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A WORLD OF LITTLE THINGS.

A little trill of laughter, a chord in nature's A little bunch of roses to overspread the

the narrowest type, and Uncle Jonah's boyhood was soured by a sur-felt of chapel going and long family

For 20 years or so Uncle Jonah held no communication with his bereaved family, who alluded to him as "a lost vessel," and regarded his probable decease with equalimity. Then he rerolls of banknotes in his pocket, and his early follies were condoned. Unlike most sailors, Uncle Jonah had dethrifty habits. For the first week or two his reputation as a man of substance habled him to "sponge" upon the fr. buters of the village inn; after that people began to resent his stinginess, and the hospitable stream of free drinks ceased to flow; supon Uncle Jouah went no more to the Goat and Compasses, and began to tire of pastoral life. Soon he went affoat again, securing the command of a tramp steamer bound for the Gold of equare gin and

I bade him farewell in ampton docks one bleak even

ly, "I'm going to make my fortune this

voyage, and if I ever come back I'll make a gentleman of you." The doubtful prospect of becoming a gentleman without individual exertion did not lure me into idie habits. There was the chance too, that Uncle

Jonah might be drowned. I pursued my vocation (as we pressmen phrase it) until I rose to the position of reporter on the Dally Scum. Years passed, but no tidings of Uncle Jonah ever reached me, until one day, in the ordinary course of hust-

ness. I was sent to Bow street police court to write up a case of piracy on the high seas that promised to afford have guessed that the accused person proved to be my Uncle Joneh; but I need hardly say that I was wholly unprepared to find a relative in the dock.

any emotion that might have interfered with the business in hand. La man possesses the true journalistic invested he is capable of writing a de-scriptive article on the viviscetion of his own father, and will take pride in the task.

I recognized Uncle Jonah directly prize; and when we got into the trop- James, I couldn't avoid going below he stepped into the dock. He had aged its some of the faces, which was made to the strong room, and if that lurid a little, for his black beard was of compo., began to melt." I recognized Uncle Jonah directly streaked with gray and his keen, ferrety face had grown haggard; but he did not appear to be greatly cast down and shifted the old uns. There's many at this point in us narrative my by his misfortunes. To say that he bore bimself with dignity (I took the face shifted the same, and wimmin, from which I had to rouse him before ilberty of saying this in my report) too, for the matter of that. I knew a

than they're worth, and if one characteristic for a moment on the reporters' table. He recognized me and winked.

The evidence taken that morning was purely formal, and, pending the attendance of some important witnesses, the prisoner was romanded in custody. I foresaw that the coming trial would be made to excite exceptional interest, cases of piracy being comparatively rare. I was eager to necure the first "interview" with Uncle Jonah, and to this end I played the useful card of our relationshin for all it was worth. The inspect, of police, after pocketing a sovereign, confersable for all the sense in the prisoner's beloved the manufactured of the material sense of the mail was all thands comfortably to the business age at the same to know that he was risking all our necks and his own, the appeals of the prisoner's beloved the mentioned. I managed to fill up with coal from an old bark, which gave us feed to the prisoner's beloved the different control of the command of the prisoner's beloved the different control of the command of the prisoner's beloved the control of the control of

The Economical Pirate.

By CHARLES OLEIG.

Uncle Jonab was the only sailor in Palcon was run by a syndicate of Gerour family, and that was one too many. "mans," he said, "and my instructions undeterred by his Christian name, he was to attack nothin' but British ships from home in howhood and if I know the names of the sharehold. began his notorious marine career as a stowaway in an Australian clipper. I can understand that the family life must have jarred upon him, for my grandfather was a Methodist preacher asked.

"Two hundred guld a mont... percent commission," he replied, "The first male was to get a hundred," he added, "and the seamen and stokers

six quid a week." "Then the wages bill must have been

very heavy," I suggested.
"That's where you're wrong, James, said my uncle. "In the old fashione way of business the Falcon would have wanted a crew of about 50 hands, and the company wouldn't have paid 10 percent unless we'd captured a mail steamer or two every month. As I said just now, a modern pirate's got to be run on economical lines, so the stingy directors only allowed me a dozen hands, including the cook, who was under contract to fight as well as

"A dozen hands!" I echoed, incredulously.

"The rest was dummles," growled Uncle Jonah, "mechanical dummies, my boy, made in Germany," he added, cynically, "like the war office field

"I can't see how you ern construct a fighting commer." I objected, "elas-our war office would have adopted the

"These didn't fight," said Uncle Jo nah. "They was only meant to frigh-ten the passengers of the mails we stopped. Ever seen the innards of a

nards was chock-a-block with long steel springs, James, and the wigs if they was fed on raw beef. Some of em could do the cutlass exercise, others used to walk up and down the deck | they've got on them, and the wim hours; after that you had to wind 'em | the cut of a church warden."

"We had 30 of them German dum- said the cap'n. mies," continued Uncle Jonah, "and if have taken your dayy they was as quite irregular, but I'm a widower my-'uman as any other pirates. I believed self.'

of compo., began to melt."
"That was awkward," I continued. "No, we carried a few spare faces be inaccurate. Uncle Jonah had any dignity, being one of Well, never mind about that," he broke

"Now, you must bear in mind that we only had 12 hands besides the Ger-nan dummies, and the mail boat car-ied a big crew without reckoning the seasongers. We could have sunk her a half an hour, but it was sin good

quarters. Perhaps I was a bit flur-ried. Anyway, I didn't notice any-thing wrong with the mate when I give him the orders. When we got alongside the mail I balled the captain and told him to send all hands for ward except himself and the mates. browner, while he chooses two from Then we boarded the ship, and I had his team to act as backles. Each a few words with the captain. I told him we'd come for the gold and the di'monds and the loose cash and the wimmin's jewelry, and if they gave any rouble I should sink the ship with all ands. I meent to sink her anyway, but there wouldn't have been any sense in making them desperate. My instructions from the agent was to sink every prize we took and spare no lives. It sounds a bit harsh, James, but a pirate can't afford to be tender hearted nowadays, or he'd have a dozen warships after him inside a month. When we captured the Oceanica (she was suppos struck an leeberg, you'll remember the navy man and that fat headed mat of mine wanted to take their pl against the contract, an allow it.

"The aldp e 4.7 bad done look at the Fale of at and out murderers. See hero capthin, says I, pointing to my ves-sel. You might manage to hobble me

search party; but if we don't back to the Falcon in half an mate has orders to blow this hour, my Waterbury watch?"

I nodded.
"Well, these dummies were worked on much the same lines. Their in-

you every facility. "'Right,' says I, 'this is a matter of and beards made 'em look as fierce as business, and the sooner we get through with it the better. Tell the crew and on rails, and one used to lean over the to dub up their jeweiry. Let your forc'sle rail and spit, as natural as life. mate go round with a bread bag and The works was fitted to go for two make the collection. He's got rather "You might do without the je

"'Well, the married wimmin may you'd seen 'em haif a cable away you'd keep their weddin' rings,' says I. 'It's our eyes never can see.

where I made my bloomin' error."

I wrung his hand in silent sympathy and resumed my notes.

"The bad weather," continued Uncle Jonah, "we had to keep tarpaulin covers over 'en, unless we sighted a prize; and when we got into the tropics some of the faces, which was made to the strong room, taking four hands with me to carry up the gold. My idea was to hang on to the di'monds myself till I could get 'em under lock and key in my own cabin. So you see, James, I couldn't avoid going below to the faces, which was made to the strong room, taking four hands with me to carry up the gold. Switzerland and Alsace and in Silesia down to the tenth century, and that some of the Alsace race were less than four feet in height.

might have been in South America by now, living like a lord mayor."

he resumed it. "There was 100,000 quids' worth of mover had any dignity, being one of those familiar, vulgar persons in whose company even the dignity of others withers like a leaf in autumn. His shifty eyes explored the dingy court and rested for a moment on the reporters' table. He recognized me and winked.

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too. The Falcon was so near vs 1 could easily see myself that the pintes on deck were dummies. They were working well enough to take in a stranger, but some of the passengers were looking through their binoculars, and that fairly turned me faint with

it was worth. The inspect, of police, after pocketing a sovereign confessed himself unwilling to resist the
appeals of the prisoner's beloved
nephew. I was permitted to spend half
an hour in the cell, on condition that
I made no professional use of the interview. The exigencies of journalism obliged me to pledge my word
to the inspector, though I foresaw the
impossibility of keeping my promise.

And this is the story of bailed piracy as told by my Uncle Jonah. I relate it as nearly as possible in his
own words, emitting his lurid mariitmo explicatives:

"In these days of keen competition,"
said Uncle Jonah, "I're no sort of good
my lad, trying to run a pirate craft on
old feshioned lines. A hundred years
ago, or maybe, fifty, one could afford
to shell, a strong crew and sive the meaa fair percentage of the profits; but
nowadays there's the stokers and engiosers to settle with, the coal bill's
something awful, and you must employ
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the dimends and gold aboard, would
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coal from an old bark, which gave us
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we'l done with her, and ten steamed
to look after the
Rhodes Castle. She was timed to
leave Madeira in the forencom, and I
wanted to overhaul her in daylight, so
as to let the crew and passengers take
stock of our dummies. These mails
carry a lot of people, you know, and
one had to put 'em in a blue funk,
else they'd have shown fight.

"She was well up to time, and we
inghied her shout six bells (3 p. m.)
in the afternoon watch, coming along
at 16 knots through a sea as amosoth
as a duck point. As luck would have
a fine afternoon you and me, James, I
while down the mail of the profits; but
nowadays there's the stokers and engiosers to active with, the coal bill's
solutions. The feature of the
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tion to his service pension of 18 pences | Sext day, procured the a very accepta- A SERMON FOR SUNDAY bis position on the paper, A few weeks | when the Rhodes Castle closed later I had the privilege of witnessing

REVIVAL OF BARGOL

An Old Wisconsin Sport to Be Played This Season. Several of the residents of Merill Park, Milwankes, Wisconsin elarted out to revive interest in the old-rasifman dummies, and the mail boat carried a big crew without reckoning the passengers. We could have sunk her in helf an hour, but it was fie good doing that till I'd got the stuff out of her.

"My plan was this: I left the mats and the navy man in charge of the Falcon, and took the other none along with me in the boat to overhaul the mail. We was armed, of course, but I trusted more to the lurid dummless than our revolvers, and I told the mate not to close nearer to the mail than 500 yards. At that distance our dummies looked right enough, but they seemed a bit stiff in the joints at close quarters. Perhaps I was a bit fluricled. Anyway, I didn't notice anything trong with the mate when I

play, 12, however, being about the right number for each side. The carplayer is provided with a stone worn snooth upon one side and as nearly oblong as possible, weighing from eight to 10 pounds. These are offi-cially known as the "lapids." Near the centre and at one end of the course is placed the basicalapid, a stone about a foot high and a cuneiform shape. The two browners dedicte which side will be in, and the si each man carrying

do not exceed \$6 a week for the fai

The Italian government has just rected a fortress on the great Chaberton summit, opposite Briancon, for the defence of the Simplon tunnel. This fort is 10,600 feet high, and is believed to be the most elevated forti-fied point in the world.

levices that can detect infinitessimal variations of temperature, and indiof miles from our earth, and chemi-cal compounds sensitive to light that

saw their way into a sirioin steak. A fine loin of beel was once set before King Charles I., and as he was a bit hungry, he said that the meat was

The carliest extant manuscript of the Hebrew Old Testament is a copy of the Pentatench, not in the British museum, and assigned to the ninth century, and the earliest manuscript bearing a precise date is a copy of the prophets, at St. Petersburg, dated A. D. 916, while the majority of the manuscripts belong to much later pe-rieds.

INTERESTING DISCOURSE BY

eating an English knight when they good enough to be knighted, and gave it the title of Sir Loin.

She Could Rend Writing.

the following table gives to the care statistics of the United Sintes pounds department for 1903: Number postedices 75,824; extent of post roul in miles, 507,540; miles of mail s en money order laund. \$11 number of planes of matter

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with the face Horses.

Why is it that you natura see a shite race horse?" asked a man who takes much interest in unusual things.
"Did you ever see a pure white race horse? I venture the assertion that you never did in all your experience in running around over the control of the control of the face to do it."

Fuddy—Come, now, what would you propose to bring about an ideal state of things? Duddy—Nothing easier, my friend. Pd just put every-body at work upon somebody else's job, and then, of course, every kind of work would be done perfectly.

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Fuddy—Come, now, what would you propose to bring about an ideal state of things? Duddy—Nothing easier, my friend. Pd just put every-body at work would be done perfectly. you never did in all your experience in running around over the country. No doubt you have seen an iron gray horse now and then, or a flea-bitten horse now and then, or a fleabitten gray, but you have never seen a white horse among the thoroughbreds of your time. Mind you, I am not saying that there is no such thing as a white race horse. I am simply com-menting upon a fact which I have obmenting upon a fact which I have observed, a fact which may have been noticed by others. I have seen a gray horse now and then. A few years ago I remember to have made a small bet on a horse, named Bonz, a sort of flea-bitten gray, owned by a woman, who, by the way, was not redheaded. But during my experience round race tracks, which is not as broad as the experience of others, the pure white horse, or anything approaching it nearer than the gray, has been conspicuously absent, and I have often wondered why. Of course, there must be some good, deep-rooted reason for this extraordinary fact. Buy horses, sorrel horses and black horses are common enough at the various race courses of the country, and they are in all shades, so far as these colors are concerned. Occasionally one may find a horse borderine, on the clay bank in color, horses with blaze faces, or with white hind or fore feet, or sometimes having other distinguishing color marks. But where in the white horse? He is not at the race track where running taces are on trotting and pacing tracks. I have never mentioned the curious face to men who are experts when it common to blooded horses, but I latend to do so, and the very first well-posted race horses, and the reasons therefor. There must his some relation between color and appeal. New Orleans Times Demoorat.

you his seat?" "Because, swered, grimly sarcastic,

bo If yer please, dear lady, would like to have a little feed fer de

chickens.

New Grainfields. Twenty years ago the fever of emigration was kindled in the veins of the sturdy farmers of the northwest by the promises hold out by the fertile lands of the Red river of the north. the promises held out by the tertile lands of the Red river of the north, whose valler lay on other side between me states of Minnesota first the Dakotas, some 300 miles west of the head of Lake Superior. Those promises have been richly fulfilled, and the valley has been settled by substantial agriculturists, whose annual contribution to the food supply of the world has essentially increased the export trade of the country and sided still more to the internal commerce. Now we are in a fair way to see a still greater development of production to the northward in the valleys of the Saskatchewan and its tributaries, and of the Assinibota, rivers flowing cast and north into Lake Winnipes, a territory embracing the three Canadian provinces of Man obs. Assinibota and Alberta. Immigration is flowing and this region at a relatively rapid to the past year being reckoned at 200,000.—New York Times.