in the recent issue of the Raniway Age who discussed the mator at come length. It appears that it has not yet been determined whether the movement of the rails is with or against the direction of the heaviest travet, but there is no doubt that e got to Plong Kong in time for the there is a movement, sometimes of considerable amount. Well authentiated instances are given of creeping in both directions and some of them are quite remarkable.

Reference is made to a rail on a pile tresile at Galvesion which travded nine feet per month. One on the St. Louis bridge is mentioned, The my elbow. He was strangely pale, and bridge has a rise of 5 feet in its length his eyes wore a wild and most unnat- of 1,500 feet, and the railroad tracks require constant attention. In the lat-"Paddy," he said, as he stood at one ter part of the treeping on the east and west approaches averaged 60 feet per month on each side and on Gilmour. It was at his house I staved the bridge structure it varied from It was there I met Norn. And he was eleven inches to twelve feet, three inattentive to her, I remember, but she ches per month for the six months. did not seem to care about him. And The creeping of the extreme south rail than in December, while on the north | case where no defence was possible, on beard. Ch. Pacity, I know there is rail the difference between the two months was twelve feet, two inches had seen the deed done, whotever it in favor of July. The direction of the movement was with the track, but which is not probable, there are other this does not account for the fact brish girls in the world, and it does not that in the case of one track the outer. He made a perfect case and he defollow that the Scotchman is engaged rail and in the other the inner rail does the most exceping."

As to the general direction of the away I felt just as sorely as if I had rail movement, uside from specific inheard the story that his Nora was the stances, Assistant Chatham of the chief

w a tendency to drive the rails in Bescoby lost no time in confirming the opposite direction. The railway its suspicions. I met him on the commissioners, of New South Wales. after making an investigation, reported and he told me that he had seen one three cases. In one case it was stated that the rails on a double track road travelled both together in the direction of the traffic; in another on a Lady Gilmour, and she had thrown double road the outer rail of the down line moved in the direction of the traffic, while the rail near the way between "I met her, Paddy," the poor fellow the double tracks remained stationary; and in still another case, also on a hands, but it was as if I was a pleas- double road, the rail nearest the middle way moved more than the outer

"The committee of the New England speak to her, and I whispered: 'Nora, Roadmasters' association reported that have you forgotten" and she laughed it was a well known fact that rails and said with an air of a woman of move or creep in the direction trains the world: You silly boy; I want you run on the track; on double track to forget all that nonsense.' But it is and on single track rails move in the all over now, I will never see her direction of the heaviest traffic, fact, about the only safe deduction is

knowledge is that rails do move." The reasons for the creeping of rails have not been determined any more definitely than the direction of the ardent movements. Inquiries among the engineers and section men resulted in the gathering of many suppositions. brief they come to these;

That rails have in many places a derided tendency to creep or travel along the track, owing to the wave motion, the unbalanced traffic in one direction, the action of braked wheels, the contraction and expansion due to the changes in the temperature. This creeping is more especially troublesome, as a rule, on steep grades, on bridges, and on swamp roadbeds, but

may develop at any place Of the reasons given the undulatory movement of the rails given them by passing trains seems to be the principat one. In a perfectly rigid track there would be no creeping. During the undulatory movement referred to the tracks are free to assume a new position in the direction of the greatest force, or in that of the least resistance,

The momentum of the train may carry the track along with it, resulting in a movement of the track in the direction of the heaviest traffic. or it may be that the freedom of the rail during the undulatory movement permits the operation of a stronger force than that set in operation by the train, and this stronger force, which might be gravity or elasticity. might cause the track to move in an opposite direction,

No satisfactory method has yet been devised to prevent the creeping of tracks, other than the use of heavier ralls and the general improvement of the tracks. Many years ago it was customary to cut out a piece about an ast and sung out softly:
"Hello, Bescoby! Lay down here for rails, about one pair of rails in every "Hello, Bescoby! Lay down here for a moment. I've got something to tell you."

He did not reply, but kept talking to himself, so I began the ascent of i:e inch square from the flange of the dream may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich send brown or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomator in the set of the did not reply, but kept talking to himself, so I began the ascent of it.

sleepers and ballast with them. A long list of broken raits, which were set down to the cut rails, soon led to the abandonment of this practice.

Later a semi-circular hole was cut with a milling tool, and every rall was anchored through a hole cut in the flange at the joint sleepers only, but this method, which was stigmatized by Sir Benjamin links as a "barbarous practice carried out only in Ireland." is a treatment of symptoms rather than of causes, open to the same objections. Models of inventious designed to overcome the difficulty are to be seen in Engineer Irwin's office, but they do not strike at the source of annoyance.

Any invention which comes to be generally adopted by railroads makes fortune for its contriver, and this fact applies to the creeping rall problem. It is not to be solved by backing at the rails themselves or by otherwise impairing the stability of the rondbed. It must be in line with as clearly defined a scientific law as that which determines the prevenent of rails in consequence of pressure,

Meny practical railroad men buigh at the problem, declaring there is nothing grave about it. Their attention has not been long enough directed to the phenomenon. It is a fact, and the thilread authorities must face it as they have faced many an obstacle since the laying of the first track in the

WHERE SPANISH WAS USEFUL.

Col. Taylor Only Knew Three Words, But They Acquitted His Client.

from the New York Sun. When Colorado was organized as a crritory there was little English used outside of Denver and the mining imps. The rest of the thinly scattered curity was as Spanish as any part f our latest America. Not Castillans, of course, more likely a general mixture of Aztec and Apache and a lot of other strains of blood, but certainly Spanish in name and speech. The government realized that it had a difficult cussing at present the subject of task before it in bringing these" greasers" to understand the very beginning of the obligations and the duties of their American eitizenship. One of the trusted agents in campaign of education was Judge Hallet who was put in charge over me with their Spanish. I just of the judicial system of the new ters | naturally had to bide, ritory. From that time to this he has words that Judge Hallett choked me off been at the head of the federal fudl- on, that's all the Spanish I over knew cary in the great and prosperous state in my life. I couldn't afford to be con of Colorado. Despite his hereeness to the colorado. Despite his hereeness to table and countless oddities of temper no judge has ever been so respected. Engineering and Mining Journal. The biggest silver producer in the world. The biggest silver producer in the world.

Ows of the Sangre de Cristo range. These Spanish names were an incessant annoyance to Judge Hallet, who declaimed each one in turn and announced his purpose of memoralizing the secretary of the interior to have them all made American. Of a piece with this was his attitude toward the prevailing Spanish speech of the cauntry: he objected to it. Among the first rules of his court was that which torovided that all transactions should be in Englst, and that if itimants obin English, and that if litimants ob-'American' as they ought,

ar was retained for the defence in a The place was full of witnesses who tack of pnermonia. This same treatmay have been, for that is unimport- hours. Sold by all druggists Mat aut. The prosecuting attorney put on thews Bros., wholesale and retail witness after witness to prove the facts. manded that full nunishment be inflicted. It was a difficult situation for Colonel Taylor. His client was guilty beyond a doubt; cross-examination of the witnesses could only make that fact more distinct, and for that reason he did nothing so foolish. The case was altogether Spanish. Criminal, witnesses, audience, there were not six words of English in the whole outfit. The interpreter had been called on for very word which had gone back and forth throughout the trial. Colonel Taylor arose to make his plea. He surveyed the cluster of dark faces which fified the shed in which the court was

sitting. "Caballeros," he began, "caballeros, del jurado"-There was a loud whacking of the gavel by Judge Hallett as soon as he

caught the sound of the language which he despised so heartily "Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor," he shouted, 'as a member of the bar of this court you mus; be aware that all its transections must be conducted in the English language, the language of this country. If I thought that you were using Spanish maliciously I should punish you soundly for such contempt of this court. You will address this court of the United States in United States and in no other speech, language or dialect."

"I how to your Honor's ruling," continued Col. Taylor, and resumed his plea, but in English and with the assistance of the interpreter. He fold the greaser jury how the sight of their proud "astilian lineaments had cause him to ferret r rule of the court and of Spain, from which their proud forefathers came. He obeyed the judge, but he felt the restraint of having to make his pleading through the assist ance of the interpreter. It was a sin ple matter which he could set right in few rentences of their own language but he feared that in English he could not do so well, yet he hoped that they would not see a fellow citizen punished solely for the reason that his advocate was not allowed to address a Spanish jury in their own tonges. Harping on this theme he avoided any discussion of the evidence which bore so heavily on his client, and in his peroration he paid a glowing tribute to the language of Den Cuixote and Queen Isabella This done, he fled from the spot and was not seen until court had arisen for the day.

When they next met the prosecuting attorney wanted to know why he had not been on hand to receive congratulations on the acquittal of his client. "They set him free without a stain on his character and without leaving their reats, and it was all due to your Spanish. Why didn't you wait? You're the hero of the whole population."

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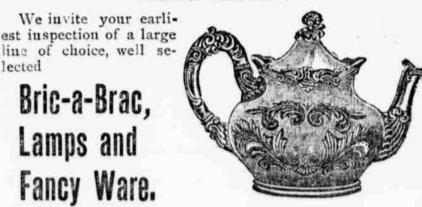
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