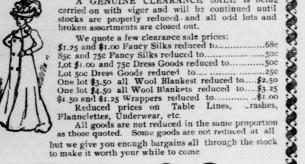
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The man on shore fired his pistol. into a small hollow square, we fought for awhile for our very lives, with a grinning circle of yellow Spanish teeth ravening at us on every side.

ine of better quality or as low in to defend that point. The hearty Eng- they're too heavy to hold. We must price. Our aim is for something lish cheer with which they were re-new and we introduce so many ceived told us that Alec and his lads had got in at last. Buying will be lively so get

bands, but when that was once effected n was out of their hands.

resently to report that there was a arge room in which we could hold the isoners safe in the meantime. We jailed them all, therefore, with the exeption of the commandant, in their

yn quarters and, after setting guards

Alec questioned the commandant. "How many men have you here?" "Some 180, senor, and had I known

> never have surrendered to you. However, in the town"—
> "I have no time for parleying, Seno Commandant," said Alec shortly, "and if your townsfolk annoy us I'll batter the place down about their ears. But give me what I want, and I promise that my advantage shall not be pressed further. I must have powder and pearls-your whole stock of each." "Your request is a modest one, Seno Englishman. You ask for all we have

"And, asking, intend to have. Recognize, senor, that might is right just now, and so save further bloodshed." The Spaniard shrugged his shoulders.
"The powder I cannot prevent you from taking," said he. "You will find it, or, at any rate, the greater part of it, in the magazine underneath the penthouse there. But the pearls, for-tunately, are out of my keeping. They are stored in the treasury, and that lies in the very heart of the town." "Very well, senor; to the heart of the town I go for them, and with you as

my guide."
"Senor Captain," said the comman dant indignantly, "consider my rank!" "That is precisely what I am doing. replied Alec dryly enough. "You enjoy at present the rank of prisoner to Alex ander Ireland, who will hold your body tongue may lead him into.

"Mother of God, those accursed Engof oars' length from the shore. Ar morer, spike all those culverins but fired his pistol. We smothered a laugh at the poorness of our boatswain's the arquebuses and cut the crossbow strings. Willie Trehalion, I leave you and fire mumchance into the crowd of does not silence them post your men on can bring their gups to bear."

Hardly had the words left his lips either side of the door and baptize with your axes all those who try to come out. You understand?"
"Aye, aye, sir," replied the boatswain

"The rest of you form fours and follow me as hard as you can run Senor Commandant, after you! And, senor, no attempts at escape, if you value your life. I'm fleet of foot, and back at the least sign of treachery."

Out we went at a good smart trot the don, in his shirt, leading, and, speeding along a muddy, well used path, bore toward the town. It was not a very large place, so far as we could see, and there were no defenses as the fort above could, from its posi tion, have sunk any vessel that attempted to enter the upper harbor. But the inhabitants had been thoroughly out of every alley, armed and resolute to defend their homes. A spattering fire greeted our approach, but it touched no one and only changed the more

er me helter skeiter. The fools of Span-lards were still blazing away with can-ton and arguebus overhead about a stern, and his rashness. non and arquebus overhead, showing ly led him into trouble, for one big felhon and arqueous of confusion they were in, and till I had actually squeezed by big car-ass in through an embrasure no one offered to stop me. And after that, though many had the will, no one had on to the scene in time, and Alec's captor rolled over with a head split to the

By the time our captain had got on their way through the darkness and clambered up. Then, yelling to tell folk down their street in a body, should be a support of the clamber o up, and together we drove the towns gether, driving the dons before us with a tempest of hacks and haws that, hands were full during the first melec and so we pushed on without a guide, trusting that instinct would lead us to where the jewels were stored, for in

As it turned out we made two false searches, taking the trouble to overhaul a couple of stone buildings which were only food stores and dwelling places made a small mouthful of us by sheer indeed, we were very nearly done out weight of numbers. Rapidly forming of the booty altogether, for the Spaniards made a clever and desperate attempt to carry off the pearls to a safer

> In the event, however, this effort of theirs gave us the very information we needed. We spied a knot of fellows laden with leather pouches trying to slink away in the confusion, and, knowing that at a critical moment no man troubles himself with burdens unless they are of unusual value, we On being pursued they dropped their

> loads, which we promptly gathered up, every man slinging two of the pouches to his belt, and then going to the building from which we had seen the fellows come, we broke down the door

There was a strong defense, but it was carried at some cost-to the de fenders-and we helped ourselves to another score of the leather bags and furious outside, and re-enforcements "We must get out of this," cried Alec

as a furious rush drove us back against Then suddenly there was a cry of the wall of the treasure houses. "Hack alarm from the great gate of the fort, and thrust, lads; clear a space and and about half of our assailants ran off form fours again. Drop the pearls i swain. "The soldiers is got out!" bawled a

voice. "It's them that's at us now! "There's the commandant! 'Ware "Down the street to the right, lads," the combat was of short duration, for, sung out Alec, "and make for the shore. The boats are coming to meet

rushed them all into two opposite corners and held them so till every weap

When they saw our object, the Span and go and examine the barrack," cried | iards, led on by their commandant, our work was not over, for the boats.

void a reef, were still a considerable e away, and the Spaniards, no nger fearing to hit friends, opened galling arquebus fire.

casion. Calling upon us to drop the pearl bags by the water's edge and his state cabin. But let our lads say follow him, he dashed back against the what they want, and I am ready to assailants with the whole crew of us at his heels, and before they quite knew what had happened we had takn prisoners the commandant and hree of the other leaders as well as about a dozen of the rabble. These formed a breastwork which sheltered us completely from their friends' fire. nd so no further attack was made until the boats came round.

There was some symptom of a final rush as, after heaving the precious tones on to the floor boards, we preared to embark ourselves, but at the first forward movement we swore that ve would slit the throats of our prisners if we were molested.

The threat was enough. They let us lip off in peace, and as soon as we vere out of gun and bow shot range we tipped our hostages into the water and let them swim back unmolested. Without further incident the boats owed down the harbor and steered up alongside the Scourge, which had drifted in on the current and was lying scarcely a quarter of a mile off the land. We got under way at once and Powder for our cannon and pearls for

our purses-it was a good night's work. CHAPTER XXV.

"Well, boatswain," said Alec when the forestaysail sheet had been let draw and we were once more comfortably under way, "tell us how it was you let those Spaniards escape from the barrack." "Sneakin hounds!" growled Willie, who was not over well pleased with

himself. "They put shame on an honst seaman. You'd hardly left the uilding when the scoundrels came helter skelter at us, all fully armed, forcing us to fire the culverin an then to fight for dear life. Where they got the adn't time to find out. An while one party o' the skunks was keeping us go-ing in front another was grubbing way at the wall in the rear, so that efore we rightly knew what the trouole was they'd made a hole, an most o them was through it an after you. An then, captain, when the birds was flown, what could 'a' four like us do? We'd cut down a baker's dozen o' them, but we wasn't able to run after an bring back the rest. So, judging that they'd make for the town, we filled up the ouchhole o' that last culverin an hen, slipping down to the boats, rowed off to the lower beach to meet you.' "And well you did so," replied Alec, for we have got off with none killed, which at one time I little thought we would do.'

"None killed," I added, "but several scratched pretty deep and three badly wounded. George has got a crack on the sconce which I fear will stop his fighting forever. His helmet was slit through as though it had been a paper fool's cap.' "Don't you bother about Garge, Mas-

ter Topp," sang out Jan Pengony from the fore scuttle. "Garge's skull's like a bullock's. Now that the old man's pulled the broken sword blade out on't an sewed up the slit Garge is cursing away as amiable as ever he did." "Is the old man surgeoning, then?"
"Aye, an lacking a better we might

An Tom, he never uttered a groan nor a grunt the whole time, an there he is now a clamoring to have his leg salted down to take home with him for a keepsake. I'm thinking the old man bain't no bad surgeon." And so it proved, for with the excep-

every man of the crew was as sound ten days after the fight as he had been when the Scourge's powder room was empty. The taking of this store of powder and pearls at El Pueblo del Norte was in every way a lucky stroke, ture battles, it put all hands in conceit with their captain and their craft. Moreover, it was something prosperous to look back upon during the profitless time that followed. After clearing the reefs of the harbor

e ran round to patrol the well used highway at the back of the Island lying behind the rocky shelter of Coche, which is separated from Margherita by a strait two leagues in width and darting out when a quarry appeared. Six times in six weeks we were engaged, not mine. We grievously annoyed the subjects of his majesty of Spain, but all that we rifled from their pockets would not have melted down into a deep sea lead.

The explanation is simple. Each craft we brought to and overhauled was westward bound, carrying a packed cargo of lank, lean dons from the old world to fill their pauper pockets from the wealth of the new. Quite one-half of each bark's sallow company was rotting with scurvy, a result of the long passage out; and as sick men who have no wealth but the ragged clothes on perately for the fortunes they have yet to gain, none of these encounters cost one drop of English blood. Indeed five ships out of the six hove to at the first

Now, though I know that it goes against an English seaman's grain to resort to extreme measures in cold blood, still prudence is a jade that needs attention as well as the more highly mettled steed chivalry, and so I and almost all the Scourge's crew with me saw fit to expostulate with our captain on his treatment of the

hair of one of them to be injured. ground, either bring the hawks down upon us or, what was just as bad, preent the herons from crossing our It was equally in vain that we showed him how every Spaniard allowed to go free-for that nation knows not gratitude-meant one more pair of hands against us or our countrymen to nothing. His duty, he said, was to war against Spain. His conscience was satisfied that by destroying her island." shipping he wounded her mortally, but

killing men other than in fair fight. On deck I was loyal to my captain, as was my duty, but in the cabin I spoke my thoughts freely, as was a on one of our best points of sailing. The

make their muffled grumblings break most cheerful augury we began our

impatiently. "But sailors are the same all the world over. I make not the slightest doubt that Shem, Ham and Japheth growled among themselves on deck whenever Captain Noah was in listen. It is not as if they were hired for a set trading voyage to a certain port and back again, with thumb marks and crosses duly set against an agreement and bounty money pocketed and guzzled before the anchor was tripped. I am their captain only by election and hence to a certain degree their servant.'

"How if they depose you?" "Then I shall serve under the new You know me better than to think that," said I warmly, "Yes, Jack, I do. But who else is

"Willie Trehalion would never take cross staff from my hands. Besides, he does not know how to use it.

But what about the old man? He has

the ear of many of the crew, and from what I hear was a shipmaster before "I can well believe that," said I. "It was only the other day he took the oss staff in those twisted fingers of s, shot the sun, ciphered out his recking on the slate and, turning round, Oh, ho, oh, Master Topp!' he chuckled. 'He's a lubberly navigator who cannot ind his position to a matter of three inutes.' And then when I had gone ver the work afresh and found that he

Topp, you're a better scholar with cudgel than with pencil! More weight n the forearm than in the head, eh? tick to the sea long enough and you'll blunder a stout ship ashore yet before ou're hanged.' And he would have dded more in the same strain, but didn't wait to hear it." "Ah," laughed Alec, "the old man's infirmities protect his skin from the trouncing of John Topp's fist, and the old man's wit is too sharp pointed to

eemed to be right, 'Ah, ha, ha, Master

take a trouncing from John Topp's "Maybe," said I silkily, "but I have no fancy to be taught by a daft man."
"Why not, if he knows something which you don't? Put your pride in the powder room, Jack, along with the other touchy explosives, and remember that every man on this earth has some thing to teach. At least, so I have found. The mummer chap from Stratford says that there are sermons in stocks and stones and good in every

"Where's the good in a Spaniard?" I

"To till land and build towns for her majesty's lieges some time to occupy and for the present to gather gold for

you to plunder."
"Right!" said I. "Then let us set about the plundering. I tell you this profitless cruise must cease or there'll e powder burning within the walls of the fortress. The men's sulks will come to a head shortly if you don't give them

a sop to their greed."

Alexander Ireland got up and paced the cabin, plucking at his short red

beard in irritation.
"The devil selze you all for a set of unhung robbers!" he cried passionately. "Not one of you has a spark of true patriotism in him. From this spot I have destroyed vessel after vessel of the en-emy, and without losing a single man. And why? Because their crews have nothing to fight for. But intercept a have a worse. He's just chopped off Tinker Tom's leg at the knee joint an sewed up the stump as neat as can be. It will be 'Hurrah for England, while the will be 'Hurrah for England, while yet the Scourge has men enough to sail her there' Wall so he 'the truth, ma'am, what I'm looking fur yet the Scourge has men choosed. As my her there.' Well, so be it. As my is a snap.

Is a snap.

Mrs. Subbub—A snap, eh? Here, Mrs. Subbub—A snap, eh? Here,

longer I must flesh them. "You speak confidently," said I, half scared at his vehemence, "as though you could point out the course of a fat

prize without further search."
"And so I can," he answered quietly, and, unrolling a chart of the main, he skewered it on to the table. "See here! The vessels coming empty from the east touch no land before reaching here and so make for this strait in happy Ignorance of our presence. Not so those that are full of treasure and homeward bound. Every port on the coast has been advertised of the pestilential Englishman's whereabouts, so they steer a point or two to the northward of the regular course and pass by the other ide of Margherita, near that same El Pueblo del Norte which we harried three months ago. Now, if we creep round the eastern end of the island I warrant we'll be within gunshot of some hulking gold wagon before we're

"Then," said I, "in the name of all that's sensible do it!"

The captain laughed shortly. "No,

I'll leave the matter in your hands,



"The crew is getting surly," I told him Jack. If you and the other rascals are so greedy for gold, you can put the Scourge about whenever you please. And I-I'll fight her for you down to Without another word I sprang up

The men were idling about the hotdecks in surly knots of threes and fours, but the news brightened up their sullen faces as rain does a parched prairie. They jumped to their stations like a parcel of holiday schoolboys. Up went the stowed foresall, the headsails sprang aloft like larks, and driven by eager arms the windlass heaved us up to the stream anchor

"Flatten in the starboard jib sheet there and cant her head off! Handsomely, now! There she comes round, the couch shot across the room with the beauty! Forrard there, let draw me."-Chicago Record. at some future day. He would listen and sheet home! Now, helmsman, set

ed the sun's brazen rays to a pleasant spoke my thoughts theely, as was a bands were in high good humor at the saworn shipmate's privilege.

"The crew is getting surly." I told him one day. "with this long continued fill success, and it will take little to deck and broached, and thus with deck and broached, and thus with hands were in high good humor at the

Patriotism might wait. It was plun der's turn now

[TO BE CONTINUED.] A RUMMAGE SALE.

One Man Who Is Well Aware When He Has Enough.
"There," exclaimed the big north side resident as he threw himself into his favorite chair, "we're home, and we're going to stay right here! No more skirmishit g from pillar to post by me or mine. I've had a bountiful sufficiency and am not a bit like the

man who does not know when he has

had enough. All this traveling for health or pleasure is sentimentality and doesn't pay 10 cents on the dollar.' "Must have reached that conclusion on your last trip," volunteered the practical neighbor who had dropped in. You used to be awful keen for getting away from the city and enjoying relaxation, as you put it."

"Ever attend a rummage sale?" with apparent irrelevancy. "No? Well, I'll tell you. It's a church institution. They ask everybody to donate things. There's no limit. Anything from lace handkerchiefs to stone crushers. Then they go out and collect these things, fix up a sort of a department store, and a lot of pretty, persuasive women but-tonbole the visitors inveigled in and make them buy.

"I've been down to my old home, you know, and they had a rummage sale. It opened the night I was to leave, so I went down with my wife and little daughter, prepared to go from there to the train. There was no checkroom, so we stored our traps and calamities in different booths. I bought liberally, for a fellow likes to make a good showing when among the people with whom he grew up.

"When it came time to leave, what do you think? They had sold my over-coat and hat, my wife's cloak and fur collar, the little girl's jacket and all the smaller bundles. I made a gallant attempt to laugh it off, with a hope that they would make good for the loot, but not a cent; not an attempt to ecover the plunder. They thought it a good joke. I remained over and stocked up, but from this on I'm staying right here at home."-Detroit Free

No Gratitude to Waste. "Take my seat, madam." She took it.

"Thank you, sir. I would have said it sooner, but the last man I thanked for giving me his seat in a crowded car had only got up because he wanted to get off the car, and I felt that he had won my gratitude under false pretenses. I made up my mind I wasn't going to let it happen again."
"Don't mention it, ma'am," respond

ed the man clinging to the strap. merely got up because I was tired of sitting. And nothing more was said until the

onductor hoarsely bawled out: "Division street!"-Chicago Tribune. "Mr door" said Mr. Sirius Barker "that box of cigars you bought me has resulted in great benefit. I want to

thank you for them more earnestly than I did at first." "Did you enjoy them?"
"No, but I'm better off. They made ne realize what a terrible habit smok-

ing can become."-Washington Star. Mrs. Subbub-Out of work? Non sense! You could easily get work if

you wanted it.

Rover, Rover. Sic 'im.-Philadelphia Press. "I notice that one of the Boston pa-pers laments that 'pants' are still advertised in that city.

"I suppose that the old saying holds good that 'pants' are a characteristic of 'gents.'"
"Yes, and of tired dogs."—Cleveland

Plain Dealer.

Minerva-Yes, he and I had a de-lightful conversation last night, and the theme was love! Diana-Indeed? Minerva-Yes. We were discussing

whether love is subjective or objective.-Puck. "There is no doubt," remarked the

umorist, "that Washington is a capital city to go to." "And equally there is no doubt," remarked the other man, "that it is a capital city to leave."—Cleveland Plain

Bad Workings of a Good Scheme. "My man, tell me how you came to be a tramp." "Oh, bless yer, they got me t' jine one o' these don't worry clubs, an I got so I didn't keer when I lost m' job."-

Detroit Free Press.

Too Late.



"Are you willing to share hones poverty with me, darling?" "I'm sorry, Mr. Nocash, but I have already promised to share Mr. Mil-yun's wealth and no questions asked." -New York Journal. Kate-I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man on earth.

Kate-What for I'd like to know? Jane-Oh, just to spite all the other women.-Detroit Free Press.

Wild Life In the House "Have you ever had any trifling adventures. Penelope?" "Yes. Once I stood on the arm of a couch to fix a window curtain, and

A Fugitive. Funnybiz-Biffer is a fugitive from

Eezymark-No! Funnybiz-Yes. The gas collector's been after him for two weeks .- Ohio State Journal.

Brilliaut Henry. Economical Wife-Henry, we must Can you think of anything we can do

for instance.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

lyn is restrained from the use of its driven wells on the ground of their withdrawing water from the surrounding districts operated as market gar-dens, a decision that will cause satisfaction to many whose interests as cul-tivators always have been in danger of being jeopardized by the building up of residential districts, American Gar dening comments as follows:

THE UNDERGROUND WATER

Referring to the decision of the court of appeals by which the city of Brook-

The process referred to has been go Brooklyn with perhaps greater intensity than in any other city. The situation of Long Island and its formation have rendered it neculiarly susceptible. The proximity to a large city has made it an area of dense population for peo-ple who wish to retire after the day's work is accomplished, and the fertile character of its land, together with the level surface, has made it a very con-venient spot for the location of vegetable growers and truckers who came to supply the wants of the first named The conditions for carse and effect to be quickly operative were ex-

A condition that has been known and realized for years, so far as the farmer class is concerned, came to such a pass that action was brought in the courts by Benjamin F. Forbell against the city of New York, and a historic rendering is the result. Judge Smith in the original trial took the stand that foundation of his business and living was to be regarded as a trespass, and the precedent now established by the upholding of that decision on appeal by Judge Landon strengthens the general position of the agriculturist in a remarkable degree. He is no longer to be the easy, impotent victim of the success of other enterprises. The water which flows under his soil cannot in future be taken from him with impunity. It is just as much his as the crop which grows on the surface by means of the water which it draws up. The case in question awards the plain-tiff damages to the sum of \$6,000, with

The case is briefly this: Forbell was the lessee of certain farming lands near Spring Creek and used a portion of his lands for growing celery and water cress for the New York market. This part of his farm was on low lying land near Jamaica bay. The growing of cel-ery requires an extraordinarily large supply of surface water, and on For-bell's land the dip of the underground water shedding stratum was only about a foot below the surface. It was the claim of the plaintiff that the effect of the pumping at the Spring Creek station was to lower the underground water table on his land and to render it useless for the growth of celery.

The facts in the case were not long in

dispute, as Forbell was able to produce

numerous witnesses who upheld him in his assertion in regard to the unfitness of his land. He likewise summoned the engineers of the water department, who testified that the pumping station sucked its water from all the land within a radius of at least five miles. the question of the right of landowners to the product of their land to the center of the earth, a well established the original trial in the special term of the supreme court on March 6, 1899, the plaintiff's attorney called attention to a previous decision of Judge Hatch in which a distinction was drawn between the right to intercept running or percolating water on or below the surface and that to use artificial means to draw by suction from beneath adjacent land the water to which it was natu rally entitled. On this distinction the presiding justice, Wilmot M. Smith, awarded the decision to Forbell, granting the injunction, to become operative as soon as the case should be fully settled. The appellate division affirmed the decision, and the court of appeals has now established a distinction which cannot fail to be of the utmost consequence in all future questions in volving water rights.

The Sweet Potato Crop.

In the south Atlantic states the sweet potato crop, according to government statistics, suffered from lack of moisture and, except in Georgia, the yield per acre in those states is below the ten year average. The yield in Tennessee corresponds exactly with the average of the last ten years, and in all the other states in which sweet potatoes are grown on a commercial scale condi-tions have been favorable and large yields are reported, Texas reporting 98 bushels per acre, as compared with a ten year average of 79 bushels, and New Jersey 135 bushels per acre as compared with a ten year average of 103 bushels.

Sugar Beets In Ohio The Ohio station reports that on the whole the sugar beets of the 1900 season are below those of last year in sugar content and purity, few countles that supplied a number of samples giv-ing the factory requirement. Farmers the middle and southern sections of the state are not advised to pursue the growing of sugar beets. The northern sections are considered more promis-ing, and there is now a factory in Fremont county. The station at Wooster, O., is ready to receive applications for beet seed to be sent out in March, 1901.

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Softleigh—When I want to be slaffly,
I always say I feel like 30 cents.

Uptosnuff—If you want to be up to
date, say you feel as if you were marked down from 30 cents .- Ohio

State Journal. Wheels. Mrs. Fluster-Dear me, I have so many things in my head that Cruel Husband-I suspected that all along, but most kinds of machinery. make a noise.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

His Wife-Oh, John! Here's such funny joke about a woman trying to drive a nail. Shall I read it to you?-Henry-Well, there's your mother, New York World.



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CHAPTER XXIV. Silently and slowly the boats crept on toward the town. We had crowded evman of our crew into them, with the exception of the old man, who was left in charge of the Scourge. We were not pressed for time, as the dons would hardly be in their first sleep yet. So we paddled easily, keeping a keen look-out and cursing in a whisper the man who allowed his oar blade to raise the slightest splash. I tell you, to some of us the effort of that strained silence was harder work than it would have been to raise a hearty cheer and race

to the landing through a hail of Span-Once Alec's boat got on a ledge of rocks, and her crew had to climb over-board and lift her into deep water, and once mine had to be eased over a shoal. them, and the quietness with which we worked prevented any telltale sound from reaching the shore.

Foot by foot we crept on, feeling our velvety darkness. Not a light showed sides we could hardly tell sea from land. Sheltered from the wind, the water had become as smooth as an una surface sound travels far in the quiet

ing came to us across the water, and after a minute or so one of them chal-

lish!" exclaimed the man on shore and Spanish and, as further caution was shore. Follow in quickly before they

when there was a flash and a roar, and a dose of lead took the tips from our "Very prettily aimed!" muttered Jan Pengony, who as a gunner must needs express his opinion. "The next may be closer. A demiculverin, too, by the ring o't. Jump her along, lads, an let's be after the captain afore he's stormed the place by hisself. Hooray for Captain Ireland an the Scourge!"

And so lustily did our fellows lay their backs to the work that before another 30 seconds had passed the boat sprang almost high and dry on the

ment! There's the captain clamoring for admittance on the right yonder. We'll try if we can't scramble in at the sea face." So saying, I turned and cut across precedence.

ne power to cut me down. Breech to breech with the very demiculverin that had first been fired at us
I held the ground till the others picked bis legs again the rest of us had come Alec our whereabouts, we charged todazed and half awake as they were,

nad no stomach to stand against, and finally pinned a big crowd of them gainst a corner of the palisading. But, in spite of the success of our first charge, we were very nearly over-powered, for others kept flocking out of the barrack as the din waked them from their sleep and, taking us between two fires, were like to have



This was the turning point. A few more Spanish heads were broken before we succeeded in joining our two sword behind, Master Topp!" shouting, after our usual custom, that we'd slaughter every soul unless they threw down their arms at once, we

pressed us harder and harder, and, inleather bags-for the men held grimly on to their precious pearls—we were very nearly overcome. But the narrowness of the street was in our favor the door, cast about what was to be slowly down to the beach. Even then myself covering the retreat, we got

prisoners. Their vessels, as he had no use for them, he scuttled, but their bodies he consigned to the boats and allowed them to make for the shore unmolested. Nor would he allow a It was in vain that we warned him that some, escaping fevers and hunger, wild beasts and heathen, must make their way to the Spanish settlements and, giving news of our cruising

the ladder.

A good whole sail breeze was coming his conscience would never consent to from the east by south, which temper-