

nearly filling the slip, so that there was none to much room between her and the other dock. One afternoon while the "Baltic," one of these steamers, was lying at the wharf, the "Rosie" was slowly making her way out, close to the towering black sides of the coaster. Suddenly from a "focastle" port on the steamer, a "—— ! —— !!! son of a sea cook," to use Jerry's own terms, threw a tub of dirty soapy, water overboard, landing it full into the open hatch of the "Rosie," deluging his "cook's gley," and all his supplies. The scene which followed was an exciting one. For twenty minutes without a break, Jerry cursed the man on the "Baltic," consigning him and the steamer to warmer regions and punctuating his eloquence with canteloupes, tomatoes, and pieces of soft coal. At last, out of breath and with tears in his eyes, Jerry turned to his ruined supper and stores, but the man who had caused all the trouble secured the aid of some fellow seamen and started to taunt the man below them in language which, while not as fluent as Jerry's, was scarcely less ample in its scope. It was too much for Jerry; the injury was bad enough but the added insult was more than he could bear and he turned on them, wild with impotent rage, and tried to reach them with a long boat hook. A threat from the men on the steamer to turn a stream of hot water on him apparently quieted him and he paid them no more attention. Inwardly, however, he was still fuming and he fervently swore to have revenge.

Several weeks later Jerry, who had little Rosie with him, was again making his way out of the same slip just as the "Baltic" was coming in from one of her trips. She had partly entered the slip and was slowly crawling to her dock, her "head" held fast by a big hawser, which kept her from slipping away from the wharf.

Her screws were churning the muddy water to yellow foam, sending it in swirling streams about the piles under the wharf. Suddenly Jerry spied his enemy leaning on the rail of the Baltic. Forgetting all else, even little Rosie,