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BEN ROLL'S AC-CUSER:

THE LOYERS MEETING. BY BUFUS HALE.

"Ay, ay, now," murmered Ben Roll to himself, "I hope he'll not win her. I know what he is although I never eaw her before tell her about him!"

The speaker was a sallor almost seventy years old, aboard the ship Greenport, now bound from England to the United States.

The persons to whom be had alluded in the remarks he had just made to himself were Grace Wharton, a beautiful girl of eighteen, and a Mr. Fatnon, both passengers aboard the vessel.

Mr. Fauton had contrived to make himself agreeable to Grace's elderly aunt, also a passenger who had introduced him to her sice.

Grace was now returning from risit to some relatives in England. While there she had received letter from William Walters, young naval officer, an undeclared lover of Grace, who stated that he expected to be made captain of the United States cutter Triumph, Which had been ordered to proced to Calais, on the French coast.

on her way to America, might fall in with the craft.

Late one afternoon she went to her trunk and opened it, to take out Walter's last letter to her. To obtain it she was obliged to remove a small satchel.

This emitted a jingling sound; It fact, it contained all her jewelry, which was very valuable.

After reading her letter she forgot to lock her trunk. She went on deck, where Mr. Funton came and conversed with her.

Soon after, while all hands were at work on deck, old Ben Boll was sent into the cabin to bring un some ratline from the run.

After Ben had brought up the ratline and taken it amidship, Mr. Fenton excusing himself, quitted Grace, who, a moment latter, wa joined by her aunt.

The two remained on deck until after dark; then they went below Next morning Grace, on opening her trunk, discovered that he lewelry was missing, reported her loss to the captain.

"One of your men-the one you call Ben Roll-was in the cabin yesterday afternoon," remarked Mr. Fanton who had overhear what was said.

The Captain went into the forecastle, where old Ben sat upon his chest reading a book.

"Roll," said the captain, "some thing has been stolen. I mus search your chest."

Ben rose, a deep glow overspread his sunembrowned face as the Captain opened his chest, and loooked at the contents, among which he found a small, beautiful satchel of widn leather.

Ben scarted back with a cry of prise as the Captain took out this satchel.

Ay, ay, now, it is a mystery to how that came there!"

"It is empty," said the captain sternly. "What have you done with the jewelry that was in

"I know nothing about it sir," "Proof is proof continued the captain. "You are caught, and itstead of being an honest man as I thought you were, you'are a thief." eyes flashed; then he bowed his

d sadly. CLIFTON'S BRUG STOR E have sailed the seas for nigh of suddenly they throw down hand-of robbery! I have been cateful spikes and crowbars and walked for-

Wharton indentified her satchel at

"I don't now how it came in my chest, Miss," said the old sailor,

"Come!" cried the captain, sharply, "tell her what you have ione with the jewelry and restore it, or I will have to find a way to make you.

said Grace. "He says he knows nothing about it." "Ay, now, bless you for them

words. I see you believe me, Miss," said Ben. "It won't do to be soft-hearted,

Miss Wharton," said the captain. "You will lose all that way. I have had experience with these fellows. Fire Carting

"But he seems to tell the truth," responded Grace. "I am quite sure he does, even though circum stances are against him."

In spite of all her pleadings in his bohalf, old Ben was shut up is the run, where the captain in formed him he would be kept with no better fare than bread and water until he should be ready to restore to Miss Wharton her stolen jewelry.

Days past, and not a day went by that Miss Wharton did not beg the captain to liberate the old sailor; but in vain.

"You are too good-hearted," said the passenger, Mr. Fanton, to her. I respect you for it, but you don't understand these fellows so well as I do."

It was a sunny afternoon, and the two was on deck at the time he made this remark. He seemed to think that he was progressing in the young girl's favor, for he soon after continued:

"Perhaps you may deem me bold on so short an acquaintance, but may I hope that you will permit me to add that I love you, that you will allow me to strive to win this beautiful hand, and-"

She turned away from him. The sound of heavy footsteps, as all the crew came marching aft, was suddenly heard.

"What's this? What d'ye want?" inquired the captain, who had been looking through his spyglass at a vessel which had lately hove in sight off the weather bow. He confronted the gang as he

spoke. "We want you to free Ben Roll," said one who acted as spokesman. "We all believe sir. that he's innocent, and-" The irritated skipper cid not

wait for him to finish, but cried: "Go forward, and mind your own business."

"No," said the man. "If you de not let him out of that run-which is enough to kill one of his years -we will take it upon ourselves to do it. Instantly the captain called to the stewards to bring his pistols, and his officers to assist him. The men ran amidships and picked

p handspikes and crowbars. They looked desperate as they again adanced aft.

Mr. Fanton skulked off behind the cabin, but Grace sprang between the armed officers and the mutineers. "For God, s sake men," she cried. "no violence! [Lhope I will be able n to persuade your captain to liber ete Ben Roll. Her earnest pleadings, her grace

her beauty were not without their fect. The men withdrew amidships and consulted together. Then the captain whispered to one

of his officers, and a moment later His purpose was apparent. The

distant vessel was seen approaching Her commander had noticed the sig-

of robbery: I have been careful spikes and crowbars and walked for ay, ay, very careful—of my honor, sir, which I prize more'n anything else, but it weighs heavy.

When near enough the cutter's lanch was lowered and headed for called a thief."

But Ben's denial of the crime which he was accused had no avail.

The boat was full of men. A fine looking, broad-shouldered, young nawaited so long, and for which she had waited so long, and for which she had

val captain, was seated in the stern-Engerly, Grace's bright eyes, were urned toward the sturdy form. It is he !" she cried, as the laune

drew nearer-"it is Walters. The boat came, alongside at last and Walters sprang aboard, 'Grace Wharton I' were his first words, as he perceived the girl. She attered a glad cry, advance wards him, and the next momen

ofher little hands were in his. But ere the two could exchange three words, the skipper of the ship came and explained why he had signalled

for his assistance. "Ben Roll !" cried Walters : "did you say the sailor whom you have accused of theft and confided in the run and in whose behalf your men were going to mutiny, is old Ben Boll ?10 "Yer sir."

"Then liberate him at once, He is procent if indeed he be the same Ben Roll who once served aboard a craft of mine. Let me see him?" Ben was at once conducted on deck 'God bless you, myold friend!' cried Valters, grasping his hand. Why Captain, this man is the vary woul of

"Thank ye, sir, thank ye !" murnured old lien, a tear in his blue eye. I knew him for years," continued Walters. He was the most trusty man aboard my craft. "But that satchel was found in 1

st," said the skipper "Then some one placed it there to fasten the crime on him!" replied the pung manad of airil

As he spoke he caught sight of Mr. Fanton, who was about to skulk into With a bound he confronted him

and seized him by the collar . 'Have you searched this trunk? he inquired sternly, of the skipper play and issed ?

'Why no; he is a passenger, and-" 'Search his room ! I warrant you will "No, no, gasped Fanton, "I will not have my room searched. No one has right to search it." "Listen," said Walters to the skip-

per, 'I know this man to be a rascal. and I suspect him to be a thief. few years ago he was the steward aboard the Spartan, an armed schoon er of which I was then first lieutenaut. At Valparaiso he was discharged, and after he was gone, the captain missed some silver and a watch. Depend upon it he is the guilty one."

On hearing this, the skipper no longer hesitated to search Fanton's room In a valise he found a lot of jewelry, which he brought to Grace, and i which she identified as that which had been in the satchel.

Now, wretch, tell us how you managed to put that satchel in old Ben's chest, cried Walters,

If you promise to protect me from those men, mid Fanton, pointing to the ship's crew, who stood glaring at him fercely, 'I will confess,' 'Go on,' said the skipper. 'I prom-

Well then, it was dark when tole the satchel of jewels, which had had my eye on for some time. put the jewels in my valise. Then contrived to alip into the steerage unobserved, and from there, through the hold, I made my way to the foresetle through an opening in the forward bulkhead. The men were all on deck working at the time, and, as Ben's chest was unlocked. I had not much trouble to get the antehal in it I knew it was his chest by his name pailed in red letters on the lid. And now I will inform you that my p for selecting Ben as my 'acapeg because I knew well enough that he was aware of my character, or at least he had suspicions of it, as he, too, had served aboard the Spartan, and had known me aboard that craft.

Fearing he would contrive to tell Miss Wharton who I was, and thus prejudice her against me. I thought it ed. ale outel and miner product darbit

you? cried Walters laughtly, water I wanted to try and win her for my

The young esptain shuddered, and so did Grace Wharton.

Before Captain Walters left the ship he contrived to put to Grace that all-important question for which she had wested so long and for which she had

walted so long, and which he now told her he had only delayed until such time as he should have won his com balon as eaptain in the navy.

The happy girl gave him a favorable answer, and the twain were married a year later, after they again met in the United States | elijeb need avail blue

fold Ben Roll was present stythe ng, for he was now captain Walpartermaster should the Tri-Mr. Fanton had not reached America

ca aboard the Greenport, 10 6 Fearing that the crew or the years at do him harm, he contrived, unbserved, to leave the craft in the dingey on a certain dark night, while she was off the Cape de Verdes.

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What? They brought her in sane. Whati go against her? No; they brought her in sane, Well, ain't that against her? Of course not.

No it ain't either If they brought her insane, why

I didn't say that: I said they brought her in sane. Well, isn't that what I said you

Well, didn't you? No. I didn't: I said that they brought her in sane. That's what I said you said.

No: you said I said they brought

No you didn't. I tell you I did. You're insane yourself That's what you said the jury said about Mrs. Emmons.

I did't. Yes you did. Husband grabs the table cloth and smothers his wife and then h



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