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Miscellany. THE BACKWOODSMAN AT SEA. BY ROBERT STARBUCK.

Among the crew of the "Maxwell," a merchant ship bound to San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands, there was one of those tall, quaint-looking, raw-boned individuals who generally come under the denomination of backwoodsmen.

"Ob, you infernal lubber!" the skipper would roar out, shaking his fist at him. "I'd like to feel of that head of yours with a hand-spike and see what it is made of."

"Look here, Captain, I consider myself a free and civilized critter, and must be treated accordingly; so don't you go to foleerin' me up with your 'cusses and shakin' your fists."

"Send him aloft to tar down," said Gumps. "No, no," said the captain, "he'll spill the tar on deck, and dirty the planks which we made him scrub so clean yesterday."

"All the better," said Gumps, for we can make him scrub them over again, and there is two nice little jobs you see—the tar-rin' and the scrubbin'—to say nothing of the chance it will give you to cuff him.

"I'm the man," replies Gumps, and turning up his heel, sings out: "You Bill Slings, get a tar bucket, and tar down that fore-riggering."

"And mind that you don't spill any of the tar!" added the captain, winking at Gumps, who winked back again.

"If it isn't agin' the bounds of human nature, I won't," replied Bill, as he mounted, tar bucket in hand.

Presently, as the captain and his mate had foreseen, the black drops began to descend in little showers on the deck.

Then the former walked forward, and looking up at Bill poured forth a torrent of curses—laughing all the time in his sleeves, and turning around to wink at his mate.

"In due course of time the ship arrived at San Francisco, where she remained two weeks, and was then ready to sail for the Sandwich Islands. An addition had now been made to our number in the person of a traveling showman, together with three wild animals, consisting of a leopard, tiger and a wildcat, which he carried with him and was anxious to display to the good people of Honolulu.

As there was no other convenient place for the cages in which the animals were confined, they had been confined as far aft as possible, and securely lashed down to prevent their being washed overboard in a gale of wind.

Bill bad scarcely elevated his piece when another flash of lightning illuminated the ship, and a wild exclamation of anguish burst from the captain's lips as he beheld the ferocious beast disengage herself from the rope and make a spring towards the boy.

"That cry," he gasped, laying his hand on Bill's shoulder, "was human. O God! Wretch, wretch, you have killed my son!" Bill did not answer.

With outstretched neck he gazed steadily upwards as though he would pierce the gloom which shrouded the yards from sight.

"Has this shot struck the beast or the captain's son?" was the question shouted to the man aloft. The wind howled, the thunder crashed, the seas roared and the ship's timbers

creaked dismally, but there came no answer. The suspense was fearful. The captain groaned, and then staggered against the rail while Bill's face grew as white as a sheet.

"All right," from the lips of the men aloft. "All right, father, I'm safe!" from the lips of the boy, and a few minutes afterwards he leaped to the deck, and was clasped to the neck of his parent.

The Captain kept his word, and as the result of kind treatment before the end of the voyage a better seaman than the noble-hearted Bill Slings never walked the deck of a ship.

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But, grasping a hatchet lying under the carpenter's bench, the backwoodsman, placing his back against the rail, and vowed that he would cleave the skull of the first man who attempted to lay hands on him.

"Give up that hatchet, and surrender, or you are a dead man." At that critical moment a crash was heard in the after part of the vessel, and the next moment a wild cry of terror came from the lips of the captain's son, as he sprang into the main rigging and began speedily to ascend, pursued by the catamount, which had at last succeeded in bursting open the door of her cage.

"O, God! my son—my son—save him!" cried the excited parent, as a sudden flash of lightning revealed to his sight the form of his boy in the topmost shrouds, with the fierce animal a few feet below him.

"Another flash of lightning, and the sharp crash of the captain's rifle, hastily pointed in the direction of the beast rang out upon the gale, mingled with the terrific crash of thunder which burst forth simultaneously with the report. He looked in vain for the animal, and perceiving that he had misused his mark, uttered a cry of such heart-rending anguish that notwithstanding the late quarrel they had, the noble heart of Bill Slings thrilled with pity as he listened to him.

Having discharged but one barrel of the instrument, another yet remained loaded, and the captain felt that the next shot would decide the fate of his son, for it was plain that ere he could have time to reload after his second fire the boy must be torn to pieces by the savage beast, if indeed this had not already taken place.

Elevating his piece, he anxiously waited for another flash, but when that flash came he did not fire. He had seen his son clinging to the top gallant yard arm far up aloft while the catamount was but a few paces from him making frantic efforts to extricate one of her hind legs from a rope in which it had become entangled.

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