

a system soft then existed. "Put Yourself in His Place" assalls what so called the tyramly of the labor unloss in Lancashre. "Hard Cash" written to destet the evils and dangers of the private insame asylums and ne Hard Cash" the evils and dangers of these novels produced a tremendous ession on the public mind; for while they had all the fascination of romance, they were the result of the most painstaking study and re-in. In this respect Reads was the forerunnue of these writers in your time who employ fiction as a keen weapon against the dangers which ally or supposedly best society. Hard Cash", was written almost whelly in Reade's study in Magdalen ge, Oxford, of which he was a fellow. On reading its pages, so glowing, all of action, and so filled with the apirit of outdoor life, it is difficult alize that it was composed during months in which the author rarely or gooke to any friend, but spent his entire time at his desk or in his 7.

library. The passage here reprinted forme only an episode in the story, and is complete in itself. Captain David Dodd, the commander of an English mer-shant ship, the Agra, has retired from the service, and is now making his last voyage frem China to England. His chief officer's name is Sharpe. The captain is carrying the savings of a lifetime, amounting to fourteen thousand pounds, in bank-notes, sewed up in a little hag and fastened about his neck beneath his chicking. A few passengers are making the voyage with him. Among them are a British off icer, Colonel Kenealy, an eccentric Amer-ien, Joshua Fullalove, and his negro attendant, and an English lady, Mrs. Beresford Just before sailing. Captain Dodd has heard rumors that two pirate vessels have been committing depredations in the Malay. Straits: but he takes little notice of the report, and for a while the voyage is uneventful. Then occurs the exciting incident which is recorded here.-The Scrap Book.

Carmine streaks tinged the eastern sky at the water's edge, and that wat-ar blushed; now the streaks turned orange, and the waves below them sparkled. Thence splashes of living gold flew and settled on the ship's white salls, the deck, and the faces; and with no more_prologue, being so hear the line an reame materitically a near the line, up came majestically a see this pretty ship. What a pity it is so far off! Ah, Ah! What is that dread-ful noise?"

Instant, the lookout at the foretop-gallantmasthead hailed the deck be-

"Strange sall! Right ahead!" The strange sail was reported to Captain Dodd, then dressing in his cabin. He came soon after on deck and hailed the lookout:

"Which way is she standing?"

"Can't say, sir. Can't see her move." Dodd ordered the hoatswain to pipe to breakfast; and taking his deckglass went lightly up to the foretopgallantmast cross-trees. Thence, through the light haze of a glorious Thence, morning, he espied a long, low schooner, lateen-riged, lying close under Point Leat, a small island about nine miles distant on the weather bow; and nearly in the Agra's course, then approaching the Straits of Gaspar. .

"She is hove to," said Dodd, very gravely. At 8 o'clock the stranger lay about

two miles to windward, and still hove to. By this time all eyes were turned upon her half a dozen glasses. Everybody, except the captain, delivered an opinion. She was a Greek tying to for water; she was a Malay coming north solden waves, a bloodthirsty pirate bore down on them with a crew of bore down on them with a crew of was a pirate watching the straits,

The captain leaned stlent and somber, with his arms on the bulwarks, and watched the suspected craft. Mr. Fullalove joined the group and leveled a powerful glass of his own construction. His inspection was long and mi-nute, and, while the glass was at his eye, Sharpe asked him, half in a whisper, could he make out anything.

Wal," said he, "the varmint looks news gently to Mrs. Beresford, and to considerable snaky." Then, without take her below to the orlop deck; ormoving his glass, he tet drop a word at dered the purser to serve out beef, a time, as if the facts were trickling biscuit, and grog to all hands, saying: into his telescops at the tens and out "Men can't work on an empty sto-at the sight. "One-two-four-seven mach; and fighting is hard work;" we are done for."

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friend; you, sir, are a new one; but I

esteem you highly, and what my

young gentlemen chaff you about,

"Colonel," said he, "you are an old

"Colonel," replied Dodd, "to save this ship and cargo I must be wher-ever the bullets are, and I will, too." Fullalove, more segacious than the worthy colonel, mid earnestly: "Captain Dodd, may I never see Broadway again, and never see Heav-on at the end of my time, if I tail you. There's my hand." "And mine," said Kenealy warmly. They all three joined hands and bodd seemed to ciling to them. "God bless you both! God bless you! Oh, what a weight your true hands have pulled off my heart! Good-by for list offer a prayer to the Almighty for wisdom, and then I'll come up and say a word to the men, and fight. "Ball was no more shorts and then."

(Pipe) "Silence fore and aft!" "My men, the schooner coming up

"My men, the schooner coming up on our weather quarter is a pirate. His character is known; he scuttles all the siftips he boards, dishonors the women and murders the crew. We cracked on to get out of the narrows, and now we have shortened suil to fight this blackguard and teach him the company's name, twenty pounds' prize-money to every man before the marrows, and now we have shortened suil to the company's name, twenty pounds' or fair fighting first; he holsted his prize-money to every man before the marrows, and drew rapidly ahead. prize-money to every man before the mainsail and drew rapidly ahead mast if we beat him off or outma- with a slight bearing to winward, and a friendly port. Eight guils alle five The men hurled a contemptation below three on the weather side, five The men hurled a contemptation on the lee; for, if he knows his busi-cheer after him; they thought they had beaten him off. But Dodd knew had beaten him off. But Dodd knew ter; if he doesn't that is no fault of better. He was but retiring a little

God of justice overhead, British hearts in our bosoms, and British colors flying-run 'em up!-over our heads." The ship's colors flew to the fore, and

deep, so full of volume, it made the ship vibrate, and rang in the creeping-on pirate's ears. Fierce, but cunning, he saw mischief in those shortened sails, and that Union Jack, the terror of his tribe, rising to a British cheer; he lowered his mainsail, and crawled up on the weather quarter. Arrived within a cable's length, he double-reefed his foresail to reduce his rate of sailing nearly to that of the ship: and the next moment a ton- said, with the calm of a brave man's gue of flame and then a gush of despair: smoke, issued from his lee bow, and the ball flew screaming like a sea-gull over the Agra's mizzentop. He then fired his last gun. It sent a chain-shot

ship.

deck clear of his broken mast a yards. The other, fresh and thirstin for the casy prey, same up to weath or on him and hang on his quarter pirate fashion. ind splintered his bulwark and opt across his deck. "His mastal Fire at his mastal" ared Dodd to Monz, through his impet. He then got the jib clear and ade what sail he could without tak-

When they were distant about a cable's length, the fresh pirats, to meet the ship's change of faction, changed his own, luffed up, and gave the ship a broadside, well aimed, but This kept the vessels nearly along-de a few minutes, and the fight was

Fullalove, more segations than the worthy coloned, said earnestly: "Captain Dodd, may I never see Heavend at the end of my time, if I fait time holated his flag. It was
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hold is seemed to cling to them.
"God bless you both God bless you!
Oh, what a weight your true hands
have pulled off my heart! Good-by for
is few minutes. The time is short. I'll
just offer a prayer to the Almighty
for wisdom, and then I'll come up
and eay a word to the men, and fait
the ship, according to my lights."
Sail was no sooner shortened, and
the crew ranged, than the capital
came briskly on deck, saluted, jumped on a carronade, and stood ereat.
He was not the man to show the crew
his forebodings."
(Pipe) "Silence fore and aft!!"
Meantice. Fullatove and Kenealy.

the sail struggling; his foresail look-ed lace; lances of dead and wounded lay still or writhing on his deck, and his lee scuppers ran blood into the

Meantime, Fullatove and Kencaly, sea. Dodd squared his yards and bore away. The ship was silent. She had no shot

leaving the schooner staggered and all abroad. But not for long; the pi-rate wore and fired his bow-chasers at the now flying Agra, split one of the carronades in two, kiled a Zascar, and made a hole in the foresail. This done, he hoisted his mainsail again in and made a note in mainsail again in done, he hoisted his mainsail again in a trice, sent his wounded below, flung his dead overboard, to the horsor of their foes, and came after the flying their foes, and came after the flying only vawning and firing his bow-only the way for Tug. This was to be under London prize ring rules. Before the date fixed for the fight Wilson slipped neuvre him; thirty if we sink him, dismounted a carronade and stove in their foes, and came after the flying and forty if we tow him astern into the ship's quarter-boat, by way of a ship, yawning and firing his bow-

to throw away. Not only did she take three blows like a coward, but all signs of life disappeared on her, ex- friends here were wise to him. He cept two men at the wheel, and the had money enough to open a public captain on the main gangway. Bodd had ordered the crew out of cross the Agra's defenseles bows, to

rake her fore and aft at pistol-shot distance; or grapple, and board the enfeebled ship two hundred strong. the rigging, armed them with cutlass-es, and laid them flat on the forecastle. He also compelled Kenealy and Dodd flew to the helm, and with his Fullalove to come down out of harm's

own hands put it hard a weather, to way, no wiser on the smooth-bore give the deck-guns one more chance, question than they went up. the last, of sinking or disabling the The great patient ship ran envir-oned by her foes; one destroyer right destroyer. As the ship obeyed, and a deck-gun bellowed below him, he saw in her course, another in her wake, followin her with yells of vengeance and pounding away at her-but no

reply. It was a schooner. Was she coming Suddenly the yells of the pirates on both sides ceased, and there was a moment of dead silence on the sea. Horror! A black flag floated from Yet nothing fresh had happened.

While Dodd'r eyes were staring al-Yes, this had happened-the pirates to windward and the pirates to lee the next lemon peddlar that comes most out of his head at this deathward of the Agra had found out at one along. blow to hope, Monk fired again; and

an the same moment, that the mar-chant captain they had lashed and bullied and tortured was a patient but fremendous man. It was not only just then a pale face came close to Dodd's, and a solemn voice whispered "Our ammunition is nearly done!" Dodd seized Sharpe's hand convuito rake the fresh schooner he had sively and pointed to the pirate's consort coming up to finish them, and other. Without a foresall she could At that moment the master gunner

away and unshipped the broken foreon board the retiring pirate, took off mast, and were stopping a new one, when they saw the huge ship bear-ing down in full sail. Nothing easier and cut the schooner's foremast, so nearly through that it trembled and time was short, the deadly intention manifest, the coming destruction swift.

the latter overlapping the deck and After that solemn silence came a **Jolts From John L**

igorous Disgust at the Escape of Tag Wilson-It's Safe to Play Al. Kauf-mann to Win-Some Tricks Snak-ed Into the Ring-Fitz the Haman Freekle, Breaks Two Rits in a Side of Beef-"Training Wasn't Every-thing, Mr. Muldoon, When I Went Into a Fight."

After Tug Wilson, whose real name was Joe Collins, got \$7,000 for hugging me and crawling on the floor in Madi-son Square Garden in the summer of 1882, and then escaped back to Eng-

land before I could get him into a rit again, some admirers of the English-man tried to show that it was my busness to cross the water and fight on his own ground. A little man held me up in front of the Fifth venue Hotel one night soon after Tug's es-cape, and pushed it into me to that ef-

fect. "You tallow faced dude." says I to him, "if I went over to England after him he'd jump to Sandwich Islands to get out of my way, for if ever we come together again they'll have to take him out of the ring on a stretcher." Wilson stayed the four rounds in the

Garden because I couldn't stop him from hugging me and the floor long enough to get at him right. Another thing that helped Tug a whole lot was the fact that I was so cock sure of him that I didn't do much training except to get a hair cut and a shave. We made a second mutch, and I trained hard for that, but the cops wouldn't

aboard a steamer and was half way to England Before his backer and other house on the other side and no doubt laughed hearty many times at the easy day.

COP THE TITLE.

There must be a sucker born every minute, at least on the coast, or they couldn't keep right on doing business. They've had Squires and Phillie Jack, and that didn't stop them from making a \$ 0,000 house to see Jimmy Britt turn tail to a colored brother, and on admission day at that. The sporting men out 'Frisco way are certainly a grand lot the way they surrender their wallots to every biograph artist that. needs the leathers. The oftener they are stung the more they are ready for

Out of the ruck of the 'Frisco performers Billy Delaney is pulling one good thing in Al. Kaufmann, and Al. will bear watching from now on, Delaney is a crafty sport. He has boostput his ship before the wind, but al- ed some others up the ladder of fame so by a double, daring master-stroke so they could reach the bunches of to hurl his monster ship bodily on the long green that grow at the top, and he will handle Knufmann so he will never get out of the way. The pirate pick up a lot of experience while he's crew had stopped the leak, and cut edging up where the title can be nail-

It will be pretty safe playing Kaufmann on all his matches for some ing down in full sail. Nothing easier time to come, for you samble that De-than to slip out of her way could laney won't let him get into anything they get the foresail to draw; but the where he don't have a big chance of

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Astern the consort thundered; but the

Agra's response was a dead slience

more awful than broadsides.

up a trick, and bat t to be charged to tricks the ders. They say that when Gans fighting Dal, Hawkins the second t after Hawkins had trimmed him a motor the battle had got a good a

to he was the

he end man performed this little "Dul, your shoestring am untied and

may trip yuh up." Hawkins looked down at his

Hawkins looked down at his shoe, and just then Gans pushed over a wal-lop that ended the fight. It was a case of Gans running a shoestring into a tennery, for when Hawkins came out of it he found his shoestrings tied tight enough. Gans has done well ever since, but he might have got his finish from Hawkins if it hadn't been for that trick.

trick.

HOW FITZ CHANGED SOME BET-TING ON THE CORBETT FIGHT. DI dyou ever hear the story of how Fitz changed some of the betting on the fight with Corbett? Just before the fight he was going along the street when he came to a butcher shop where a side of beef was hanging up outside.

"Wait and he'll show you what hi'm going to do to this bloke, Corbett,"

says Fitz to a friend who was along. With that the human freckle dre back and then landed a smash into the beef. Turning it around he showed two ribs in the beef to be broken. They're were a couple of sports who had been betting on Corbett just behind Fitz, and they examined the beef, then went off to hedge. I don't know how true this story is, but there isn't any doubt in my mind that Fitz had a great wallop and that he has it to-

And a man with a good punch is apt THE PLAN FOR KAUFMANN TO to come back. It wouldn't surprise me to see Fitz come up and put away some of the windjammers. Jem Mace, the English fighter, did good work in the ring after he'd passed his 50th year, and Prof. Mike Donovan guve a good account of himself up to 45 years. These men had taken care of them-selves, and Fitz has done the same, You can't keep a good man like Fitz down and out at his age, no more than you can put me out of business by predicting that it's time for my wake. TRAINING ISN'T EVERYTHING

> Billy Muldoon, who used to go on the mut for a living and who is now getting good money from such comeons as Chauncey Depew, Ambassador Choate, Secretary Root, by the simple process of not letting them eat what they want, making them work more than they want, and putting them to bed early at night, trained me for my fight with Kilrain, and a newspaper writer a few days ago let go from his system the news that if I had contin-ued to do what Muldoon told me Corbett couldn't have got my measure. Say, Muldoon's all, right, and his

WHEN THE RING IS REACHED

system may fit a lot of geysers who are full to the guards with high living and brains, but I guess I learned Muldoon as much about training as he ever coming out with the long end of it. passed up to me. I'm still in business Delancy will push the youngster and it's a long time since Billy pick-against the surest things and the big- ed out my steps, and my own notions of training, were pretty good to bring eezed out all home the money. money There's a lot of harm done by over training and I never let anybody overtrain me, although I admit that Muldoon was pretty severe on me before I met Kilrain. But he had a great constitution to work on, and if it wasn't that I had the brawn and the nerve to make good I couldn't have pulled out of, the sickness and the other things that'd been happening to me and gone into the ring for 75 rounds with such

"What, for action ?" said he briskly. "Where's the enemy?" Fullalove made him a signal, and Mrs. Beresford had not heard, or not appreciated, the remark. She prat-tled on till she made the mates and Realize the situation and the strange incongruity between the senses and the mind in these poor fellows! The day had ripened its beauty; beneath a

purple heaven shone, sparkled, and laughed a blue sea, in whose waves the tropical sun seemed to have fused his beams; beneath that fair, sinless, peaceful sky, wafted by a balmy breeze over those smilling, transparent, human tigers; and a lady babble-bab-ble-babble-babble-babble-babble-bab-But now the captain came bursting on deck, eyed the loftier sails, saw they were drawing well, appointed four midshipmen a staff to convey his orders; gave Bayliss charge of the

yours or mine. The muskets are all way to make a more deadly attack loaded, the cutlasses ground like ra- than ever; he would soon wear and zors-"Hurrah!" "We have women to defend-" "Hurrah!"

the Union Jack to the mizzen peak. deck-gun bellowed below him, he saw "Now, lads, I mean to fight this ship a vessel running out from Long Iswhile a plank of her"-stamping on land and coming swiftly up on his lee the deck- "swims beneath my foot, quarter.

carronades, Grey of the cutlasses, and bow-chaser, and sent the shot hissing a Portuguese head and spun off clean directed Mr. Tickell to break the bad and skipping on the water past the into the sea ever so far to wirdward,

For her horrible small talk that grated on those anxious souls like the mockery of some infantine fiend, was cut short by ponderous blows and tre-

"A good ship under our feet, the

and-what do you say?" The reply was a derce "Hurrah!" from a hundred throats, so loud, so

This prologue made the novices

to.his aid? her foremast-head.

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put his helm up and fired his other

wince. Bayliss wanted to reply with a nodded, and presently snapped with carronade, but Dodd dorbade him a loud crack and came down like a sternly, saying: "If we keep him aloof broken tree, with the yard and sail

mendous smashing below. It was the water poured out at the scuppers, "Clearing the lee guns," said a middy off his guard. Colonel Kenealy pricked up his ears, drew his cigar from his mouth, and melt powder.

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midshipmen shudder.

bled in their quivering ears.

false ports." There was a . mementary murmur round him. among the officers all round; but Brit-

ish sailors are undemonstrative. The next observation that trickled out of Fullalove's tube was this: "I judge there are too few hands on deck, and too many-white-eyeballs

-glittering at the port-holes." "Confound it!" muttered Bayliss uneasily. "How can you see that?"

Fullalove replied only by handing his glass to Dodd. The captain, thus appealed to, glued his eye to the tube. Well, sir; see the false ports and the white eyeballs ?" asked Sharpe ironically.

"I see this is the best glass I ever looked through," said Dodd doggedly, without iterrupting his inspection. "I think he is a Malay pirate," said Mr. Grey.

Sharpe took him up very quickly, and indeed angrily: "Nonsensel And if he is, he

venture on a craft of this size." "Says the whale to the swordfish."

sugested Fullalove, with a little guttural langh. The captain, with the American glass at his eye, turned half round to the man at the wheel:

"Starboard!"

"Starboard it is."

"Steer south-southcast." "Aye, laye, sir." And the ship's course

was thus altered two points. This order lowered Dodd fifty He ent. in Mr. Sharpe's estimation. held his tongue as long as he could; but at last his surprise and dissatisfaction burst out of him:

"Won't that bring him out on us? "Very likely, sir," replied Dodd. or other would be convinced. "Begging your pardon, captain, would it not be wiser to keep our course and show the blackguard we don't fear him?"

"When we do? Sharpe, he has made up his mind an hour ago whether to lie still or bite; my changing my courst two points won't change mind; but it may make him declare it; and I must know what he does intend before I run the ship into the narrows' head.

"Oh, I see," said Sharpe, half convinced.

The alteration in the Agra's course produced no movement on the part of e mysterious schooner. She lay to under the land still, and with only a few hands on deck, while the Agra haste to Dodd's cabin; they found-him giving Sharpe a new order. straits between Long Island and Point Leat, leaving the schooner about two miles and a half distant to the north-

Ah! The stranger's deck swarms ck with men.

His sham ports fell as if by magle; bis guns grinned through the gaps like markably near the keyhole. Dodd, black teeth; his huge foresail rose and hastily bolted the cabin-door and filled, and out he came in chase. So bounds the tiger on his unwary, prey. There were stout hearts among the officers of the peacable Agra; but danger in a new form shakes the brave: and this was their first pirate. Their dismay broke out in ejaculations not loud but deen.

"Hush!" said Dodd doggedly, "The

Mrs. Beresford had just come deck to enjoy the balmy morning.

calling all men brothers, and making that poor negro love you instead of fear you, that shows me you have a great heart. My dear friends, I "Sharpe," said Dodd in a tone that conveyed no suspicion to the newcomer, "set the revals and flying jib. Port!" "Port it is," cried the man at the

have been unlucky enough to bring my children's fortune on board this "Steer due south!" 'And, with these words in his mouth, Dodd dived to ship. Here it is under my shirt-four-the gun-deck. the gun-deck. While Sharpe and his hands were

teen thousand pounds! This weighs me down. Oh, if they should lose it, setting every rag the ship could carry on that tack, the other officers, hav-ing unlucky no order to execute, stood gloomy and helples, with their eyes glued, by a sort of somber fascination, on that coming fate; and they literally on that coming fate; and they literally

ford, her heart opened by the lovely nearly cheerfully, "this is not the way day, broke in on their nerves with her to go into action."

then beckoned the officers to

"Gentlemen," said he confidentially, | Agra amidships, and sent an eight-"in crowding sail on this ship, I had pound ball through her foresail. Most no hope of escaping that fellows on of the faces were pale on the quarterdeck; it was very trying to be shot at. this tack, but I was, and am, most and hit, and make no return. The next anxious to gain the open sea, where I can square my yards and run for it double discharge sent one shot smash through the stern cabin window, and if I see a chance. At present I shall carry on till he comes up within range; and then, to keep the comsplintered the bulwark with another, wounding a seaman slightly. "Lie down forward!" shouted Dodd. pany's canvass from being shot to Bayliss, give him a shot." rags, I shall shorten sail; and, to The carronade was fired with a tresave ship and cargo and all our lives,

mendous report, but no visible effect. I shall fight while a plank of her The pirate crept nearer, steering in swims. Better be killed in hot blood and out like a snake to avoid the carthan walk the plank in cold. ronades, and firing those two heavy The officers cheered faintly; the guns alternately into the devoted captain's dogged resolution stirred up

ship. He hulled the Agra now nearly the other pirate, he had the self com-The pirate had gained another every shot. The two available carronades' requarter of a mile and more. The ship's plied noisily and jumped as usual; crew were hard at their beef and they sent one thirty-two-pound shot grog, and agreed among themselves it clean through the schooner's deck and was a comfortable ship; they guessed

side; but that was all they did worth what was coming and wo to the ship speaking of. in that hour if the captain had not "Curse them!' cried Dodd. "Load them with grape! They are not to be schooner's bows-being disabled, Strange to say, there were two gentrusted with ball. And all my eightlemen in the Agra to whom the pl-rate's approach was not altogether teen-pounders dumb! The coward won't come alongside and give them leeward-than a Malay ran 'orward unwelcome, Colonel Kenealy and Mr. a chance."

Fullalove were rival sportsmen and rival theorists. Kenealy stood out for At the next discharge the pirate chipped the mizzenmast and knocked dead, and the linstock flew out of his a smooth-bore and a four-ounce ball; a sailor into dead pieces on the fore-Fullalove for a rifle of his own concastle. Dodd put his heim down ere ment of rage, snatched it up and dartstruction. Many a doughty argument the smoke cleared and got three carthey had and many a bragging match; either could convert the othronades to bear, heavily laden with grape. Several pirates fell, dead or the pirate's bow-chaser, and crashed er. At last, Fullalove hinted that by wounded, on the crowded deck, and into the Agra's side, and passed nearsome holes appeared in the foresail. Iy through her. going ashore at the Cape and getting each behind a tree at one hundred This one interchange was quite in fa-

years and poping at one another, one vor of the ship. But the lesson made the enemy more cautious; he crept nearer, but ed, and there was the pirate captain "Well, but," said Kenealy, "If he is dead, he will be no wiser; besides, to steered so adroitly, now right astern, leaning wounded against the maina fellow like me, who has had the luxary of popping at his enemies, popsow on the quarter, that the ship could seidom bring more than one carronade to bear, while he raked her of dismay and vengeance. They jumpping at a friend is poor, insipid work." "That is true," said the other re-gretfully. "But I reckon we shall nev-

In this alarming situation Dodd kept as many of the men below as possible; but, for all he could do form Theorists are amazing; and it was which were killed and seven wounded. these good creatures loaded the rival Fullalove's word came too true; it was the swordfish and the whale. It hoisted to his consort, and she bore

came not so much a pirate as a solu-tion. Indeed, Kenealy, in the act of charging his piece, was heard to mut-ter, "Now, this is lucky." However, these theorists were no sooner loaded than something control of the source of raked her at point-blank distance. And her captain! To see the splin-tering hull, the parting shrbuds, the than something occured to make them more serious. They were sent for in shivered gear and hear the shricks ate as before Monk fired his lucky

and groans of his wounded, and the unable to reply in kind! The sweat of agony poured down his face. Oh, if he could but reach the open sea and ward, she might postpone the inevi-"Shorten sail to the taupsels and jfb, get the colors ready on the haly-yards, and then send the men aft." Sharpe ran out of geal and tumbled square his yard and make a chase of it, perhaps fall in with aid! Wincing under each heavy blow, he crept doggedly, patiently on toward that one visible hope. over Ramgolam, who was stooping relooked with trembling lip and pitcous At last, when the ship was cloved

At last, when the ship was cloved to this the failin with shot and peppered with grape the thinned crew. carnestness in Kenealy's face and Fullalove's. They were mute with surthe channel opened; in five minutes more he could put her dead before prise at a gaze so eloquent yet mysthe wind. He manned himself and opened his mind to them with deep emotion, yet

No. The pirate, on whose No. The pirate, on whose side luck was hidden now; drops of rain fell, had been from the first, got half a broadside to hear at long musket-shot, and the sea to rise a little. killed a midshipmen by Dodd's side. cut away two of the Agra's miszen-shrouds, wounded the gaff, and cut the jib-stay. Bown fell that powerful sail into the water and dragged across the ship's forefoot, stopping stood rapt about a minute; his great her way to the open sea she panted for. The mates groaned; the crew cheered sloutly, as British tars do in any great disaster; the pirates yelled with ferocious triamph, dike the devils

they looked. But most human events, even ca-lamity, have two sides. The Agra be-ing brought almost to a standstill, the ing brought almost to a standard the pirate forged ahead against his will, and the combat took a new and ter-rible form. The elephant-gun popped, rible form. The elephant-gun popped, and the rifle cracked, in the

The pirate drew nearer and fired burying itself, black flag and all, in both guns in succession, hulled the the sea; and there, in one moment, lay the destroyer buffeting and wriggling -like a heron in the water with his long wing broken-an utter cripple. The victorious crew raised a stuntrained the guns. They were

"Cutlasses, and die hard!"

ning cheer. "Silence!" roared Dodd with his trumpet. "All hands make sail!" He set his courses, bent a new jib

For then was seen with what maiand stood out to windward close-haulesty the enduring Anglo-Saxon fights; ed, in hopes to make a good offing, and One of that indomitable race on the then put his ship dead before the gangway, one at the foremast, wind, which was now rising to a stiff at the wheel, conned and steered the breeze. In doing this he crossed the great ship down on a hundred matchcrippled pirate's, within eighty yards; lockks and a grinning broadside, just and sore was the temptation to rake as they would have conned and steerhim; but his ammunition being short, ed her into a British harbor. and his danger being imminent from

mand to resist the great temptation. He hailed the mizzentop. "Can you two hinder them from fir-

ing that gun?" "I rather think we can," said Fulto Dodd. "Port!" said Dodd quietly. alove, "eh, colonel?" and tapped his long rifle.

He was mistaken; the smoke clear

At this critical moment the pirale The ship no sooner crossed the stern sent a mischievous shot and the knocked one of the men to atoms at schooner's head had come round to the helm. Dodd waved his hand withwindward, though she was drifting to out a word, and another man rose

from the deck, took his place in silence with a linstock. Pop went the colonand laid his unshaking hand on the el's ready carbine; the Malay fell over wheel stained with that man's warm blood whose place he took. hand. At all Uortuguese, with a move-

"Starboard it is."

"Port it is."

The high ship was now scarce sixty yards distant; she seemed to know ed to the gun; the Yankee rifle crackhe reared her lofty figurehead with ed, but a moment too late. Bang went But now the panting pirates got their new foresail holsted with a foy ful shout: it drew, the schooner gath-"Ye missed him! Ye missed him!" ered way, and their furious consort close on the Agra's heels just then scourged her deck with grape. cried the rival theorist joyfully.

"Port!" said Dodd calmiy.

"Port it is."

The giant prow darted at the escaping pirate. That agre of coming canvas took the wind out of the swift schooner's foresall; it flapped; oh. then she was doomed! That awful moment parted the races on board her. the Papuans and Sooloos, their black faces livid and blue with horror, leap-Malays and Papuans glittered fiendishly; and the wounded captain rais-ed his sound arm and had a signal ed yelling into the sea, or crouched whimpered; the yellow Malays and and brown Portuguese, thought blan ed to one color now, durned on death like dying panthers, fired two cannon into the ship's bows, and snapped their muskets and match locks On this superiority being made clear, the situation of the merchant their solitary executioner on the

vessel, though not so uttenly like crushed wasp's stings, knives Crash! The Indiaman's cutwater in thick smoke beat in the schooner's broadside; down went her masts to leeward like fishing-rods whipping the water; there was a horrible shricking table and fatal collision with a foe as yell; wild forms leaped off on the Agescaped ra, and were hacked to pieces almost but this ere they reached the deck-a surge, a chasm in the sea, filled with an intime to refit and unite to destroy her. Add stant rush of engulfing waves, a long this the failing ammunition and

awful grating, grinding noise, n to be forgotten in this world, Dodd cast his eyes all round the horizon for help. fearful majestic monster passed on

The sca was blank. The bright sun over the blank she had made, a pale crew standing silent and awestruck on her deck; a cluster of wild heads and staring eyeballs bobbing

"Gentlemen," said he, "let us kneel down and pray for wisdom in this sore strait." like corks in her foaming wake, sole relic of the blotted-out destroyer; and a wounded man staggering on gangway, with hands uplifted and staring oyes.

stood rapt about a minute; his great thoughtful eye saw no more the ene-my, the sea, nor anything external; it was turned inward. His officers looked at him in silence. "Sharpe,' said he at last. "there must be a way out of them both with such a breeze as this is now; if we could but see it." "Aye, H." groaned Sharpe. "About ship!" said he softly, like an east. With a loud cry of pity and dismay

ibrent man. Aye, aye,

due north!' said he.

rest purses until he's the experience and all the storm of cries and curses, as their seamen went to work to fit the yard there is in the one night stands for his and raise thes all; while their fighting man, then he'll go in for the title. By men seized their matchlocks and that time the young Californian may well be due to cop it off.

commanded by an heroic, able villain. SOME OF THE TRICKS SNEAKED INTO THE RING.

A lot of things have sneaked into fighting that don't belong there. In the past dozen years or so more tricks have got under the ropes than during the whole history of the ring. All a hard proposition as Jake Kilrain kinds of dope has to be pawed over was. Training didn't do all of it, but

even to finding out how the referee has made his side bets, and then they lose out. Joe Gans has been excused back "Starboard!" said Dodd, in a deep among good people, the clever Baltialm voice, with a motion of his hand. more minstrel handing out a line of

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by sports before they put down a bet.

argument that when he was faking The pirate wriggled ahead a little The man forward made a silent signal "Oh, captain," said Sharpe,

the ship go; it is you we are anxious for now. At this Dodd lifted up his hands and beat the air impatiently, and cried again in the thin, querulous

voice of a wounded man, but edgerly, 'Stunsels! Stansels!" On this, Sharpe gave the command. "Make sail! All handa set stunsels 'low and aloft!"

While the unwounded warmed into the rigging, the surgeon came aft in all haste; but Dodd leclined hmi till all his men should have been looked to. Meantime he had himself carried to the stern, and laid on a mattress, his bleeding head bound with a wet cambric handkerchief, and his pale face turned toward

the hostile schooner. She had hove to, and was picking u pthe survivors of her blotted-out consort. The group on the Agra's quarter-deck watched her to see what the would do next. Flushed with immediate success, the younger officers crowed their fears she would not be game to attack them again. Dodd's lears ran the other way: he said, in the weak voice to which he was now

reduced: "They are taking a wet blanket aboard. That crew of blackguards we swamped won't want any more of us. It all depends on the pirate captain; if he is not drowned, then blow wind, rise, sea, or there's trouble ahead for

As soon as the schooner had picked up the last swimmer, she hoisted foresail, mainsall, and jib with admirable rapidity, and bore down in chase. The Agra had, meantime, got a start

of more than a mile, and was now running before a stiff breeze with studding-sails alow and aloft.

In an hour the vessels ran nearly twelve miles, and the pirate and gained half a mile.

At the end of the next hour they were out of sight of land; wind and never sea rising; and the pirate only a quarall ter of a mile astern. The schooner was now rising and falling on the waves: the ship only nodding, and with

Dodd. Another half hour passed without

perceptibly altering the position the vessels. Then, suddenly, t wounded captain laid aside his glass, the after a long examination, and rose unaided to his feet in great excite-ment and found his manly voice for a Shot in two places, the head and the moment. He shook his fist at the

pitching schoone, and roared;

Sharpe, Fullalove, Kencaly, and dismay, Sharpe, Fullalove, Kencaly, and oth-ers rushed to catch him: Out, ere they got near, the captain of the tri-umphant ship fell down on his hands and knees, his head sunk over the "Good-by, ye lubber! Outfought-outmaneuvred-and outsailed!" It was a burst of excitation rare for him. He paid for it by sinking faint and helples into his friend's arms; and knees, his head sink over the gangway, and his blood ran fast and pattered in the midst of them, on the deck he had defended so bravely. They got to the wounded captain, and raised him. He revived a little: and the moment he caught sight of and the surgeon, returning soon after, insisted on his being taken to his cabin.

had detended so bravely. got to the wounded captain. As they were carrying him below, the pirate captain made the same dis-covery, that the ship was gaining on him. He hauled to the wind directly, and abandoned the chase.

as he likes from that end of it. JOHN L. SULLIVAN,

THE WEDDING FASHIONS.

Billy is welcome to cut as much balt

Boutonnieres Presented to Generaly-The Fashionable Brida Gown Now the Simple One. New York Sun.

In London it is the fashion at weddi In London It is the framion at we dona to present boutonzieres to the guests generally as well as to the bridal party. These wedding favors are, of course, of natural flowers and consist of button-hole bouquets for the men and bouquets size larger for the wonten. They are distributed at the conclusion of

They are distributed at the registry is be-the ceremony, while the registry is be-ing signed. The bridesmains and the

pages present them, carrying them in backets slung on the arm. They are also distributed in the vestry. In England Illies are a favorite flower

In England Illies are a favorite flower for weddings; in America the orchid is preferred except for the bridal party, for whom illies of the valley or orange blos-soms are generally provided, the brida carrying a large shower beaquet. The bridgeroom gives his left arm to the bride when conducting her from the vestry down to the bridal carriage, and it is optional for the couple to nod to friends as they pass. The best man should precede them to the porch, remain there and see them in the carriage. The bride's mother leaves immediately after the brides and bridgeroom to be in-readiness to receive the guests as thay arrive. Indeed, when the crowd is great, for her to leave by a side door is not an innusual thing to do in order to insten her arrival home.

she either receives the guests at the head of the staircase or in the drawing room. The brides father joins her as soon as he returns to assist in the receiving.

There is very little formal leavetaking There is very fittle to as in days gen it a wedding reception, as in days gen y. Many of the guests leave, from the by Many of the guesta have, from the dining room and do not remain to witness the departure of the bride and bridesroom unless they are initimate acquaintances. The fashionable bridal gown of fo-day is the simule one, which may be and fre-quently is far more costly than are laden with frills and furbelows, for a simple gown requires the hand of an artist and rich material. As to fabrics, chiffon satus is very popular; in summar-chiffon satus is much used. Jewels un-less wedding gifts or much prized helr-looms are not worn. If a widow, the bride worrs a gown the light elephant gray or pale lavender or London smoke, usually a traveling gown

Food Cheaper in Panama Than Here Nashville American.

According to The Canal Rect published at Ancon, Panama, was the bill of fare served at din

firm as a rock. "Blow wind, rise sea!" faltered at the Culebra Hotel September Sth Island clam 'Mixed pickles, Rhode chowder, lobster with roast young turkey (stuffed) cranberry sauce, French toust fruit sauce, asparagus with the butter, potatoes in cream, chocola-les cream, jellycake, choese, cracker ten, coffee, cocoa. Dinner, 5 to 7 And all it cost was 30 Up here a glass of water and a

pick cost that much.

Homesteading has about r urse in Mis urse in Missouri, Kansas at out 11,500 p ntrice on p

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ship's gangway, and out flew their

along under the ship's keel-and the