NEAL of the NAVY

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"No," stammered Neal, "I-I don't know what it is." The examiner knew it however, for the thing it was. He grabbed Neal's hand and snatched the paper from him.

"Oh!" he said, "the missing duplicate-questions and answers both. No wonder Hardin's papers were well-

He turned to the congressman-who nodded understandingly.

"I don't know how it got there," stammered Neal, "I didn't put it there -I never saw the thing before. On

"Pah," cried the congressman, his eyes flashing, "look at it—thumbed and soiled—he's had it for a week he's learned the thing by heart."

Angrily he tore up the honor slip—

tore up Neal's answers—and flung them to the floor. He pointed to the

"Go." he exclaimed, "the navy's well rid of sneaks like you. Once outside his pare slackened. He didn't want to go home. And yet he must go home—he'd have to tell them

all about it-tell his mother-tell Annette-how much would they believe? Again a friendly hand was placed

upon his shoulder. Again it was Joe Welcher. He sighed with relief. "Look here, Joe," he pleaded, "you don't think I did this thing?"

Joe shrugged his shoulders. "It's

all right, old man," he said finally, "re member, no matter what has happened I'm your friend." Side by side they entered the cot-

tage. Annette was there-so was Neal's mother—both waiting eagerly.

Neal strode to the table, and faced to the two women, the young one and the old. He started to speak. he slumped down into a chair and hid his face in his hands.

"I'm disgraced," he cried, "you-you tell 'em, Joe."
Welcher told them—with consider-

able unction, putting in fancy touches

Neal sprang to his feet-his face ablaze with anger and determination.
"Never mind," he cried, "I can't get into Annapolis—but I can get into the navy and I will. Mother—Annette— Joe-I've got to go-the navy calls for I'm going to enlist. I've got to

CHAPTER XIV.

Dress suit case in hand Neal stopped in front of a cigar store in New York. Next to the cigar store was an entrance to a stairway that led to the second floor above. In front of this entrance paced an officer in uniform. "Recruiting station?" queried Neal,

"Nothing but," returned the man in uniform, "you're as welcome as the flowers in May. Ascend." He waved his hand invitingly. Neal ascended.

Half an hour later he had regularly enrolled—he was an apprentice sea-man in the navy. The United States at its own expense shipped him with a squad of recruits to the naval train-

ing school at Norfolk. As the hours flew by, Neal's eyes were opened. He loved the sea-had always loved it. He plunged into the life of an apprentice seaman.

He wrote his mother and Annette that afternoon after drill was over.
"This is the life," he said to them, "I've been fighting all the afternoon-

aiming thirteen inch guns at hostile battleships, handling a cutter; splicing ropes, tying sailor's knots, cutting off imaginary heads with cutlasses-and thought for the first time since the and Ponto. Hernandez gave a sign—eruption of Mt. Pelee, I'm sleeping in and the brute picked Joe Welcher up, a hammock. This is the life and no whirled him in the air, and brought mistake. We even have the pie that him down seated at the fable.

And next day something else hap-pened. Joe Welcher burst into the living room at the Hardin cottage, early in the evening, with the local paper, still damp from the press, in his hand.

"I've just sent one of these to Neal." he said, "and here's a copy for you. Read it, Annette. Now what have you

Annette read it. This is what it

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Mrs. Hardin, Joe's foster mother, caught him in her arms. "Both my boys-Neal and Joe-in the navy," she exclaimed.

"Yes," returned Welcher, with a sneer, "but there's a difference. I go

CHAPTER XV.

It was somewhat early in the morning. Joe Welcher, seated at a round table in the Seaport house bar, still celebrated with three boon companions, his success as a passer of com-

petitive examinations. Sudden the window was raised—swiftly but noise-lessly, and from without.

One of Joe's friends across the table se, with terror written on his face. He pointed with his finger at the win-

'Look, look," he cried. They looked. A long thin, gristly brown arm with long clawlike fingers, thrust itself through the window and thrust a folded piece of paper into the breast pocket of Joe Welcher's coat. Joe sprang to his feet, crouched terror-stricken in the corner, shielding his face with his arm. His three cronies leaped to the window, and looked out. There was a moon. But there was no one to be seen. The owner of the hand and arm had disappeared. Welcher, coming to himself, clutched at the note, and unfolded it and read.

My Charming Friend: (it said)
Once more I have returned from New
York. I stay at Lonesome Cove Inn. Meet me there tomorrow afternoonperhaps I should say-this afternoon -at three. It is of importance. When you come, inquire for Inez Castro—I have used that name in order that certain mutual friends might not hear As ever, Irene Courtier.

Cove-three miles north of Seaportwas graced by the presence of Joe Welcher. Welcher made a bee line for the cafe and properly spiced up his breath before proceeding to keep the rendezvous. Then he approached Mulligan, the ill favored proprietor.

"You got a certain party here of the name of Inez Costro," whispered Welcher to Mulligan.

"What's that to you," said Mulligan. Welcher produced his note-the note produced an unusual effect upon Mulligan. He dropped his surliness, and with a wink beckened to Welcher; leading him down a dim corridor. "Go up that there staircase," he command-

ed, "and knock at Number Seven."
"I sent for you," Inez began, "that you should do a favor for me-' Welcher seized her hand. That was his undoing. In a moment she was in

his arms, struggling. He kissed her full upon the lips. "I'll go to hell and back for you." he said. Struggling, she half screamed. Then something happened. Unknown to Welcher, the door of Room Seven opened noiselessly, and a well dressed man, with a saher cut across his face, entered on tiptoe. He closed the door behind him, and stood there, watching

the struggle, silent, sinister.
Suddenly Inez screamed. She released herself from Welcher's arms and reeled against the table, her eyes

wide with fright. "My-my husband," she gasped. She held out her hands pleadingly toward the newcomer. Welcher cowered in

abject terror. "It was nothing-nothing," gasped Inez, "a bit of play-nothing else-be-

lieve me-Hernandez smiled-a wicked smile. He never looked at Inez. He glared at

Joey Welcher.
"So I see," he said, "a bit of play." He whistled. The door opened once again. Two figures entered—the brute Neal's letter reached home next day.

Joe realize his helplessness. Hernand next day something else hapdez clapped his hands and the brute left the room. Ponto, the fat Mexi-

can, curled himself up underneath the table. Hernandez seated himself. "A bit of play," laughed Hernandez, harshly. Then his brow furrowed with

wrinkles, his eyes became stern.
"Young sir," he said, "your foster sister is one Annette Illington. You live in the same house with her. She has in her possession a small oilskin packet—a yellow packet — possibly you've seen it?"

He waited for an answer. Joe moistened his dry lips and nodded.
"Well and good," went on Hernandez, "that packet is mine—it belongs

to me. You shall steal it from hersteal it for me. You understand?"

Hernandez smiled. Then his face

froze. His hand darted forward and he clutched Welcher by the wrist. "My young friend," went on Hernan-dez, "you are a crook. I have watched you from first to last. Always I have watched you. I watched you while you made love to my young wife this day. I watched you when you stole her money from her a week or so

in as an officer—and Neal's nothing but a common seaman, understand?"

"Give me a drink, crieu weigher, "go on. What do you want me to do?"

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