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Sudden and Sharp Doom. A Tale of West India Piracy. BY JOHN INMAN.

It is but seldow, of late years, that the community is startled by an account of larm such accounts are fitted to awaken, from time immemorial. is hightened to hollow by details of cross of the third day of the voyage was well advanced, a good breeze had spring up, within the memory even of the present generation, when tales of frightful atrossistion of the present generation, when tales of frightful atrossistion of the present generation of the present grant of the present generation of the present grant of the present and Captain Fowler was congratulating that were provided for him; and as he keeping; it was clear redeed that denial and Captain Fowler was congratulating that were provided for him; and as he keeping; it was clear redeed that denial and captain Fowler was congratulating that were provided for him; and as he keeping; it was clear redeed that denial and captain Fowler was congratulating the sacrifice. At the command of his but we thought you wanted to go some the work of any body that saked, he not, be the consequences what they might, inger-hearted chief, Harris prepares a line of the present grant of the present grant of the work of any body that saked, he not, be the consequences what they might, inger-hearted chief, Harris prepares a line of the present grant of the pr ly interesting to deserve, without being so dreadful as not bear parration.

A good ship had taken her departure from the island of St. Croix, for New money in gold, and two passengers; one a young man of 18 or 19, returning from a winter residence upon the island, for the loope soon vanished when a large boat ship, and some half dozen of the pirates. At a signal from Morgan, the captain

This captain was a son of New Eng fessional excellence. Modest in speech he introduced as " Captain Morgan," with a steady and unflinching spirit.

or three days of her voyage; only it is to had received it. that his was the hand always employed fitting the sanguinary office ascribed to four of his own men, a pistol in each hand, frame, whose clustering curls, on which it will bring you to Barns's Ford, cross ufactured in the New England States, in putting to death the unhappy captives him, he was in truth one of the most harm to stand guard over them. Then turn his hand had but now been laid in seem the river, and they will direct you."

whom Morgan's policy or cruelty refus | less and kind hearred of human beings, ing to Fowler, in whom this arrange- | ing bindness, the surpassing laveliness of | ed to spare; and that in this horrible of fice of executioner he deplayed a savage of jayment not less inconceivable than fir glidel. He was known, the sailers was some vague tale of cruchy exercised and history with something ike a sneer upon his fir glidel. He was known, the sailers was some vague tale of cruchy exercised and history ment had excited a renewal of his fears, that childish face, even now when it was snother—"you had better take the path bearing the sail, in a cool, business like way, yet blanced with terror; the muie appeal of that imploring look; and the fearful ago-that the was of English birth, and there with something ike a sneer upon his that imploring look; and the fearful ago-that the fearful ago-that the tile of lack Known, the sailers was some vague tale of cruchy exercised.

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Had a thousehold fallen upon his head, sed for a moment in his savage purpose; and you will get in before night." puracy in wat es adjacent to lands of ear- regard the professional hangman, who in gan's vessel, although he would take part Fowler could not have been more aston- and to the prayers, the imprecations

nes coum ted on board vessels natigat increasing probability of ultimate safety. was a universal favorite among his fel for it was the projecty of another; yet scourge of small hard twisted cord, with ing to and from the West Indies, were of when a sail was descried, just rising lows. To none of them, however, nor there was every reason to believe that five or six distinct lashes at the etrik very trequent occurrence; and such were above the horizon. Soon it was made to Morgan himself, did he seem to have should Morgan's search for it prove uning end, and knotted at intervals to give Winchester as soon, and safe and sound, the numbers and audienty of the buers out to be a schooner, and rapidly ap- any personal attachment. The schooner successful, torture, if not death, would be its blows the more effect. With coul, as he would by any of the by roads and neers infesting the vicinity of those isl proaching. Captain Fowler could not was his home—the only one he know— inflicted upon himself to wring from him unsparing deliberation Morgan laid aside ands, that the governments both of the conce-I his uncasiness, and ordered every and on boardtheschooner heremained, in the disclosure. These thoughts darted his hatand turning up his sleeve; and then, United S ales and Great Britain dermed rag of canvass to be crowded on his ves- different alike to the companions be found like lightning through his mind, and with grasping the arm of the helpless child, he willed it, a few days afterwards, to find it necessary to employ equadrons of small seek; the stranger might be an honest way there, and the business in which he was an inward groun he murmured, "Pather gave one sharp, hard stroke, every thong of there, and the business in which he was an inward groun he murmured, "Pather gave one sharp, hard stroke, every thong of there, and the business in which he was an inward groun he murmured, "Pather gave one sharp, hard stroke, every thong of the most direct, smooth and pleaters of the ocean, but he might also be employed. The stern discipline maint in heaven protoctect my child!" Morgan armament to this peculiar service, for the protocted my child!" Morgan in the fearful Morgan. It was soon appropriately a specified of the ocean, but he might also be there, and the business in which he was an inward groun he murmured, "Pather gave one sharp, hard stroke, every thong of the most direct, smooth and pleaters in the requirement of the companions to the following in the fearful Morgan in the fearful Morgan in the fearful Morgan forbade the attempt of waited a few innoments for his answer, but white said tender skin, which in a moment white said tender skin, which in a moment was local with stripes of sanguine hue. A the time, "The way to Winehester," struct on of the maranders. The latter most speed, and the wind favoring her as novances and petty torments to which stern, but still he preserved his calmness shriek of torture burst from the lips of the and there it stands to-day, when the commust desirable object was in time effected, much as it did the ship, the latter was his feebleness of mind would have ex- of voice and manner as he said, "Will unhappy boy -one louder, and of more ments I meant to make, or the incidents many peratical vessels being especied and sure to be overtaken. The only hope that posed him in such a crew; and even had it please you, Captain Fowler, to give up terrific agony, from those of the miseratearful num are of the felous put to death, remained, therefore, was in the peaceful it been otherwise, his great personal the gold, or must I wring it from you!" ble father—but both were drowned in a either in combat or by the gallows; but while the evil was yet existing, deeds of this hope disappeared when, as the school mark the evil was yet existing, deeds of this hope disappeared when, as the school mark the evil was great personal the gold, or must I wring it from you! The gallows; but and honest character of the pursue; and the pursue of the pursue; and the pursue; and the pursue of the pursue; and the pursue; and the pursue of the pursue; and the pursue; and the pursue of the pursue; and the pursue; and the pursue; and the pursue of the pursue of the pursue; and the pursue of the conjectured, so frightful as almost to spread of soil, black as night in the hull, ver, by report, but to reality one of the power he had fallen, was revealed to him, look was his last. Quick as lightning are seeking for the way to Wealth. Contranscen! belief-to excite a doubt wheth her decks crowded with men, and that she most innocent and inoffensive creatures even in the threat just uttered, and he felt descended upon his head a mighty blow, sulting with each other-interchanging er a process could indeed existso termen | had no flag flying. Captain Fowler look- that ever breathed the vital air. er a process could indeed existso termen had no flag flying. Captain Fowler look- that ever breathed the vital air.

that if there was no hope in resistance, and in another instant he lay upon the opinions—and perhaps, spending in anxious as to se able he such affinity between ed round upon his scanty crew, and with But to return from this digression. As there was none in supplication. Once deck, a quivering, mangled corse—his ious inquiries the time which ought to be the nature of man and demon. Such I a groun abandoned the idea of resistance: soon as Morgan had so stationed his men more, and for the last time," said Mor- skull crushed into a shapeless mass, as if occupied in reaching the object they de-woold not horrify my readers by de-crib and when the pirate, for that such she as to take complete possession of the ship, gan, "I demand the gold. If you do not by the fall of a thunderbolt, freighted with sire. Let us pause among them. ing; but one care of piracy, remarkable in was could not be doubt d, fired a shotted and satisfied himself that there was nei- give it up, and quickly, I will find a way | vengeance, from the Heaven he had out its details, and most unexpected in it. gun over him, with the columness of des- ther the means nor the purpose of assis to teach it, more terrible than even your raged. termination, has appeared to me sufficient pair he ordered the ship to be hove to, tance, he torned to Captain Fowler, and imagination has ever pictured." Still no The fearful yell was uttered, that more shortest way to wealth by the road of and prepared to meet his fate.

followed by a middle sized, compactly of a post captain in the navy would be, likely to make any very powerful attempt act.

ness, and of a conscientiousness, not of booter. His features were rather common- rate would be satisfied with the plunder ment. Thus the parties on board the ship Two of them fired at his executioner, but There is another who has taken it inhad be and of recent paracies, although as pressionf he was plainly dieseed, and had been removed into the boat, his unyet they had not become an frequent as in about his person no weapons, not even a welcome visitor would take his departure the progress of the next year or two, and duk. It was noticed, however, that his without any display of crucky, satisfied when he left port it was with considera- orders to his men as they took posse-sion that he had got all there was on board the ble anxiety on account of the treasure of the ship's deck were brief, and utter- ship worth taking. He even began to acshipped on board his veser!-because it ed in that quiet tone of authority which cuse himself of injustice for believing the was not his own. He measures had bespeaks the hab t of command; and no- stories he had heard of Morgan's cold the bosom heaved, his cheeks were flush- with great presence of mind, addressed or some generackery of the kind, with was neither armed nor mannel, as, when which they obeyed. Not a man of the as quite a generous and gentlemanly per- in his trembling eyelids. He gazed at A desperate conflict ensued, but it was fifth is absolutely going to rule to wealth slarm of the kind had been known or ap with him spoke or moved except as he not repress a feeling of unasiness, a vague purpose, and then rushing to his fa-her knocked down, and the other four, seeing broad beaten road before them, they turn prehended. Nevertheless, trusting in commanded; each man took in silence emotion of terror, when his guest be- leaped to his neck, around which he clasship, and taking the precaution to con Fowler began to cherish a hope that af- ward-and taking him upon his knee, that bosom which was his nightly pillow. They were quickly seized and bound; and short-cuts and by-ways, three fourths of and therefore shall not attempt a nautical he felt quite confident that the fact of its I st moment of her existence.

reached him from the forecastle, of a bu-canter who had given his name a terri-ble notoriety by acts of excessive daring ings of his captain or his comrades, and and cruelty, recently committed in the finally seated himself upon the windlass, and Morgan directed all but six of his came on board the Resolution. immediate vicinity of the very latitude where he amused himself with balancing men to row back in her to the schooner. and longitude to which he found himself one of the capstan bars upon the tip of which, having taken in her sail, had chained as it were, day after day. The his forchinger, as if utterly unconscious failen a mile or two astern, the ships lawly give me the gold?' A shudder passed been apparently stupified by the contemname borne by this scourge of the seas - of the purpose for which he came on board, drifting to the leward. Those who rereal or assumed-was Margan, and brief or of the business then in progress. Not- mained were heavily armed, except Silly as had been his coreer, it had already withstanding their anxiety and alarm, Sam; and Morgan himself took from one been signalized, according to the stories Captain Fowler and his passenger could of those ordered to the boat a cutlass and current among the crew of the Resolution not help watching this fellow with curious a pair of pistols, remerking that they tion, by exhibitions of cold blooded fe interest; and they found it very difficult would be in the man's way while rowing. a pang of keenestagony thrilled his frame, rocky never exceeded and not often to reconcile his appearance and deport- and ordering the boat to be brought back as the terrible purpose of his tormentor his life after, from the grateful father turn from the way of simple virtue, and equalled even by pirates. His vessel, a ment with the horrid office ascribed to immediately to receive him and the others. Hashed upon his men l; for it was Edward whose child be had saved from cruel never reach the end to which that pathla ge but swift sailing schooner, was said him by rumor. His size and apparent | Captain Fowler was disappointed. He to be strongly armed and manned; but surength were indeed enormous. In height had expected that the pirates would leave there was one among the crew, so said he was ab ut six feet and a half; of im- his ship at once, but he easily satisfied he exclaimed, 'you will not, you cannot report, whose character and conduct were mense breadth in the shoulders, long himself by reflecting that the boat had be so cruel! Wreak your fury upon me, especially dwell upon as combining the armed, and slender in the waist; but the really as much on board as she could but spare the unoffending child! If you elements of wonder and of horror. He expression of his face was that of vacant carry, and that if Morgan's intentions have the heart of a man within you, let chester?" asked a traveller of a group of vomiting, which continues until death. was said to be of gigantic statute and good nature, and the indicision in his were dangerous, he would not have left your dealing be with men, and leave help- people who stood round the steps of a This fearful disease is generally supposhideous appearance, and the possessor of movements, and a something in his play- himself with so small a number of fol- less infancy in safety.' H s frantic en country store, at the foot of the Blue ed to be caused by the water being imenormous strength, which, however, he singnomy, which awakened the suspicion lowers. He did not know the man with trea ies and his disperate struggles to Ridge in old Virginia, one dusky even pregnated with some mineral, but this never exerted in working the vessel, but that his intellect was feeble. And this whom he had to deal.

As roon as the boat had put off, Morgan looked on with a cold, relentless "Yes," said one—" you will go down never exerted in working the ressel, but that his intellect was feeble. And this whom he had to deal. tempted. But the most extraordinary that was the name he hore among the pi- gan ordered the ship's crew to station eye, while the fair back and shoulders of the road about half a mile, turn to your . According to the last census, goeds to and revolving tile concerning him was, rates-was indeed an idiot, and instead of themselves on the forecastle, and directed the boy were exposed. The tender right, then take the left hand road, and the amount of \$114,000,000 were man-

and deportment, he was tet a man of conThere was nothing terrific or even foranxiety of Captain Powler, who became could make sure of two with his pistols, four pirates sistioned forward; they rushed in case of their making any hostile moveto the quarter deck to avenge their leader.

dizztror; and still more seidom that the England has been known as Jack Ketch in no engagement; and as he never require ished. The demand was fearful—the Fowler, he conchasted no other reply ed wages, or a share of plunder, seeming knowledge it exhibited still more so. He than a simple declaration of the horrible

the child, were on the quarter deck.

coal the gold where it would scarcely be ter seach ng the ship and taking such por- twined his fingers among the curling. Fowler kissed him foundly, and anx- after some little deliberation as to the them slip through and are forgotten by the found by any uninstructed seeker, he set tions of the cargo as might suit his fancy, ringlets of that dear head which the auxsail, not with a light heart certainly, but Morgan would let him go unharmed, and jour father so often pillowed upon his cruel sufferings of which he expected to them, hurried into one of the ship's boats, But let us turn over a leaf. Here is a but little worse for the encounter. The own boson, and which his depart d Ma- be the victum, carnestly begged Mr. An with a single pair of oars, and the body of group of the more sober, sage, and think-I have no skill in nautical description, gold he was sure could not be found, and ry had ballowed with a blessing in the derson, the passenger, to take him below their felon commander, and left to make ing among men. They selected a better into the cabin and keep him there. An the best of their way to the schooner; defined and more substantial object of puraccount of what was said and done on being on board was unknown to all except Still not a word was untered, not an derson moved a step forward to comply Captain Fowler apprehending, and with suit. They seek the road to happinessboard the Resolution during the first two himself and the merchant from whom he intimation of any kind was given, that with this request, but Morgan bade him teason that suspicion would be awaken- yet by as many different routes as the seemed to justify apprehension; and when halt, and there was no alterative for obe- ed, and instant pursuit be made, if the other class. be remarked that the wind she had was There was one exception to the order word was passed below that the transfer dience. Such was the situation of the ship were seen getting under way while One conceives that the way to wealth light, frequently dying away into a per ly and disciplined conduct of the pirate's of the chosen articles was completed, and parties-Fowler bound, and the way to happiness are the same, feet calm, and that her progress from the crew; and this was in the demeaner of Morgan returned to the deck, leading clinging to his neck, And rson standing board. Sail was then made upon the and finds his vast mistake in the pressure locality of apprehended danger was so the hoge fellow recognised by the cap- Edward by the hand, the captain followed near the cabin door, and Morgan between, ship, and as night was now setting in, and of cares, and the withering and seorchslow as to increase in no slight measure tives as the Jack Ketch of the pirate with a heart greatly lightened, and in with his two subordinates-Sam leaning the wind still favorable, the rejoicing in- ing influence of avarice as it steals over the suxieties of the captain; nor were schooner. It seemed that he was not in- almost undoubting confidence that in a against the mizzen mast, his vacant counthese at ali alleviated by the rumors that cluded in the brief but efficient orders of few minutes he should be left at liberty tenance expressing no emotion, or even strong hope of gaining so much head toils on, the slave of popular caprice, unhe still amused himself with the hand- known on board the schooner, as would and, perhaps, a show.

to whom Morgan pointed when his last tortures, if not from death, in a manner so way leads, and that slone. brief command was uttered. . Monster! strange and unexpected.

touching his hat with a cool courtesy that | word from Fowler. He was nerving fearful stroke bestowed by Silly Sam. | Speculation! But the road has a great There were degrees of horror to be ex- contrasted strangely enough with his pro- himself to die-to undergo toctures worse The shriek of the suffering child, the many branches, and not a single ponter pected in the encounter of pirates; and ceeding, begged permission to examine than death. The trust confided in him he sight of his scored and bleeding body, by the way upon which you can depend. Captain Fawler with his passenger and his manifest. It was produced, and run- would not violate. But the torture was had called up in the feeble mind of the Our friend started first by the way of York. She had on board a large sum of crew, endeavoured to find some con- ning his eye over it marked with a pencil indeed to be applied in a mode and form, poor idiot a terrible memory of that cruel Lotteries, and travelled on until he found sake of health, the other, a lovely boy of from the schooner, full of armed men, among whom was Silly Sam, were set at was seized by Silly Sam and the other of pulse which prompted rescue for the victim man, with an older cost, and darker prosseven, the child of the captain. Its moth. drew near the ship, and it was seen that work getting up the selected cases from the Morgan's followers, his hands tied behind and vengeance on the oppressor-identi- peets. He has since been racking his er died at West End, of consumption, have the forward our was pulled by a man hold, and into the boat from the schooner; his back, and the rope which bound them fring himself in years long passed with the brain to find some by-way across other ing sought reluge from that fell destroyer whose height and hoge proportions left and in the meantime Morgan invited him- fastened at the other, he had people's property. He has bought stocks, of youth and beauty, at too late a stage of ittle room to doubt that he was that self into the cabin, where he drew up belaying pins of the quarter railing, with swung aloft the ponderous bar, so proviits attack; and the captain was taking "Jack Ketch" of whom report had spok- on the captain's hospitality for a glass of a 'slack' of about three feet, so that he dentially remaining in his hands, and puthome this his only child, intending to place it in the care of its dead mother's certainty when the best came slongside, His manner was police but distant, very that length of radius; the passenger, beand this same grant stepped on board, much like what one might suppose that ing evidently in delicate health, and not before himself was conscious of the buy bargains; but often as not, the seller,

> . There is yet a moment for mercy. the coming night; a hope which was for- wretchedness of disappointment, if not the said Morgan to Captain Fowler; will you tunately realized. Silly Sam, who ha! horrors of remore.

shird-" it is hardly half the distancewhen you get to the highlands you see younder, the town will be in foll view,

"And where," asked the traveller, evidently not a little perplexed, " and where does the great road right ahead of

The traveller jogged on, sati-fied with the plain old road, and I dore my got to short-cuts so kindly recommended to him -for I had the sansfaction, when I tra-

Here is one who had, after a good deal of search, thought he had found out the instead of the buyer, had the bargain. land; still a young men, but eminently built man of about forty, with light hair while making a visit of inspection to a at rescue, was left at liberty. The crew, skilled in his profession, and even more and smooth but sunburnt face, whom, merchantman suspected of having on board as has already been said, were prisoners, dreadful scene were paralyzed with hor- He way to wealth. remarkable for his moral than his pro- with what seemed a mocking courtesy, goods contraband of war. It was well fit- in some sort, upon the forecastle, guarded for and astonishment. The first to reco- Well, there it is, the plain old way, as ted, however, to dissipate the alarm and by four of the bucaniers, each of whom ver possession of their senses were the straight and even as the Winchester road.

ten exhibited either on sea or land. He place then otherwise both in form and ex he had designated, and that when all this were in two divisions; the sailors and their their shots took no effect; and the sailors to his head to wait until somebody dies guard occupying the narrow space for of the Resolution, arming themselves and leaves him a fortune. Another is ward-while Morgan and his two follow- with weapons like that with which the looking out for an eligible settlement in ers, Captain Fowler, the passenger, and slaugher had been done, were so quickly the way of matrimony, with the chivalupon them that before they could reach ric resolution to take, for better or worse, Poor Edward looked on with amoze- the slaver, the protection of their own the first bag of gold he comes to. A ment at the binding of his father; his lit- lives demanded all their care. Anderson, fourth is inventing a perpetual motion, been augmented by the first, that this ship thing could exceed the promptness with blooded ferecity; and to look upon him ed with anger, and tears were gathered himself first to the liberation of Fowler. worlds of wealth in all his visione; and a he left the United States, no cause for fifteen or twenty whom he had brought sonage-for a pirate-although he could Morgan for a moment, as if to divine his soon over. One of the pirates was on a goose-quill. And thus, from the Providence and the speed of his good the station assigned to hum; and Captain gan to fondle the boy-the blooming Ed- ped his little arms, hiding his face in away their pistols, and begged fer merey. and by the hills, until, between their

cognizance of what was passing, while way before the truth should be made til he sinks beneath his efforts, a victim.

spike which he had taken up when he first insure them against pursuit, especially as Another grasps at pleasure, and finds came on board the Resolution. they would be favored by the darkness of in every successive indulgence, the

through the captain's frame, but he gave plation of his own deed, as soon as the ex- and certain road to happiness, is open no answer. 'Take the boy from him, citement which caused it had passed away, and easy of access to all. Reason points Harris!' said the pirate; and it was done, remained on board the ship, unconscious to it, experience adds her testimony, and though not without some difficulty, as it seemed of the departure of his com- religion her appeals -yet, searching for 'Surphim!' Fowler started as if shot, and rades; and it need scarcely be added that it in every path, travelling every other

> The Milk Sickness, it is stated, rages THE WAY TO WINCHESTER. to considerable extend in the northern "Can you tell me the way to Win- parts of Indiana. People are taken with