THE BYGONE CABIN BOY.

No Place For Him In the Merchant Marine of Today, These are inauspicious times for the boy who, after having fired his mind with the tales of Marryat or Clark Russell, is filled with a consuming desire to seek his for-

tune on the sea. In the days of Midship-man Easy, or when the celebrated Captain Kidd pirated and mysteriously buried his treasures, something of romance may have

hung over the career of a sailor, but the glories of that time have departed. Neither in the merchant marine nor in the navy can the place of cabin boy-the first which the seastruck lad aspires to-be said to exist any longer. If it still remains in the cases of a few small sailing vessels, it is merely a belated relic of former days, which

The duties of a cabin boy, before the profession languished into its present disappearing state, were manifold. They varied according to the kind and size of the ship he was on, but the place was never anything remotely resembling a sinecure. The boy waited on the officers or the passengers, or both, in any way they might require. He was the steward's assistant in the pantry and dining room.

He helped the cook under more or less useless protest, and he was general "fag" for

the entire crew. Although he was often a favorite with the seamen, it was neverthe-

less remembered that as a boy he was evidently intended as a kind of scapegoat for anything which might be out of order.

Various sins of commission and omission were laid at his door, and he might get

out of the scrapes as best he could. He was always a butt for the jests of the erew.

There were standing practical jokes which were played on all new cabin boys. One

of these was to instruct him when he be-

thrown to windward except hot water and

ing eyes, and the crew would explode into

roars of laughter at this proof of obedience

But those days have passed. On the

"There is no longer any place at sea for

a boy," said an old captain a day or two ago. "In the present state of maritime service only ablebodied men can flud em-

ployment on shipboard. If I had a boy, rather than let him go to sea, even if he could manage to get work, I would put him to breaking stone on the road. There

is no chance of his rising to any position

that would be worth while on a vessel. In

His Frightful Predicament.

"Talk about being between the devil

and the deep sea!" he exclaimed, ignoring

the question. "Talk about the problem of the lady or the tiger! Why, this is a thou-

about me to the girl I love!" he cried.

"He has insulted me in her presence,"

"And what did you do?" they asked.

"Nothing," he answered. "I was pow-

"What would you have me do?" he in

"At least," they insisted, "you could

thrash him within an inch of his life. You

entity for the next six or eight weeks." "You forget," he said.
"Forget what?" they demanded.

ance in the company that I represent."

red to the lady, the tiger, the devil and the

On the Wrong Lay.

He did not like to tell the landlady point

blank, so he adopted a roundabout method of communicating his opinion on the sub-

Mr. Green," returned the widowed lady.

"Really!" exclaimed Green, with a very

He had notice on the spot. - Pearson's

Slow at Seeing.

Fog-Fenderson is a good enough fel-

Fogg-He slipped on a piece of orange

peel the other day and had a fall. Every-

body laughed, but Fenderson couldn't see

Fogg-He saw it about 24 hours later.

however, when another fellow did the

Delay Would Be Dangerous.

"According to this cablegram, they

"We must send our congratulations at

"From what I know of both of them,"

be acceptable when they reach them."-

"By mail or cable?" he asked.

low, but he is terribly slow at seeing a

pronounced sniff. "These eggs remind me

her as he broke the shell of the egg.

They came from a farm near here."

your eggs from Italy.'

Weekly.

Bass-Is he?

Chicago Post.

the point of the joke.

Bass-Not surprising.

same thing.—Pick Me Up.

mentary things about his rival.

"What is terrible?" they asked.

"It is terrible!" he said.

sandfold worse than either!"

"What is?" they asked.

They laughed.

he went on bitterly.

to be powerless!"

merry jest at his expense.

"Kill him!" they replied. He shook his head.

deep sea.-Chicago Post.

ocean liners, the merchant vessels and the warships of the navy all the "mess boys,"

paradoxically speaking, are men.

is continually becoming rarer.



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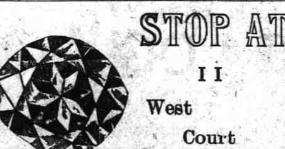
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