

A Marine Wandering Jew

(Original.) Since steam has largely taken the place of sail on the ocean I doubt if the sailor's yarn is what it was fifty years ago...

"You've all heard a lot about Judas Iscariot, who was cursed with havin' to live forever and wanderin' all over the world, at one time bein' seen in Egypt, another in France, and so on, always leavin' a trail of misfortune in his wake...

"I first shipped on the Mark Matthews on a voyage around the Horn to take in hides on the west coast of South America. We was layin' in the doldrums one evenin' just before four bells...

"She was head-on, and the fog didn't let us see abaft the foremast. On the fore-castle stood the figur' of an old man. I couldn't tell you how old he looked, but there was somethin' about him that reminded me of a people long passed away...

"While I was lookin' at him the two ships was so slowly driftin' apart that nobody could see 'em move. The other craft was gettin' in our stern. The Jew's blinkers was movin' about, never restin' on anything for more'n half a second till suddenly they struck our stern. Then there was the worst fright come into 'em I ever see on any man's face...

"What did he see? Didn't I tell you our ship was the Mark Matthews? The name, o' course, was on the stern. Some o' the letters was faded, and the 's' in Matthews was pretty nigh gone. What the Jew saw was the names o' two o' the apostles, Mark and Matthew.

"By this time I felt so bad for the poor old sinner that I wanted to give him somethin' to warm him up. I ran below, got some grog in a can and ran back, expectin' to swing it over to the Jew at the end of a rope. But when I got on deck the strange lookin' craft had disappeared in the fog.

"But where he'd drifted to was a puzzle, for within ten minutes the fog lifted, we could sweep the horizon, and there wasn't a sail to be seen. "Within an hour it come on to blow out o' the sou'west. That was the gale when I was wrecked, the Mark Matthews goin' to the bottom and the crew bein' picked up half dead by a whaler."

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