ud beautiful: ALBERT PIKE, IN REPLY TO "EVERY YEAR."

fly he ne'er so fleetly, Every Year, unes your harp more sweetly Every Year. listen to its ringing,

minstrel, swan-like singing, lodious numbers flinging-Every Year. grand old master-Every Year. v mellow numbers faster-Every Year. make our fourney lighter,

weary pathway brighter. ocks grow thin and whiter-Every Year, ar loved ones go before us-Every Year; living more ignore us-Every Year. What need for sorrow lawn of each to-morrow ter tints from Heaven borrow-

Every Year?

MECHRISTMAS NIGHT OF A FISH-ERMAN.

A TAUE OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

It was year the Eve of Christmas. park fautastic clouds enveloped the estern hor zon. Darker and darker ev became as the north western breeze and soon the veil of night envel pel and and sea, and nothing could be seen except the phosphoresthe waves, not many miles from | fisherman. The next moment another

eacon of the lighthouse. Hark! Distinctly the boom of a gun | Dora. ould be heard above the roar of "Give me a line, for God's sake,

abthouse. They were gazing to- efforts of Charles Grayton who was ands a flickering light that was ac- rowing. ading the path, borne in the hands

"It's Cora Grayton. Poor woman! thal we tell her?" asked the light- ing upon the beach. house keeper, taking his night glass rom his eyes.

"Tell her," answered the other, a the arm. migh, weathen-beaten fisherman,

are not sure that his boat hasn't | were the last words she uttered. thered the gale. You did well to The next moment a retreating wave the for the shore before night, but had carried her from the shore. as his boat near the brigantine!"

ot, for a boat can't live ten minutes the boat. such a sea!" cried the fisherman, ng the spray far inland.

he shelter of the arched doorway. A howling gast of wind sweeping

he grasped his arm and again demanded the whereabouts of her hus- from over the waters.

"What vessel fired the guns?" in-Well, guess it was the brigantine,

and the lighthouse keeper. "See! es sending up signals rockets!" he conted a moment after. Again a lurid light illuminated the

another call for help from the ves-"If she's firing another rocket she's

outed the fisherman. The next moment he rushed down of his boat.

e path to the shore, for a third rocket

the lighthouse keeper.

ar ady vanished from his sight,

te gave the bundle. Poor babe, only six months old

'le's a pity, sure enough," sympa-

4 ver have become a fisherman."

"Diraloved him and told fhe old you like. If you marry the poor boa! - som and kissing its rosy cheeks.

hever be open for him.""

when Dora received a letter from her His mercy has spared our lives," said father in which le begged her to Charles, kissing her pale brow. Albert Pike, well-known in literary return and leave her husband and bawrote a very beautiful poem, enti- by. That he had money enough to prayer. pay for a thousand divorces if she of matrimony," said the lighthouse

> the cave. Look out for the lightand union. An all-wise Providence had take care of the baby!' With these word: the 'ghthou e

kreper left the room. Let us follow him.

tossing its white-capped waves high into the murky air, and the puffs of the gale seemed to have increased in over a group of four men and one woman who were standing near the white line of the surf.

They all gazed seaward. Again the veil of driving clouds rent asunder, and the light of the moon revealed a brigantine nearing a fram greated line of rocks about a mile away from the shore.

Soon a dull crash sounding above the roar of the waters, proclaimed the doom of the vessel.

"My husband! my husband!" shricked Dore, throwing her a ms npward. A white, gleaning speck was daseing a moment upon the crest of a hage wave that cam rolling towards the

It was the fisherboat of Dora's has-

By the aid of his night glass the lighthouse keeper saw that as the boat passed the stern of the vessel a man leaped overboard and was picked up by the occupant of the boat.

"Your husband has saved a man, but they never will reach the shore; out sheen of the foam-crested waves, there's too much undertow along the point St. Isabelle. Sometimes the but he could not finish the sentence, gind drove the clouds asunder, and for at that moment a large wave moon became visible, shedding a thundered against the shore and threw od of gorgeous light over the dash- its blinding spray over the group.

waves, and seeming to bathe the After the wave had subsided, the re and lighthouse in a halo of party saw naught of the brigantine. and lighting up the hull, spars But between them and the reef of danis of a brigantine that tossed rocks danced the little boat of the

"If we could get a line to them. aker bank of clouds advanced and they'll be saved. But we can't get a main nothing would be visible but boat over the surf, and it would be sheen of the waves and the steady risking one's life to swim out there,' remarked a fisherman who stood near

give me a line! I have learned to A minute after another and another swim; he has taught me!" screamed om came over the waves. It was Dora, pointing towards the little boat call for help of a vessel in dis- which Swas now only a few hundred Two men stood before the door of the It came nearer despite the visible

"Stuff and nonsense!" shouted the fisherman taking hold of Dora, who had taken a thin but stout fishing line e is looking for her husband. What from the locker of one of the boats ly-

"Let me go, let me go! I will save bim!" sereamed Dora, biting him in

With a muttered curse the man ther he's gone down, boat and loosened his hold, and Dora sprang

to the edge of the roaring sea. "You can't tell her that, Besides | "Keep hold of the end of the line!"

hyton was further out than you. | Charles saw a form run to the shore It last I saw before it got too dark and plunge into the dark waves. He stopped rowing and half rose from his "Praps he got aboard of her; praps seat as he shouted to his companion in

"Some one is coming out. I also muting with his hand towards the see the men on shore acting as if unage wives that thundered against the coiling a line. If the fellow reach here over which they broke, throw- this boat, then we are saved; if not, the spray far inland. then God have mercy upon our souls, 'My husband—my husband! have for we will surely drift towards the seen him?" panted the woman, as hog-back reef. I have used the oars e rushed passed the two men into since the storm began, and now I cau

scarcely lift them up."
"And I dislocated my wrist when I found the corners of the lighthouse leaped overboard and tried to lift myowned the answer of the fisherman. | self into your boat," cried the other. "Husband! Charles!" came faintly

Grayton had sprung to his feet, and "He hasn't come in. I guess he's holding on to a piece of the little mast one of the boards, he gazed over the

> Far, far below him, in the trough of the sea, he saw the white, upturned face of his wife, and again heard her pronounce his name. Instantly he fastened a line to one

of the oars and threw it towards the and scene; it was the second rocket apparently exhausted woman; at the same time he shouted, "Take hold, Dora; your life depends on it!"

Twice she m ssed the floating oar ; the bank or on the rocks. It mat- the third time it was in her grasp. A as little which way she goes down !" minute after, Charles drew the fainting form of his wife over the gunwale

Dora's first sense of returning life "Take my child-take my child-I was a dim consciousness of the odor of ast save my husband!" screamed water lilies. She opened her eyes ora, pushing a bund'e into the hands and raised her hands to her brow. A genial warmth surrounded her, diffus "Stop! stop!" cried he, but she had ed from the cheerful fire that blazed in the large fire-place; and through With a doubtful shake of his head the window panes came the warm rays bekeeper entered the kitchen where of sunshine which alighted upon the found his wife, into whose charge bead of an old man who was bending over her.

"Father, dear father ! murmured all already fatherless!" exclaimed she, lifting up her arms. "My child, the kind woman, unrolling the large our Saviour!" sobbed the old man, shawl in which was wrapped a sleep- holding her in a close embrace and

kissing her tear-dimmed eyes. "Yes, our savior!' echoed her husthe kind hearted keeper. "If," band, holding up to her gaze their ded he after a short page, 'the old little babe, which was dancing with its Am had relented and taken the couple little feet as if conscious of the joy that to his house, Charlie Grayton would reigned at this moment within the

room of Charles' abode. "I have but a dim recollection of that she'd rather drown herself taking hold of the edge of the boat, than marry the rich fellow. And the then I remembered no more," said old man said. 'Do so; you can do as Dora, drawing her babe upon her bo-

man you will never receive a cent of "I found the line around your waist, my wealth. If you ever get tired of and after tying it to the ringbolt in living in a but come to me-but don't the bow I signalled to the man on bring your husband. My door will shore to pull. A short time after we were high and dry. It was an awful Sound and country accommodated. "Yes, that's so. And I remembe Christmas night, Dora, but God in may 26

The old man lifted his hands as if in

"Glory to God on high-Peace and wanted to free herself from the bonds good will on earth!" he said, in a solemn tone. "Yes, children, forgive keeper, who had put on his coat and what I, in my vain pride, uttered hat. "Now," he continued. "I'm off for the me to give my consent to your ordained that you should become the sav or of my life. That vessel, of which I am the only survivor, belonged to me. I was on my way to The sea was now in a perfect swirl, Cape St. Lucas, where I intended to stay the rest of my life. When the brigantine struck the rocks I saw the toat of Charles and I sprang towards strength. The waves leaped madly it. He drew me in the boat. Chilover the rocks that lined the shore and dren, this is the last day you remain the salt spray flew in feathery showers in this wretched abode. I have ala ready bought houses, and to-morrow we will be on our way to San Francisco. You shall never toil again, Charles. I care not for the loss of my brigantine; I still enjoy a princely income, and we will live henceforth together." The bright, golden rays of the

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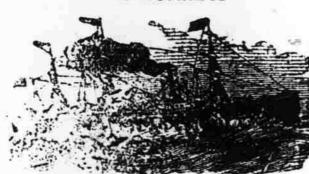
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