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THE MOUTH OF THE LEAMY. BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE BEIR OF REDCLYFER." trad for the second strend to be the first barre CHAPTER IV. FRESH AND UNSALTED.

Without answering Stafford led the way to his cabin and caused the two men to lay Mark on his hammock, standing on either side so as to repress the least strug-gle by their iron grasp. However, Mark had begun to return to his senses, and spoke more calmly, though his voice was tremulous with passion. "A few words with you sir." "Leave us, Kingcombe and Andrews," said Stafford.

his prayers."

of gloomy, reserved insubordination on upon the sandy beach, with barely the inthe one side, and needful thought, forbear- stinctive power to cling in desperation to ing, maintenance of authority on the other. a rock close at hand, as the returning Danger, disaster, sickness, combat, per- wave towered with, as it ware, an enraged plexity, disappointment, all had in turn billow high in air above his head, fell over of his commander ere he can make a hindcast their shades on that sunlit field of swallowing, drowning, endeavoring to had so madly rushed, nor was there the bat still he kept his hold, and gathered his gether with them," cried Vankirke.

he was resentful of the Captain's determination to fall on no peaceful settle- been preferable to such wasting anguish ? been his fate. A third enforced plunge with the sole exception of the steersman the pateix of the ment of even the Spaniards, and to permit none of those descents on Indian villages which he knew, by sad experience, were sure to end in violence, provoked by un- waves, had they not been forcibly with- some of consternation, some of unconreasonable greed of gold. Mark shared the immrmurs of the sailors, and had nearly personaded himself that Stafford's inaction was in order to balk him of the glory and reputation he would have won. He rejected every attempt at a friendly advance, and the father he went from Amise Colyton, the more he brooded over Stafford's treachery, till that affection for her that from the one rock that rose somewhat had laid dormant at home was become a above the rest of the roef. passionate flame. He fumed and raged at the many delays that in return of the attributing them to contrivances on the captains part to cause Amise to have time to forget her bridegroom, and even when a perception of his own error, a recollection of Raleigh's warning of the evils that an unblessed son was said to bring on a voyage, and even the discovery that the superstition of the sailors had begun to point to him as the cause of all their misfortunes, all combined to press on him, it had hitherto merely increased the surly gloom and defiance of his demeanor. But now-standing in a foundering ship, the waves ready to ingulf him, and himself and all the brave men around powerless to throat. avert their fate-his spirit softened, his eyes filled with tears ; instead of the sound the Lord's hand still. He sent these stranof the waves, his ears were filled with the gers. He may design them as the means Sunday peal and clash of the five bells of of our safety. Let us hail them." that square tower that rose above the headland of the Leamy,-the home faces looked wistfully upon him,-and when Stafford spoke of pardon, it was to a heart already melted. Moments of repentance! Ah! how few. how bitter! how much to be done within them! Those were the days when piety ruffling up. "On equal terms," repeated Stafford. "Unless it be still possible, to send you ashore, you have become one of my crew, and you know enough of life on shiphoard to understand that I cannot permit any insubordination. I go to see if it be still possible to return you to need if it be still cy, shed his light athwart the waves, illuminating their foaming crests, and disclosing beyond a long, low line of rocks, which measured by the sailor's practiced eye, promised hope and refuge from the death which had just before seemed inevitable. There was a loud, ringing shout, and the revulsion of feelings might almost have prevented the power of availing themselves of the chance of preservation, had not their captain's steadiness calmed for the effort. The ship was indeed drifting nearer the rocks, but it could his heart was, he was too proud to make himself liable to reproof or punishment. He scrupalously and moodily fulfilled the light duties assigned him, rejected all overtures of friendliness from the captain, but dreated him with punctilions, obedi-but dreated him with punctilions, obedi-the change from the soft, indolent, cont-

your daty well, lads. Now each man to Then with the rope round his waist, and a fr the relief afforded him. The Spaniard, "Their powder," whispered Mark; "had the Fleming, his man had failen muttered prayer-not so much for his own Then turning to the youth who stood safety as that he might bear away the There turning to the youth who have an any strength of his sin from the innocent. Mark is the even to suiteness, and eves wisitfully is a strength or his is the time for pardon you, "said max hand any the strength on their sound in a moment sound between the still make the fool and madman. You have borne with me when another might have irred, and strength and the standy built on the sources of the carse I have brong to the yorke, a grang the built of the yorke, a grang that the yorke, a grang that the standy of her?" A sudden pressure tightened on this sources to the another might have irred to the same of the site of the carse in these second to the same source the mark of the site of the same source the sources to the same source the sources to the sources the same source the sources to t near him, with bowed shoulders, lips reso- weight of his sin from the innocent, Mark

golden enterprise on which Mark Lynch | wrench him back with it into the depths ;

aughtily demanded the name of the ship, gether."

ain with the loftiest dignity, "when your tirace has made a few more voyages, your Grace will learn that an inferior offcer requires the previous authorization ig promise."

"Then, Senor, let me be imprisoned to"

compensating sense of adventure and of powers sufficiently to crawl somewhat What the answer was Mark never heard. glory that he had figured to himself in the higher. There, after a few moments, he Even while the Captain spoke, the sailors covery of the Spanish Main. Uuder a and after shaking it as a signal to those in mell down a dark opening in the deck.

wever, Don Alvaro Ponce de Leon, ardly deigned to bend his head, as he anghtily demanded the name of the ship. gether."

The stupor of the oppressive stmos, and the castles of Castle a phere here was favorable to him ; many of down from her masthead, the men were doning and there was a shouts from below proclaimed that I sluggish indifference over the others that chests contained treasure enough to com

own free, cool water.

half-trading half-fighting voyages of dis. was able to make the rope fast to a rock ; were forcing the newly arrived almost pell stood and obeyed the summone, and prescovery of the Spanish Main. Uuder a cattions and scruppions man, a strict inside and after shaking it as a signal to those in the ship, he sank down again, spent and the source was a strict inside the ship, he sank down again, spent and the source was a strict inside the ship, he sank down again, spent and the source was a strict inside the ship, he sank down again, spent and the source was a strict inside the strippion the shift in the source was a strict inside the strippion the shift as a signal to those in the ship, he sank down again, spent and the source was a strippion to the ladder, but thrusting one after the other of the nearly starved, weakened in some cases sorely injured, men down the base and entities, missing of the source was a strippion to the strippion the start at be been than the source was a strippion the most part, a duller life than that at the home where he had flet, and life source was a strippion to the rock, without food, water, the was, for the most part, a duller life than that at the home where he had flet, and flet was life the took of a start of the probable arrangement with where the other was a second that graing sun, that at the home where he had flet, and the coal soon be vertical? ently he too was in the comparatively re. and called for assistance to carry There were many who thought so ere brought them into the stifling atmosphere, and of him who kept watch shoft. The that the fellows consoled threadway noon! Some, in lever of their delirious the dense darkness of the hold, and there present day would be the best, since the predicting unbeard of torments for the agony, would have leaped at once into the for some seconds they lay in the silence, next they might fall in with other Spanish vessals, and moreover each boar of their their instructions, and the gleam of hope shone out on their resolute faces, lately fixed either in dogged despair or manfal King of Spain was fitting out a fleet that resignation. Meantime, Mark had as might overthrow all opposition. The noisiessly as possible been working away Santa Clars had just quitted Hispaniols. noislessly as possible been working away Santa Clarg had just on at the door, and having produced a hole whither commands had arrived to so in the door, and having proch, had convin-large enough to look through, had convin-tered himself that though there was a guard outskie he was indulging in the universal lazary of a siests. Farther, farther, the England. But doubt not, gentle sir," said The choers were this and weak, but hole was enlarged, the plank yielded, the from hunger, not from want of heart, and staple was pushed back and the door open The sleeper started to his feet, but ere he could utter a sound he was surrounded gagged, his arms bound with his own belt. and he was handed from one Englishman to the other till he was tumbled into the There, by Stafford's command, he was livested of his garments, and Mark, whose brown and now deeply tanned coloring made him very Spanish, looking at first sight, bastily denued them and resonantered further; fastening a door that opened just opposite to that of the magazine, and Nor is Plympton Erls without tokens of then ascending the ladder from it, found its past honors, in the hage mound, still himself on the middle deck, where, some surmounted by the ruins of the keep, and in berths, some in the grass hammocks newly adopted from the South Americans, once the strong hold of the mighty house any of their captors reposed. One step downwards, one signal, and with bare feet and silent tread ten well armed Englishmen had ascended the lad-was full of setivity, the royal standard armed Englishmen had ascended the ind-der. Meantime, Mark, his Spanish garb rendering him incomplemous, went softly to the borths and closed the sliding pan-nels attached to them, which all had out-er buttons, so that the inmates wers in-capable of withdrawing them. Only when he came to the fourth did the wood make a grating sound, which aroused the sleeper, not before he was marke fast; but his drumming, roaring, and swearing at of Devon, Master Robert Kirklam, with the trick that he believed to be played on a purseivant by his side, size a saberly him was enough to awaken all the rest. clad, clerkly man, with a roll in hm han His next neighbor, however was already secured and though the remaining occu-pant of a betth and all- the hammock intermingled with female figures some has alcepera started up at his outery, yet half dressed and totally unarmed, it was no difficult matter for the Englishmen to either side were thronged with mon on master them and replace them in their borseback or on foot, some in the old plate hammocks, bound hand and foot. and mail of former ages, some with the ammocks, bound hand and foot. and mail of former ages, some with the They were the main body of the crew, bull cost, pistols, or argaebus of later remaining occupants of the vessel. Staf-ford, already understanding what would be the effect of the harly-barly beneath commanding Kingcombe to stand sentry over the magazine. The first locks of the whose usage was called over in turn by

made them unwilling to exert themselves even to listen; and one sufferer lay balf delirious, alternately monning and mur-inering about drawing the seine in his what is due to us. Had I known I would Kingcombe, though half asleep, under- "It needs not to tell me so," returns Stafford, as he lifted the w

captors when they should arrive and find a of the Catholic king Eugland in post if it were an empty boast. 1 "It was quite true," said Vankirke; her home, well stocked with men and the kindly Fleming, "your goodness to me leaves a deep debt of gratitude, and when you have yielded yourself a prisoner you will have nothing to fear I CHAPTER VIII. THE MOSTER. MARCHINE TO BE

said Stafford.

Kincombe, the first mate, would have remonstrated, but on a peremtory sign obeyed, and the two young men remained. the perfect calm and determination of the one stilling the furious agitation of the other, who, confessed, and not knowing how to speak either of unseemly anger or his presence there, stanimered forth something so unintelligible, that Stafford said kindly to him. - " "IL AND "How is this ? What ails you, Mark?" "What ails me?" said Mark : "what ails e? Traiv, that I have been betraved y one whom I fostered at my hearth. eny your practices or"-his hand was on his sword.

A captain in the Queen's service can have no private broils on his own ship," said Stafford gravely. "To attack me here would be mutiny; so in very truth are the words you have ased; but for mine honor's sake. I will, while we are still alone ask what has brought you hither by stealth to brave me on my own

deck." "I came," said Mark, "to serve under one whom I little thought capable of stealing the most prized treasure of the home that suchered him—ho a mere landless adventurer".— "Hush! Lynch," said Stafford, a tell-tale flame in his cheek. "Insults I may not bear in this place and to wrangle would as ill become me; or I would say thal if, indeed, it be as you tell me, it is more than I durat believe, and that were it so; I am not your inferior in blood, let my fortunes be what they may. No word of my feelings has passed my lips to her; nor if it be indeed unavoidable that we make this zoyage together, shall this mat-ter be again spoken of till we stand on English ground on equal terms." "On equal terms!" exclaimed Mark

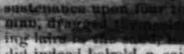
possible to return you to your home." It was not possible. A brisk wind was driving the Elizabeth quickly towards the Atlantic, and the delay of laying to and despatching a boat to the Cornish shore would have been serious, as she would have lost company with her consorts, and the lateness of the season made speed ex-

"So, Master Lynch," said Stafford, it depends on yourself whether we make this voyage as friends." Mark growled, but sore and angry as

his heart was, he was too proud to make the soft indoient, courtWould not death in the cool ocean have pistol shot and a groan showed what had

ONE AND ALL.

"A sail! a sail!" So eried Kingcombe Such as could a



did indeed behold a sail, which gradually glishman's stomach. became more distinct, till it was evident it belonged to a three-decked vessel.

"A Spaniard !" said Kingcombe.

There was a silenco-a dead silence.

"Shall I hail her, sir?" For each Englishman there felt it a question whether even the fast approaching death were not preferable to the tender mercies of the Spaniards.

"Let us fall into the hands of the Lord. not in the hand of men," hoarsely murmured Mark Lynch, from his parched

"Not so," returned Stafford, "we are in

The signal of a fluttering shirt, the united cry of the thirty wrecked mariners, attracted attention. The ship lay to, a boat was put off, and sundry swarthy men could be distinguised at the oars. At the helm was a fair-haired young officer; and Stafford, a wild figure, blistered on his uncovered skin with the sun, and with scarcely Sieur de Vaukirke, and like a brave mariner, though in the Spanish service, he declares that we, being stricken by the will of heaven, shall be free men, and set ashore so soon as we come to a friendly port. He will take half of us on board yow, and return for the rest."

An English cheer greeted the aunouncement, and the first boat load, consisting of the men in the worst plight, put off. Stafford remained to the last, and Mark would not leave him. They saw their companions received on board, and the boat then put off again for them, but on its second appearance it did not contain the young Fleming, and there was a great diminution of the consideration shown to the first bevy

"You too, sir," exclaimed Kingcombe; "I thought the dogs would given you better treatment." "I would have seerned it," said Stafford.

'One and all, good fellows !" "One and all." responded the half dozen

heartily hours for Cornish men a the noble captain intra - be ans see how little tan ; can daubevatain

Lionel Stafford responded heartily, "Thank you, my men. While honest hearts hold together, and trust in heaven, they need never fear for man. Now, let us call over the names and see if all be here."

All answered out of thirty men, except the poor fellow whom the Spaniard had murdered, and another, who upon looking about for him, was found to be lying stunned and insensible. Deep were the impre cations against the brutal enemy, and there were some who branded the Figmish officer as a still deeper villain, though Stafford insisted that he believed the youth had meant well, and had only been unable to fathom the extent of cruelty of which a thorough Spaniard was capable. The best hope, as Stafford judged, lay in the manner in which this gentleman might represent their case to the Governor of the Azores, or in that official's own setse of justice ; unless, indeed, Don Alvar intended to settle the matter by starving them all before their arrival at the Islands, from which they were at least ten days sail .-However, after about an hour, a bag of mouldy biscuit, and a skin of vilo water were lowered down to them, when such was the agonizing thirst of the prisoners, that had not Stafford and Kingcombe themselves received and held fast the precious skin of water, dealing it out to each man in his turn, in a leathern cap belonging to one of the crew, the whole would have been spilt and lost in the strongie for the first taste. But Stafford's disci pline and the men's trust and obedience endured even in the deadly oppression o the fetid bold where each breath was sickening, and the dull, gloomy light barely

made one drooping form discernable b the rest. It was worse than even the cor al reef, and the men sickened first, two died, and were almost enviod by their mates who, whatever Stafford might say to cheer them, feit that they had before them only the alternative between being hung as p rates or burnt by Inquisition as heretics. Stafford, as a poor man, had no better chance. Mark alone had the chance of be"PLEATER was a horough Lown When Plymonth was a fremay.

quoth the old proverb, which is like in use at Saltash and all the other adi places, which console themselves for their present inferiority by twitting Plymouth with what it was in the days of yere.

the square, most-enclosed castle

and the guna were all on this deck. Half times, some with birding pieces, hows and the battle then was won before the noise arrows, and some with merely bladgeone, of the strife had given the alarm to the Much diligence, many blows, and some

is genueman, who had idled at Amise's feet, to the prompt; resolute, vigilant cap-tain, who was a presence over to be obey-ed all over his ship, at to the obey-charter of the ship of the start CHAPTER V.

And standard and s