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esparto grass which bound her, and

she swung sharply round to a stand-

still. And before the wave she threw

up had spread a dozen fathoms we made a simultaneous rush upon her

clever red polled architect and hoisted

older sails. And these labors, with the

deeply engaged in the construction of

of the harbor the use of which he ob-

Almost all the powder on the wrecks

of the Spanish ships had been spoiled

and a handful or so from the heart of

each barrel was all we were able to

infernal engine near the mouth

ous was the crew she carried. The ly the shot was fired and now stood in parts were triced up, and through them admiring wonder opposite the mouth haven't a man to spare speed ugly, yawning gun muzzles, of the great rock cannon which had "But the pearls, old is

dicated, were merely sailors. But, nough we could not see them, we "Ah, ha, ha?" he cried. "See what Eh, Jack?"

though we could not see them, we bethed within the lofty walls of that dolts leave him for a time in peace See how he repays in part the wrongs loating fortress. To attempt the capture of such a

Aye, gape at the engine-a sweet, rus-tic engine, my masters, is it not? You peopled it with honest English hearts: nothing but our own strong figures and the stimulus of a desperate cause, seemed a forlorn hope indeed, and of our little band many a sea warrior who had grinned death in the face a score of times believed that now at last his time had come and hoped for nothing more than to deal a berserk blow or

two before the swarming soldiers spilled his life with a sword thrust. But greet the old man on his triumph day. not a man shrank from the battle. Most of us discarded helmet and all It was powder you justed after, was it? the little ones begin to cry to their faelse except sword or ax and at Alec's word strode down the rocks and into

But where were the old man and the narvelous engine of which he had boasted? Where was the vaunted destruction which he was to deal out to just such a foe as this? Had he failed shining out as clearly as though you carried a placard on your neck with the words written in black and white. is? Ah, well, a crazy man is a cracked reed to lean upon, and perhaps we were fools to hope that the old man could Not a cruzado, not a noggin of powder, scarcely a rope yarn is there left for "Off with the boat there," cried Alec

rou to seize. But for me-I had rather have done this day's work than be at cheerily, "and, Jan Pengony, lead your lads to board at the waist. We others this present moment holding the emeror of the Indies to ransom. Oh, ho, vill swim till our claws touch the beak, and if we once get a hold I war-rant we will not leave go till we've o! There's no ointment like Spanish blood. The throbbing pain in the old nade this big sea fowl as harmless and man's joints will be easier tonight." ucculent a morsel as a well hung hen

CHAPTER XXIII. As we had abundance of victuals and

e small marks for their cannon, so they won't waste powder by firing their large pieces. All the better for us! There'll be the more to stow in the water and were in nowise pressed for ime, as soon as the Scourge was ready for sea we took her for a week's cruise hrough the desert sea to the north-

Scourge's powder room. Have at 'em! 'England forever!' is the cry, and mark ward of our island. This was the more how that herd of hinds will quail when necessary as, except our captain, none of us had more than the vaguest no-tions of fore and aft seamanship, and And so into the water we slipped and, it would have been fool's counsel to think of fighting till we had got all hands used to the feel of their new

hip. er, gashing the little wavelets with her We were returning from this cruise, eak and crushing them contemptuousell satisfied with what we had seen ly beneath her apple bows, stately as a and learned, and were within sight of the Temple of the Serpent on Cave isand when Alec called a general council. t as yet The question was put to us what to do next.

There was no lack of suggestions. One proposed that we should cruise along the main straight away; another Presently a sentry spled us and gave hought that we had better run into harbor again and, lying snug there, neutration which one looks for in a piece that is to earn a high repute, still of their pieces, sent a few maravedis' plant a lookout on the mountain who should give us word when a suitable quarry hove in sight. One man added this bit of advice and another that. adopting this unrecognized means of But when each man who had anything attack. They effected little, however, beyond satisfying themselves that they to say said it, and there were almost as many plans afloat as there were

where the trunnions lay, but from that point forward it tapered throughout the whole of its enormous length, which was a full foot and a half beyond the fathom, until just round the muzzle it swelled out to form a strong the strength of more than one stout fellow tapped. The doors of the forring. He made a carriage for it, too, and planted it right amidships between ward castle opened, and a detachment of mail clad soldiers trooped out to guard the beak. the masts. The piece could be fired from a large port on either side, or

over the bulwark if need be: so that. except directly ahead or astern, its water at its foot-there could be small doubt what the issue of such a combat deadly pelting commanded every point

life or two. And heaven knows we "But the pearls, old lad?" "Aye, Jack, the pearls!" he answere The gunners were at their posts; the worked this awful havoc. The air still The gunners were at their posts; the blue smoke from their line stocks rose lizely from the waist until the breeze caught it and hurried it to leeward, and ever and anon the sun would glint from a shining pike head or sword dim is infernal machine seemed rather tokse, as their hoarse sea hauling cries that of a fiend than of one born of the letter of the tot a fiend than of one born of the letter of the letter of the tot and the garded match is a fiend than of one born of the letter of the letter of the letter of the tot of the letter of the

longer than we have to, would you?" "Yes," he cried fiercely. To attempt the capture of such a that Spanish torments have worked till we'd driven every Spaniard back to the tronghold by simple escalade, without upon his body. Oh, ho, ho! 'Tis meat adders, without hooked poles, with and drink to me to have a day like this. till we'd given the country back to the ground to he

> may find its fellow in the narrow strait And, mark me, Jack, that's what it will though the teeth should not be too holds, that neither Venetian galleass creasing every day, and the island that nor Genoese galley may follow the booty laden corsair to his pagan lair in the Euclide the state of the second state of the state of the second st the Euxine. "What, my noble captain, you look black at me? Come, let no sour faces drift to? I'll tell you. When bread

> drift to? I'll tell you. When bread begins to fail them, as it soon will, and expended on a patch of half an acre of And my brawny Jack here had an eye to the other pickings. Yes, and you, west here. Raleigh and his friends to the other pickings. Les, and you, west here. Kaleign and his friends too, my hook handed boatswain, when I saw your smooth poll and puffing northern land, so I have heard, among weeder and cultivator. The "horse I saw your smooth poll and puffing mouth bobbing over the wavelets like savages and snowstorms and barren northern land, so I have heard, among some old dog seal's there was greed for gain in that solitary eye of yours, ed, those that did not die came back wailing over their miseries and cursing the men who had led them away from the men who had led them away from England. But here, I tell you, it is different. The tierra firme bristles with Spanish towns. There are Cumana, Barcelona, La Guayra, Caracas, Valencia, Cartagena and all those in Mexico besides. And in every one of them the cursed Spaniard tortures and burns unhindered and makes the very gar-dens of God's earth into foul blasphem-

ing hells. I ask you, what nobler aim could a man have in life than to wrest this fair land from these demons and to bring it instead under the sway of Elizabeth of England? "Jack Topp," he went on, flushing deeply and gripping my arm till I fairly winced, "I swear to you that if I get

back home from this voyage with sound skin and sufficient booty for the purpose I will get a charter and fit out an armada-at my own cost, if no one else will join me-and I'll sail for the main here and take every town as I pass along. The west is the treasury of Spain, and if her power be once broken out here in the new world there's little doubt as to who will be queen o the seas over yonder in the old." He broke off suddenly and went to

his bunk, and I turned away to mine For, truth to tell, I had little heart to argue with one who was as eager fo profitless battle as any paladin crusades, with never an eye for the plunder which would follow a good fight. Many a hard blow have I taker and given, but it is a sport I care little for, unless behind it there is that which will pay for the broken heads and damaged limbs. And to give credit where

it is due, no man can say that John Topp was ever backward in a fight against those who were defending goods or treasure. But be that as it nay. The sun was balancing over the western water line when I came on deck again, and the cliffs of Margherita

again, and the cliffs of Margherita were showing in a low, dark line fine the low with a pocketknife. on the lee bow. at work, took a step forward and put

in his word. "There's an island hereabouts," he said, "lying some 15 leagues s'uth'ard an west'ard, that should yield some

forcibly reminded that human progress is slow. For potato boxes we use board ends 10 by 13 inches, cut from 10 inch di-mension lumber. They do not tip over as easily as 12 by 12 inches cut from 12 inch lumber and besides do not split so readily. For each side we use a strip of 6 inch cull siding and two lath strips cut 22 inches long. For bottoms staves from old apple or other light

once in five days.

barrels are used. The curvature of the staves allows the boxes to slide down a shoot into the cellar easily. Use six-



POTATOES IN BOXES.

or wire shingle nails for lath. Half inch pieces from dry goods boxes may be used in place of may be used in place of siding.' handles are about 1 by 4 inches. The Pile several heads together, one already cut out on top, and with a pencil "lay out" or mark the head beneath. Then bore the handles of all at once with an inch bit. About three holes will be suffi-

Bed pieces of 2 by 10 inch pine 16 Willie Trehalion was steering, with his one brawny hand on the tiller and the tiller rope cast on to his hook with a couple of half hitches. His one eye took an occasional squint aloft and the nove and yield some took an occasion again and the land car moon lumber. A slight boxing of the hand ahead. The vessel was rising it rapid-"An island with pickings!" said Job Trehalion. "Then there's Spanlards on the hand riding over them dry the hand riding over them dry the hand the hand riding over them dry the hand the hand riding over them dry the hand the han

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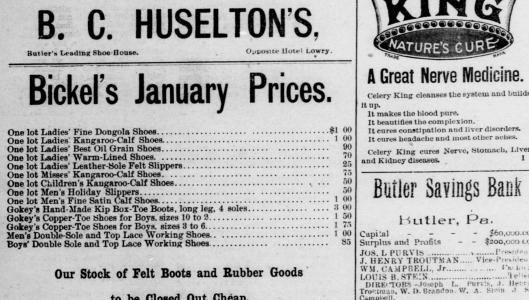
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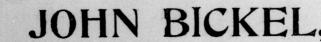
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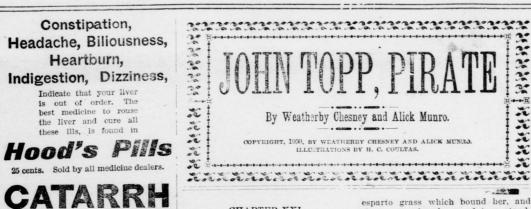
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CHAPTER XXI. Close contests and heated arguments make men hungry, so when the trial of our toy ships was over we returned to the little village under the palm trees with appetites sharpened for our sup-

going to the top of the cliff, hailed the sentry on guard at the cave's month to ask if they had gone straight to their

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We could do nothing, for before we could split up new cars they would be far beyond our ken, as there was no



him high above our shoulders. And when we had had enough of We were doomed to be disappointed, cheering for Captain Alec Ireland some of us were uncomfortably hoarse, while owever, for there were no Spanish slaves waiting our return with freshis for the old man he could not laugh killed pork as we had hoped. We hailed, but got no reply; went to the nearest rising ground, but saw no sign, and so, concluding that incessant hunting was making the swine more shy

over the events of the day, fighting the battle of the toy ships over again

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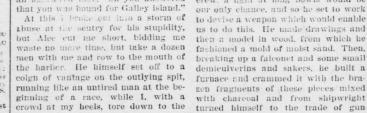
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One boat had gone, sure enough, and

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jail without report themselves. The sentry said no and expressed othe n'n hour agone." didn't you hall the boat, "I did. captain." replied the fellow in

the other lay high and dry. We reached her and found that the Spaniards had taken a simple method of prevent-ing pursuit. They had removed all the oars, knowing well enough that we had

an you answered

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above a whisper. But the Scourge was a mere hulk so far and not a well fitted fighting ship and so it was to work again without premature holiday. Masts had to be 1.ade and stepped, rigging to be deand difficult to find, we made shift to fill our stomachs with any odds and igned and set up and sails to be cut and stitched from the unpickings of

ends which the larder happened to contain. Afterward, throwing ourfittings below and the shaping of spars selves down on luxurious natural moss couches, we blew our tobacco smoke up into the still night air and chatted and such like, were not the work of a day or a week. All hands took part in them except the old man, who was

point by point and not giving the Span-

ish foragers so much as a thought. But when Job Trehalion yawned and said he'd turn in if his stomach weren't so empty every one began to wonder what had happened to the r z hunters

ecure, but arms, small and great, and body armor we found in abundance enough to have supplied two such ships as the Scourge

ise at seeing his captain there. that the great Spanish bombard, which he said, "you took boat down the old man kept trained on his prison-

stinately refused to tell us.

One would have thought, moreover ers in the caves, was as heavy a piece as a reasonable man could desire. But hey hear it." under Ireland was not as other men. He argued that with our small

going straight out from the shore, wait-ed with quick beating hearts for the erew, a fight at long bowls would be our only chance, and so he set to work great vessel to come down to us. On she drove with steady, cruel powus to do this. He made drawings and then a model in wood, from which he fashioned a mold of moist sand. Then

rock that is stepped in the earth's cen-ter. But of the bobbing heads in the breaking up a falconet and some small demiculverins and sakers, he built a water and of the boat creeping out through the rocks she had not

he water.

zen fragments of these pieces mixed with charcoal and from shipwright taken the smallest notice. The susturned himself to the trade of gun pense was fearful. And I must own that it was a deadly the word. The big ship woke up with weapon which he turned out. For, ala scurry and bustle. The trumpeter made his noise, and some arquebusthough the gun had none of that orna-

standard of other weapons, because it worth of lead screaming over the heads of the unsoldierlike heretics who were standard of other weapons, because it differed from every gun that had hith-erto been cast. It was fearfully cumbersome in the breech and down to

pheasant. Our heads in the water will

beyond satisfying the had obeyed orders. But soon a deadly arrow shower commenced from behind the bulwarks commenced from behind the bulwarks the round tops, by which the the round tops, by which the the round tops, by which the standing straddle legged by the bitta-cle and rubbing his skin cap fore and aft across his bald pate, as he always

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Armored men at the top of a high, steep wall against naked men in deep

THE POTATO CROP.

Labor Saving Methods and Helps In

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were grown in "patches" in lieu of hough we could not see them, we "Ah, ha, ha!" he cried. "See what "Grammercy, Alec! You'd not stay holding on and off this sweltering coast for giving some of the means of saving labor as practiced at Waupaca, Mich.,

"I'd stay says a correspondent of Farm, Field We plant deep enough to permit the

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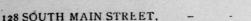
weeder" is not necessary, but very

horse and man will brush over 20 acres

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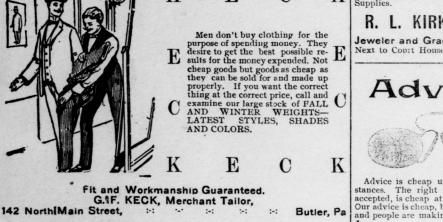
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moon, and in the darkness we stood no chance of finding them. So we hailed to Alec to come back, and after making sure that our storehouses were un-

At the door we were met by the old "Oh, ho, ho!" he cackled. "So Don Miguel and his fellow scoundrels have

live Spaniards were more dangerous than dead ones? And you derided my words and called me a savage and murderer. Ah, ha, a merry buzzing hornets' nest they'll bring about your ears presently! Then maybe your squeam-ishness will pass away and the sour blue Spanish blood will flow in rivers. But'if you were wise, Captain Ireland, you would give orders at once to light

fire of green wood at the mouth of the cave and smoke out the rest of the hive before they, too, manage to free their stings. You frown at my advice. Ah, but you're young, my most chiv-alrous captain; young and tender hearted, for as yet you've suffered only trivial injuries at Spanish hands! Oh, ho, ho, my words are wasted now, but maybe you'll live to see their wisdom!"

"Old man," said Willie Trehalion solemnly, seeing by Alec's face that a storm was coming, "stop your bloodthirsty babbling an go an lark with Nephew Job, your crazy playmate." And the old man, after glowering venomously at his interrupter, did as he was told, and the two of them gamed with knucklebone for a maravedi a

throw until far into the night. Next day we laid the first plank of our new ship, and thenceforward the flat by the cave resounded with the bubbing of adzes, the ring of hammers, the jarring of saws and the songs of the workmen, a discordant medley

enough, but to our ears the sweetest armony. First arose a bristling thicket of ribs, the bare, unsightly skeleton. Next a skin of planking, rising from rabbits on the keel, spread slowly over the superstructure till it reached the deck

beams and then continued upward to form a strong protective bulwark, gapped with small rowports and larger gun embrasures. Then tough treenails pinned the deck planks on their bed

and by and by began the music of the calker's iron and mallet. When every stroke of the ax or hammer was a stroke nearer to freedom, there was little chance that the work would be-

come wearisome. Our Spanish slaves were useless exept for porter's work, and of the English none had served an actual apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade.

Yet such was the energy which our captain's enthusiasm infused into every man of us that, incredible though it may seem, I, John Topp, solemnly declare that the schooner Scourge kiss-ed the waters of the harbor three

of the compass. With this powerful weapon and the culverins and falconets mounted on either broadside we had as much artillery as we could man. But the powder room was empty. This was a most serious gap in our defense and one which for lack of ma-

terials we could not remedy. One jester indeed said that we could get to board. In another half minute we should be facing the climb and making vicious sword thrusts at the axmen charcoal from the woods and sulphur from the Spaniards' oaths, so that we who lopped at our limbs from above. required only saltpeter to start our Ah, well, it would be a speedy death! manufactory, but even on this showing But, as it happened, there was to be we were no better off, for we had not no rasping of steel against steel just the saltpeter. There was nothing for then. it, therefore, but to run our first prize

With a sudden roar like the bursting by the board and take her hue and thrust fashion and then to use the of a thunderbolt a spout of fire darted from the cluster of rocks on the outlypowder she carried to load our weapons

against her friends. We had, it is true, saved a few handfuls of the precious black dust from the carrack's hold and at one time had counted upon using that to fire half a dozen lusty broadsides, but every grain of it was blown away to smoke by the old man before ever the Scourge dropped down the harbor.

He had, as I have said, been for some time engaged in constructing a mysterious engine whose form and purpose were known to himself alone. Its site was among some rocks on the spit at the harbor's mouth, but none of us had seen it, for since the old man had promised to launch his deadliest curse at the head of any one who pried into his secret we all kept widely aloof. Still, we were not a little curious, and, madman though he was, we trusted him. Consequently when it was re-ported that a large ship flying the

It hurtled through the air and struck the Spanish shtp. ing spit, and in the midst of it rode a Spanish flag was making dead for the mouth of the harbor our first thought was that we were trapped and our second that the old man would save us. sentry box. It hurtled through the air of and how do they lie?" He had boasted that his infernal machine would cope single handed with the proudest ship in the Spanish navy, with a din like the humming of milthe proudest ship in the Spanish navy, lions of ricochetting bullets and struck and if he failed us now, after having the Spanish ship just abaft of amid-

taken possession of all our small store of powder, then the Spaniard might Smith and carpenter never put together or in the harbor and batter our new gear that would have withstood the and we could not hope to prevent him. We had not a stitch of canvas bent to had been maize husks, and the mighty Bristol nor Whitby itself, mebbe. the spars, not a sweep fitted to the row bowlder ate its way through fabric The boat would hold only 12 and cargo and fell with a sullen splash

men, but as a forlorn hope we had it manned and ready behind the shelter The waves trembled with the shock, manned and ready behind the shelter and the proud ship reeled to her lar-ran. In it were crammed those of us who could not swim. The rest were to take to the water sword in teeth, and wounded backbone crunched in two each was to board the invader as best with the effort. The mainmast and its A desperate enterprise surely, but it slid from the lower deck like so many

was the time for desperate enterprises. for if the newcomers were to land and neither strategy nor force could save is. It must be a fight to the death, and, truth to tell, there was not one of us who had not rather have died than trust again to mercy from a Spaniard.

> CHAPTER XXII. On came the majestic Spaniard, bow-ing gravely and proudly over the roll-ing seas. She was close hauled on the

starboard tack, and her bellying ourses and topsails strained heavily on the sheets. Standard, pennant and banner hung from trucks and poop-staff, and the painted taffety as it flutonths and four days after the first | tered out to leeward was more suggestimber of her keel was laid on the ive of gala day revels than of fighting. But today her guns were not loaded

What a shout we raised as her stern wooped joyously down to meet the el-When she drew nearer, she hauled ement she was destined for! Eagerly, as though flinging from her graceful her mizzen and sprit sails and came sides the dishonoring taint of earth, I running in under her two topsails only, she embraced the water. Her forward and we could see for ourselves how rush was stopped by the stout warp of heavy was the metal and how numer-

would be. But, little though we liked it. too. uncle?"

Willie took no notice of him. "Marit, it was a trial from which we dared not shrink, and so, with grim detergherita's the name o' it." he went on. "Some o' you may have heard o' it, but all o' you may not know that the Spanmination to do or perish in the trying, we swam with slow, steady strokes to meet the Spaniard, each man of us lards has got three towns planted there ooking out eagerly for the best point to look after the pearl fisheries. pearls bain't gould. But pearls is what the queen's own majesty wears sewed about her gown, an so it bain't for th like o' us to turn up our noses at 'em Besides, there's Spaniards there to collect 'em from the pagans as brings up the pearl oysters from the sea floor, an where there's Spaniards you can lay our teeth on't there's powder as well.' "And you suggest, Willie?"

"That we harry a town on Margher-

Job chuckled. "A whole town would make a big mouthful," said he. "Hap pen it might squirm about when we was trying to swallow it an choke us." "Always a fool, Job," replied his uncle sourly, "an but one peg removed from a natural. But I never thought o call nephew of mine lily livered." The big, dark scar which seamed b's face flashed out and grew purple, nd he stepped forward with hands linched and lips trembling. And no onder, for, as every one knew, there was not a braver man on board.

Willie did not move a muscle. "Stop!" cried Alec sharply. "I allow o quarreling on board the Scourge. Job's objection is a reasonable one and eserves a reasonable answer. There's othing of the coward about him, and, Willie Trehalion, every man on the Scourge will tell you so. He has faced leath at your side and at mine many a ime, as I ought not to have to remine ing spit, and in the midst of it rode a you. But enough of this. What is the huge bowlder bigger than a soldier's size of these Spanish towns you speak

"There's Pampatas at the east-sou'east," replied Willie Trehalion gruffly "an there's El Pueblo de la Mar a league to leeward o' that, an there's El Pueblo del Norte on the north side."

"And their strength?" "I don't know, nor their size either But they're not as big as London nor "Which of them would suit our purpose best?

"Pueblo del Norte." "Because?"

"Because it's highest, Captain Ireland." "Could you pilot us there?" "Yes, captain, with a couple o' careful hands at the lead. I seed the place

marked on one o' them rubbishly Span ard's charts, but the lubbers hadn't marked down the fairways into the pebbles. The fore round top leaned aft till it fouled the golden flag of Spain till it fouled the mizzen truck, and the rocky on the sea face, though, so there bowsprit stood once more as it had done when, leaved and branched, it should be water enough." "We'll try," said Alec. "So we'll 'bout ship now, boatswain, and shape a

sprouted heavenward from some Casilian sierra in the old world. ourse for the island of Margherita.

The grim sea wolves, carrion hunters And then, in a lower tone: "Mind, Wilof the ocean, darting up from the cav-erns of the sea, fixed their talons on into any harbor which masked batteries and unknown currents may turn the swirling eddies to the dark jungles being by the soft arms of a foe more elentless than even the Englishman If this wind holds, we should with below, and as each heavily armored Spaniard fell off into the waves he was releated by the soft at ms of a fee more may to. We can do the rest in the boats. If this wind holds, we should, with and strangled by a liquid caress that knew no refusal. Thus did the sea average the dishonors with which Span-ic show on gallars that is been as the sea off and their nightsh slave galleys had tainted her.

caps on.' And, bidding all except the watch It was all over in a few seconds, and efore the minute had elapsed, save for turn in, so as to come up fresh when ere and there a morioned head beside work was on hand, Alec and I went fragment of wreckage, the harbor below.

a fragment of wreckage, the harbor ripples were unflecked by anything stouter than their own flowery foam. We English, seeing that our work We English, seeing that our work was already done, swam ashore direct- i because street fighting may cost us, a

decked like the beauty she was. Our around the entire rack prevents the There were none of those dull swishing thuds of green wave against round apstow the foresail and hoist the main-

tack lest if we allowed ourselves to come into sight in the daytime the dons of Margherita should suspect our intent and make ready an uncomfortably warm reception for us. We could not afford to risk by such a piece of carelessness the loss of our dainty racer. Night fell, dark, moonless, starless

but without rain or haze-just such a night as our purpose asked for. All hands were on deck, eager and expectant, for word had been passed that El Pueblo del Norte was close under our

Now, there is and has been from time immemorial a custom among fighting men to put on their best clothes to do battle in. The sea dandy of the queen's ships would turn out in all the bravery of puffed and bolstered hose and trunks and with a starched ruff circle

as big as a puncheon head cumbering his chest. But we wore our best-an worst-clothes every day; in fact, we had no more than one suit apiece, and that a skimpy one. We could not, therefore, honor the conflict by much change of apparel. True, there was Spanish body armor in plenty if we had cared to put it on, but body armon has never found much favor with English sailors, and, moreover, it was monstrous heavy and uncomfortable. So, with the exception of a metal helmet apiece, which Alec insisted that each f us should wear, we were prepared to go into battle protected only by ou

own quick sword play and the supple strength of our iron muscles. And when the Scourge was hove to

and the boats dipped into the water there scrambled into them surely the ost ragged, tattered and unkempt crew that ever set out to capture a town. Most of us lacked shoes and hose some of us even wanted a shirt; but, though a scarecrow would not have taken our clothes as a gift, every man was armed to the teeth with jewel hilted swords and daggers, and our hopes told us that we were likely soon to have other gear to match the quality of our side arms.

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Cold Expands Them A civil engineer who is in Alaska has written home to Chicago that the rails on the Chilkoot Pass railway expand with the cold instead of contracting, as they would be supposed to do. A temperature ranging from 12 degrees

to 40 degrees below zero F. would not appreciably affect the length of rails, but severer cold than that would be attended with expansion. This is certainly an exception to a law of nature, although water shrinks as it cools until 39 degrees F. is reached, when it be gins to expand.

An Inference. "I just know she is ten years older

than she admits," said the woman with the sharp nose. "How?" asked the other half of the "Why would she be letting that 16-

Scourge was a craft of which every man of her crew might well be proud. nying illustration shows a load of 66 bushels dug by machine, picked up and drawn to the cellar in one hour and a ple bow, which cause a ship to stop half with "family" help. The unloadand shudder as though cringing under ing is done by sliding the boxes down a blow. The motion was gliding, olly and pleasant. And the pace was so great that we deemed it advisable to Renewing an Asparagus Bed. An old and run out or neglected as-

paragus bed can be best improved after the season for cutting is over by putting on a liberal dressing of manure in June or July and plowing it in, not taking much care to prevent breaking the roots or to save seeding plants. The plants are apt to become root bound, and they will grow all the better for a little breaking up of the matted roots. Keep the weeds out all the summer, and in early spring or even in February, if the ground is open, put on from 600 pounds to half a ton of good fertilizer to the acre. This will push it along to make a good growth, and it will be better if it is not cut very freely that spring or not at all after the first of June

News and Notes. Bird life in the United States has decreased 46 per cent in the last 15 years, according to recent statements of an authority on the subject.

San Jose scale continues pro among insect pests. Notable remedial work of 1899 was that of Professor Johnson of Maryland, who exterminated scale with hydrocyanic gas, and Professor Smith of New Jersey, who sed crude petroleum successfully. Sand or hairy vetch is said to be bet-

ter adapted to general culture throughout the United States than the com-

The favorite rotation of T. B. Terry of Ohio is stated as potatoes, wheat, clover; his land so divided that a crop of each is harvested each year. Clover has place every third year in the vege-table garden and the strawberry land. For blights, rot and insects on potaoes apply bordeaux mixture combined with paris green or other arsenites. According to government reports the

yield of hay, as a whole, in the prinlpal hay states will be light.

From Bad to Worse,

A gentleman was admiring his pigeons the other afternoon, when he heard a curlous "thud" and saw one of his birds drop from a window sill to

the ground. Turning round, the gentleman was just in time to see a small boy in the lane drop a catapult and run. After a short chase the culprit was

caught.

drel!" ejaculated "You young scout the angry owner of the pigeon. "What do you mean by coming and shooting my birds?"

'Please, sir, I didn't mean to do it," whined the captive. "I-I didn't shoot

at the pigeon." "Come, come," said the gentleman, "don't make matters worse. I saw the bird fall, and if you did not aim at it

how came you to hit it?" "Please, sir," blubbered the boy, "the pigeon got in the way. I-I was aiming at the winder."-London Tit-Bits.

Snakes of all sizes abound in the Sumatra junglez. Monster lizards are there, measuring six and seven feet. The house lizard is about 12 long and makes a noise like the bark of a toy terrier.