

The Dutch Captain's Deeds.

Some here, Sir, and sit down beside me.

"What is the matter with you?" said Captain Martin Pieterse, looking anxiously in that direction; for in the Eastern sea two hundred years ago, every strange sail was a terror to the captain of a well-laden Dutch vessel.

"No," answered the lookout at the mast-head. "Looks like a brigantine—very rakish cut, altogether." The captain's face darkened as he spoke, and he looked towards the vessel with a stern expression.

"Every face among the crew seemed to harden suddenly, but no one spoke. Indeed, what need was there of words? All on board understood in a moment what was before them. They were about to be attacked by pirates, and there was not a single cannon, not an old musket aboard the vessel.

It was a terrible moment for them all, the more terrible for the captain, who had every kind of hard hip, and bearing every kind of danger until he had made money enough to become part owner of the ship he commanded.

"No," said the captain, "I do not remember that we did. But, oh, Mr. Jones, I must tell you of the Brighton Aquarium and the wax works we saw in London. You never saw Mr. Jones, what's your hurry?"

Mrs. C. Whipple, 871 Croghan Street, presents these facts: For six years I have suffered beyond all expression with Sciatic Rheumatism and tried every known remedy, but to no purpose.

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AGRICULTURE.

MANURING ORCHARDS.—Trees top dressed in August showed a surprising improvement of the fruit in September. This is the true doctrine, and the reason is that manure applied then.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

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