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## SELECTED STORY

From P. T. Barnums' Autobiography. A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

In 1836 I was traveling in the Sou h as pro show," which was called "Baroum's ntific and Musical Theatre." The performances consisted of feats of legerdemain and balancing by Joe Pentland; Thre dancing, sill performences and juggling by Sognia Ve vala, (the It le In I an whom I picked up while exabiling old Joice Heth in Albany ) and negro extravaganzas by B & White and others,

Pentland's legerdemain table had the usual trapedo r for pa sing things to his assistance. preparatory to the magical transformations presented to the spectators. The quarters blow were painfully narrow for a man of my size, but I volunt wed for the occasion in the absence of the diminutive employee in the line of business. Squarzing into the alloted space, I found that my nose and my knees were like's to become as quanted by close ontre - nevertheless, though Joanilla wahing my-olf at of the scrape, I held a lice squirrel in m. head, ready to wind the chain of a watch ar und his neck and hand him up I grough the trapsdo r when norded.

Pentland's arrangements of vases, cups, balls, and divers of er accompaniements of legardesere on the table. In due time, he called for a watch with a gold closin. One of the spectators av aed him with the article, and it was sometimend into my possession, under a vase and through the latte trap door in the top of the table. Ask varily perf roing my part, the squiried bit me severely; I sarieked with pain. such englary nick first then my back, then my legs, overtinew the table, smashed every book the article upon it, and rushed tehind the circuito! The squirret galleged off with the was haround his neck. Pentland was s ruck speechies, but if ever there was hooting and shoping in a mass of special rs, it was heard

In passing from Columbus, Georgia, to Montgoing v. A abama, we were obliged to travel eighty miles throng a very thinly settled and de olate portion of country known as the "Indone Nation." At this time our government under a strong

guard, or pura ony for their migration to Arkan sas. The chief portion of the lid anseeme in volunt at v, an i were willing to be femoved to their new home; but there was a good number of "ho-tiles" who would not come in, but who missed he swamps near the road leading from Colambus to M intgomery, and who almost dail In maid red passengers, who had occasion to passilinough the "Lohan Nation," Many considered is hazardous to pass over the road with out a site ng esco t. The day previous to our starting, the mad stage had been stopped, the pa sengers all mardeled, and the stage burne !. the driver es are d almost by a miracle. It was with much trepolation, has we determined upon incurring the risk. Our c'hef hope was, that owing to the large number composing our comning, and the lutions being entered in such leads, our appearance would be too formulable ter them to risk an attack. We all around our s lyes with guns, pisto's, bowiesk ives, etc., and

started on our journey. None of us felt ashamed to ackno I beet at we disaded to incur the risk ax an V valla. He was probably the greatest coward amongst u .. but like most of that class when they feel pretty sure, he swaggered and strutted about with much apparent importance, laugh og at uk for om fears, and swearing that he was abaid of no hing? but if he met fits In lians, "he should give them one device faci kang, and send d m back to de swamp in no time." The cowardly little brings clocio vexed us much, and we'determined if we ever got through to put his courage to the

The first day we travel ed thirty miles without seeing any Indians, and before night came to a half at the house of a cotton planter, who kept us safe till morning. The next day we proceeded safely to Taskeege, a small vidage where there was an enea pm at of fifteen hundred Indians, in Juding squaws and children. The third day we arrived at Mount Megs, where there was another " India comp" containing twenty-five then red of the red skin . We were now within fourteen miles of Montg mery, and test out of the magnificent road leading from Birmingham ad danger. But being determined to play a trick upon the canageon. V vide we informed a little village four miles before reaching Stratbim the next worning that we had to cass over ford, we found that the genius of the bard of the most dang rous portion of the total as it Avon had travelled thus far, for we noticed a miles, and had come to a dismal looking, thickly as their perquisites. wooded place, a farg fix sparcel crossel the While breakfast was preparing, we called fir that sie stood upon a jedastal at least eighteen seen at least one hundred cases of diarrhæ cured road, and ran into the adjoining woods. Vavalla a guide-book to the town, and the waiter brought the secret, we halred, and they went with Vivalla place of Shakspeare. I was not a little proud in pursuit of the squirrel. In the meantime to find this volume to be no other than the Pentland slipped on an old In han dress with a "Sketch Book" of our illustrious countryman, fringed hunting shirt and moceasins, which we Washington Irving; and in glancing over his oring his face with Spanish brown, which we that he had stopped at the same hotel where we had obtained for the purp se, and mountin, his were then awaiting breakfast. head with a cap of colored feathers, he shoulder- After examining the Shakspeare House, as camp. When he had got near them, he ap horses were being harnessed, a stage-coach stop- months so that he can chaff Tom Tumb crass."

proached stealthily, and was not discovered till he leaped in their very midst, and uttered a tremendous "whoop,"

Vivalla's companions, who were all in the joke, instantly fled in the direction of the wag ons, and Vivalla himself, half frightened to death, exhibited great swiftness of foot in his endeavors to take the same route, but the artificial Indian betraved extreme partiality and malignity in allowing all the others to escape, and devoting his whole attention to "heading" the Italian. The poor little fellow velled like a wild man, when he saw the musket of the Indian pointed towards him, and found there was no pos-ible means of escape, except by running in the direction opposite to where we were waiting. He ran like a deer, jumping over fallen trees and stumps with remarkable quickness, not daring to look behind him. Pentland, who was the most nimble on foot, allowed the Italian to keep a out four rods theid, while he followed, gun in hand, attern r a horrible Indian ve l at every o her step. The are continued nearly a mile, when the Signor. c implice v out of breath, perceiving his red skin alversary fast gaining on him, stepped, and throwing himself on his knees, begged for life. Tie Indian, pretending not to understand English levelled his gan at Vival a's head, but the poor fe low writhed and screeched ike a panther; and, carrying on a pantomime, vave the Indian to understand that life was all he asked. and if that was spared, every thing he possessed was at the service of his foe. The savage appeared to relent, and to understand the signs made by the Italian. He took his musket by the muzzle and rested the breach upon the ground, at the same time motioning to his tremb ing victim to "shell out."

Quick as thought, Vivalla turned his pockets inside out, and the Indian seized his purse containing eleven dollars. This was all the money be had about him, the rest being deposited in a trunk in one of our wagons. Gloves, handkerchiefs, knives, etc., were next offered up to appease the wrath of the savage; but he looked upon the offerings with disdain. Then motionng the Italian to rise from his knees, the poor fellow got up, and was led by his conqueror like a bomb to the slaughter. The savage marched him to a large and stately oak, where he pro-Haging them ceeded, with the aid of a handkerchief, to tie his arms in the most scientific and Indian-like man-

ner around the trunk of the tree. The red skinned warrior the departed, leaving poor Vivalla more dead than alive. Pentland hastened to join us, and doffing his wampum do s- and washing his face, we all proceeded in quest of the Italian. We found the little fellow ded to the tree, nearly dead with fright, but when he saw us his joy knew no bounds. We Losened his hands, and he jumped and laughed, and cha tered like a monkey. His courage returned instantly, and he swore that after his com, amons left him, the Indian was joined by hat f a dozen others; that if he had kept his gun, he should have shot one and beat out the brains of the other six, but being unarmed, he was obliged to surrender. We pretended to believe his stery, and allowed him to repeat and brag over his adventures for a week afterwards, at which time we told him the joke. Chagrin and mortifica ion sat on every line of his countenance, but he soon rallied, and swore that it was all on great de " Pentlan I offered him his eleven

d. Las, but Le would not touch it, for he "swore like a trooper" that it c uld not be his, for seven Indians took his money from him. May a hearty Luigh did we have over the valor of the little Italian, but we were at last oblig d to drop the subject altogether, for the mere allusion to it made him so angry and surly that we could not get a pleasant word out of him for a week afterwards. But from that time we never heard the Sign or boast of his courage, or make any threas against a foe, real or imaginary.

A DAY WITH ALBERT SMITH.

While in L nd n, my friend Albert Smith who is a jo ly companion, as well as a witty and sensible author, promised that when I reached Birmingham he wou'd come and spend a day with me in "sight-seeing," including a visit to the house in which Shakspeare was born.

Early one morning, in the month of September, 1844, the sun rose in unusual splendor for that country, finding my friend Smith and myself on the box-seat of an English mail coach, whiching at the rate of twelve miles an hour over to Stratford. The distance is thirty miles. At was said to be a fested with desperate hostine sogn over a miserable barber's shop, "Shak-peare warriors. V value as usual, was all courage, hair dressing-a good shave for a penny." In saying, " he only hoped he should see some of twenty minutes more we were set down at the the copper colored rascals; how he would make door of the Red House Hotel in Stratford. The dem run." When we had travelled about six concluman and guard were each paid half a crown

proposed pursuing it. This was just what we in a book, saying that we should find in it the wanted; so giving a hint to several who were in best description extant of the birth and burialhad secretly purchised at Morat M gs. and cil. Jumprous description of the place, I discovered

ed a musket and followed the track of Vival a well as the tomb and the church in which all and his parry, looking as much like a real Lidian | that is mortal of the great poet rests, we ordered as any we had seen the day previous in the a post-chaise for Warwick Castle. While the like a man; but I can learn Dek Swift in two

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1854.

One was a sedate, sensible-looking man; the chap training what you none other an addle-headed fop. The former was mild | what'll beat all the "thumbs" and unassuming in his manners; the latter was plers." all talk, without sense or meaning-in fact, a regular Charles Chatterbox. He evidently had Thumb has got the name, and you a high opinion of himself, and was determined name's everything. Tom Tour that all within hearing should under tand that er shine, even in my van long he was-somebody. Presently the sedate gen- dwarfs I knows, if this Yankee

"Edward, this is Stratford. Let us go and afore her half a dozen times." see the house where S ak-peare was born."

sensible young gentleman.

Our post-chaise was at the door; we leaped | works to save the crown of Hingland." into it and were off, leaving the "nice young man" to enjoy a visit to the birth-place of an ed with a hearty laugh. in lividual of whom he had never b fore heard. The distance to Warwick is fourteen miles. We reto ted the other; "they was made by the best went to the Ca-tle, and approaching the door of Hitalian har ist in this country." the Great Hal, were informed by a well-dressed porter that the End of Warwick and family were all over the country twenty years ago," r joined absent, and that he was permitted to show the another; "and arter that they laid five years in apartments to visitors. He introduced us suc- pawn in old Moil Wiggins cellar, covered with cessively into the "Re i Drawing R som," "The mould and dust." Cedar Drawing Ro m." "The Gdt Room," "Well, that's a good one, that is!" replied Bandoir," "The Compass Room," "The Chapel," a look of disdain. and "The Great Dain, Room." As we passed I made a move to depart, when one of the out of the Castle, the polite porter touched his head showmen exclaimed, "Come, Mister, don't head (he of course had no hat on it) in a style be shabby; can you think of going wi hout which spoke plainer than words, "Half a crown standing treat all round? each if you please, gentlemen." We responded to the call, and were then placed in charge of Tower," at the bottom of which he touched his Mr. Wax-works. ty, we proceed d to the Greenhouse to see the bamboozle their Queen with inferior dwarfs, costrum at the side of the vase, and commenced the power of chaffing," a set speech, which we began to fear was interhim in the middle of his oration.

ty i formed us, belonged to that hero of autiquit Coventry to Warwick." ty, Guy, Earl of Warwick. Among these were staff, and tilting-pole, each of enormous size: the horse armor, nearly large enough for an ele- ted no el of that name. hant, a large pot which would hold seventy gallons, called "Gny's Porridge Pot," his fleshed

than I had ever before heard in so small a com- consisting of about two hundred birds and ani-

" Almost!" replied the porter, with a grin of since been an attractive feature in my Museum. sati-faction that showed he was "up to souff" and had really earned two shillings.

The "Warwick races "were then coming off within half a mile of the vidage. We therefore went down and spent an hour with the multitude. There was very little betting or excitement regarding the races, and we concluded to take a tour through the "penny shows," the vans of which fined one side of the course for the distance of a quarter of a mile. On applying to enter one van, which had a large pictorial sign so confused in his brain, that he came near ".oof giantesses, white negro, Albino girls, learned pig. big snakes, etc., the keeper exclaimed. Come Mister, you is the n an what hired Randall, the giant, for 'M rika, and you shows Tom Thumb; now can you think of paying less than s.xpence for going in here?"

d mands, we entered. While in the showmen's vans seeking for aconi i ioas to my Museum in America, I was st uck with the sppe rance of a couple of femal s, who exhibited as the 'Canadian g'antesses, each seven fort in height." Suspecting that a cheat was hidden under their unfashionably long dress . woich reached to the floor, and thus rendered their f et myisible, I attempted to so ve the my tery ty raising a fort or two of the

Upon coming out of the van, a whole beyy of showmen from that and the neighboring vans. surrounded me, and began descanting on the merits and de peri s of General Tom Thumb "Oh," says one, "I know two dwarfs what is better ten times as Tom Thomb."

"Yes" says another, "there is no use to talk about T. m Thumb white Melia Patton is above the subscription price of your excellent paper.

"Now, I've seen Tom Thumb," added a third, "and he's a fine little squal, but the only 'vantage he's got is he can chaff o well. H chaffs

ped at the hotel, and two gentlemen alighted. "Never mind," added a fourth,

"No he can't," exclaimed a led our Queen-God bless he

"Yes, ves, that's the ticket," exclaimed anoth "Who the devil is Shakspeare?" asked the er; our Queen patronizes every thing foreign, and yet she wouldn't visit my beautful wax-"Your beautiful wax-works!" they all ex laim-

"Yes, and who says they kaint beautiful?

"They was made by Jim Caul, and showed

"The State Bed-Room," "Ludy Warwick's the proprietor of the beautiful wax-works, with

"Why should I stand treat?" I asked. "'Cause 'taint every day you can meet such a another guid , who took us to the top of "Guy's bloody lot of jolly brother showmen," replied

hat a shilling's worth; and placing ourselves in I handed out a crown, and left them to drink charge of a third conflactor, an old man of seven- bad luck to the "foreign wagab in is what could Warwick Vase. The old gentleman mounted a possessing no advantage over the natyves but

We returned to the hotel, took a post-chaise, minable; so tossing him the usual fee, we left and drove through decided y the most levely country I ever beheld. Since taking that tour, Passing through the porter's lodge on our I have heard that two gentlemen once made a way out, under the impression that we had seen bet, each, that he could name the most delightall that was in e esting, the o'd porter informed ful drive in England. Many persons were preus that the most curious things connected with sent, and the two gentlemes wrote on separate the Castle were to be seen in his lodge. Feeling slips of paper the scene he most admired. One for our coin, we bade him produce his rolics, and gentleman wrote, "the road from Warwick to he showed us a lot of trum ery, which, he grave- Coventry; the other had written "the road from

In less than an hour we were set down at the his sword, shield, helmet, breast-plate, walking- outer walls of Kenilworth Ca-tle, which Scott has greatly aid dt rimmortalize in his cele ra-

This once noble and magnificent Castle is now a stopendous ruin, which has been so often d s fork, the size of a farmer's hay fork, his lady's cribed that I think it unnecessary to say any stirrups, the rib of a mas od on, which the porter thing further about it here. We spent half an pretended belonged to the great "Dun Cow," hour examining the interesting ruins, and then which, according to tradition, haunted a ditch proceeded by post-chaise to Coventry, a distance near Coventry, and after doing injury to many of six or eight miles. Here we remained four persons, was slain by the valiant Guy. The hours, during which we visited St. Mary's H ll. sword wei, had nearly 200 pounds, and the arm- which has attracted the notice of many ant quarians. We also took a peep at the effigy of the I told the old porter that he was entitled to celebrated "Peeping Tom," after which we visigreat credit for having concentrated more lies ted an exhibition called the "Happy Family." pass. He smiled, and evidently felt gratified by mals of opposite natures and propensities, all livi: g in harmony together in one cage. This "I suppose," I continued, "that you have told exhibition was so remarkable that I bought it these marvelous stories so often, that you almost for \$2,500, (£500.) and hired the proprietor to accon pany it to New York, where it has ever

> We took the cars the same evening for Birmingham, where we arrive lat ten o'clock, my rien : A.ber: Smith remarking, that never be fore in his life had he accomplished a day's i urnev on the Yankee-go-ahead prin iple. He afterwards jublished a chapter in Bentley's Magazine entitled "A day with Barnum," in which he said we accomplished business with such rap dity, that when he attempred to write out the accounts of the day, he found the whole thing cating" Peeping Tom in the house of Shakspeare, while Guy of Warwick would stick his head above the ruins of Kenil-worth-the Warwick Vase appearing in Coventry, etc.

During our journey, I amused him with many of my adventures, including the history of The appeal was irresistible; so satisfying his Joice Heth, the Mermaid, the Buffalo hunt, etc., which he afterwards served up in his "Scattergood Family," making me the hero. At this ne my friend was an author, dramatist dentist, but subsequently he was exalted to the dignity of a "showman," and I am most happ to learn that he has accumulated a fortune from the exhibition of the patorama illustrating his extraordinary ascent of Mont Blanc.

CURE FOR CHOLERA.

MR. EDITOR: I sen I you a recipe for the cure superfluous covernig. The strapping young last of premonitory symptoms of Cholera, for the redy, not relishing such liberties from a stranger, lief of diarrhæ, dysentery, cramp cholic, and chohad me flat upon the floor with a blow from her lera morbus. All of the diseases above mentionbraway ban i. I was on my feet again in toler- ed, it will cure to a certainty. I know that is ably quick time, but no unt I I had discovered saving a great deal, but I know too, that I have at one dose, and have never seen it fail to cure at three doses. I have given this recipe to persons who would not now, they say, be without the knowledge of it for \$500. It will save doctor's bills, sickness, and very often death. Now I don't charge anything for this but for

> humanity's sake, hope that at least every reader of the Soil, will take a copy and put up at the first opportunity a bottle to be kept always on hand, it will save them more than thirty times R cipe, -One pint of good brandy, one ounce laudaum, one ounce gum camphor, half ounce of cayenne pepper. M.x well together, and for dose,

take teaspoonful. Yours truly, JNO. M. REED. Girard, Ala, 1854.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE PERILS OF WHALE-KILLING. A TRUE INCIDENT.

We were cruising somewhere between the

her top-gallant sails at the rate of about five miles an hour. The most hardened grumble could not find fault with the day. At the fore and main top-gal ant cross-tiee were two men on the look-out for wholes. It was now nearly four o'c ock, when the man at the main sung The second mate soon after picked us up in his on , "There, she blows!" He repeated the cry regularly five or six times. All was now excitement among the officers and men. Every one was anxious to know if it was the kind of whale missing. He was a young man, about sevenwe wanted. The mate hailed the man at the m sthead. "Where away is that whale? What but went in the place of the midsh'p oarsman, do vou call her?"

"Right whale, sir, on the lee beam, two miles off; look out sharp for her."

Sing out when the ship heads for her." "Av. av, sir."

"Ke p her away," said the captain to the man at the helm. "Boy, hand me the sp;

"Steady it is!" answered the wheel.

Th . Cap ain then started to go aloft. Mr. A (to the mate,) you may square in the aftervards, and then call all hands."

"Forward, there!' shouted the mate. Hau the main-sail up and square the yards. Bill!" (to an old sailor.)

"Ay, ay, sir. All hands aboy !" shouted Bill' in a voice like a tempest. Stand by the From Captain Canot, or Twenty Years of an African boats!" In less than no time the deck was

"Boat-steerers get your boats ready!" In moment, as it were, the boa's in readiness, the tubs put in, the lines bent on to the harroons and the crows standing by, ready to follow the bats down to the water, when the word came

"There she blows!" sung out the man at the fore; not haf a mie off."

brace up the mizen top-sail. Hoist and swi g the spirit-locker, with a strict injunction from the the toats. Lower away."

r ds from the b at. Now, boys, lay back hard! a listle enhanced by the well known aversion Sprag hard! I tell you! There she blows!- thes x have to spirituous fluids, in every shape, Only give way my boys and she is ours !"\_ on shore. Perhaps the salt air may have some-The boat bounded forward like a thing of life. thing to do with the acquired relish; but, as I "Spring like ig rs!" said the mate, sinking his an ot composing an essay on temperance, I voice almost to a whisper.

I looked over my shoulder to see what kind My companions' indulgence illu-trated anothf a chance I was going to have, at the same er diversity between the sexes, which I believe time giving a pull at the bow our with all my is littorically true from the earliest records to

her. "Sern! stern all! shouted the mate as gave loose to their thirst and tempers. They he saw the irons in the whale. "Come here, drank, quarrelled, and kissed, with more fremy boy !" said he to me. We shifted ends; he quency and fervor than any creatures it has to the head and I to the stern of the boat. been my lot to encounter throughout an adven-The whale started off like lightning.

The mate by this had his lance ready. "Haul my Irish friends resolved to take lodgings for away in the stein-heets. We had got nearly of the third, they returned, "fresh," as they said taking the line right up and down from the the jolly god had been their companion; and heat of the boat. I had two turns of a line as I was not a little scandalized by the conjugal round the logger-head, and was holdi g on as somes which usually closed these frolics, I hastanother large whale, that we knew nothing while I betook myself to a hammock which was about, shot up out of the water nearly her slung on the main boom. Just as I fell off into while length, in a slanting p suion has ging pleasant dreams, I was roused from my nap by directly over the boat. I threw off the turns a prelude to the opera. Madame gave her lord from the logger-head, an I shouted to the men the lie direct. A loaf of bread, discharged against to "stern." But it was no use; she fell the her head across the table, was his reply. Not conwhole length of her body on the boat. I heard tent with this harmless demonstration of rage, he a cra-h! and, as I went down, I felt a pre-sure seized the four corners of the table cloth, and of water directly over my head, caused, as I gathering the tea-things and food in the sack, thought, by the whale's flukes as she struck .- threw the whole overboard into the bay. In How long I was under water I know not; but a flush, the tigress fastened on his scanty locks I remember that all looked dark above me, with one hand, while, with the other, she puinand that I tried very hard to shove my head melled his eyes and nose. Badly used as he was through in order to brea he. At last I succeed I must confess that the captain proved too genfound myself on the surface of the wat r! - where female charms, are most bewitching and At out a rod off was the whale that we were visible; still, I am much mistaken if the sound fa-t to, thrashing the water into a foam with spanking she received did not elsewhere leave orimson streams pouring from the wounds made creditable to a pugilist.

in the whale's sides by the harpoons. In another direction I could see pieces of the boat floating around. At the distance of two or three miles I could occasionally get a glimpse of the ship as I rode on the top of a swell, but not a human being in sight. Not losing heart or hope, I struck out for a piece of the stern of latitude of thirty six and thirty seven d grees our once beautiful boat but a few rods distant. south, and the longitude of sixty-eight degree. The crew came up one after mother, catching ast, in search of right whales. It was be af at any thing they could see to help he keep ernoon, and the ship was moving along under them affoat. One poor follow came paddling along with too or three oars under him, crying

out that his back was broken. Another of the crew and myself got him on the boat that we had hold of. His thigh was broken, poor fellow, and he cou'd not move his legs at all .boat, and so much had we been engaged in looking out for ourselves, that we now perceiv ed for the first time that one of our number was teen vears old, and did not belong to the boat, who was sick at the time. The whale fell directly over him, and probably killed him in a

With what f-elings did we pull around and around the spot where the boot was stove, unwilling to believe, even after we knew there was no hope, that our shipmate was gone never more to return! How silently we glided along side of the ship, and hoisted in our other poor ship:nate, now lamed for life! Ah, that some of those sailors as little better than brutes, and who knew little or nothing of the kind feelings and stro g affections that are hid under their rough outside, could have seen what I saw on board that . hip. Even they would a limit that it is not always the polished and educated that have the warmest heats or most generous feelings.

THE CAPTAINS WIFE.

The reader will do me the justice to believe that nothing but the direct necessity compelled

me to embark on bord a British vessel, bound to Brazil. The Captain and his wife who ac compained him, were both stout, handsome Irish people, of equal age, but addicted to fondness for strong and flavored drinks.

My introduction on board was signalized by "Down helm!" shouted the captain. Mr. A., the ceremonious bestowal upon me of the key of commander to deny more than three glasses daily Down went the boats and down went the either to his wife or himself. I hardly comprehencrews. As the boats struck the water, every ded this singular order at first, but, in a ew days. man was on his thwart, with his hand on the I became aware of its propriety. About eleven loom of his oar, and all at once the three boats o'ch c's her ladyship generally approached when were cutting their way through the water in I was sor ing out the men's ration of gin, and the direction of the whale. I was harp oner to requested me to fill her tumbler. Of course, I he mate's boat, and she happened to be the glantly complied. When I returned from fa test goer in the hip, so that although we deck below with the bottle, she again required a all left the ship together and for a few rods kept | similar dose, which, with some reductance, I furn arly had and head with each other, still, we mished. At dinner the dame drank porter, but knew well enough that, as soon as the word passed off the gin on her credulous husband as came from the mate to give way, we should water. This system of deception continued as drop the others in a m m nt. So we did not long as the malt liquor lasted, so that her ladyfret ourselves, but kept c ol for a tight pull, ship received and swall swed diy a tile al when the whale should show himself on the lowance of capital grog. Indeed, it is quite assurfa e of t e water as an which he aid the me to ishing what quantities of the article can sometimes be swallowed by seafaring women. The "Here she is!" cried the mate; "and not ten oddness of their appetite for the cordials is not

shall I ave the discussion to wiser physiologists.

might. We were going on her starboard the present day. The lady broke her rule, but quarter: just the chance I lked to fasten to a the captain adhered faithfully to his. Whilst on duty, the allotted three glasses completed his po-"Stand up." shouted the mate; and in a tations. But when we reached Rio de Janeiro, moment I was on my feet, and in the next and there was no longer n ed of abstinence, save noment I has two harpoons to the hitches into for the sake of propriety, both my shipmates turous life. After we got the vessel into the "Hold on, line!" said the mate: and away inner harbor,-though not without a mishap, we shot after her, like an arrow from the bow, owing to the captain's drunken stubborness,me on to that whale!" he shout d: and all while on shore. For two days they did not hands turned to having line, while I coiled it make their appearance; but towards the close up to the whale when she took to sounding "from the theatre." It was very evident that much as the boat would b ar, when, all at once, ened to order tea under the awning on deck, ed; but what a sight presented itself when I erous to retaliate on that portion of his spouse his fluckes, the ocean red with blood, and the marks of physical vigor that would have been

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It was remarkable that these human tornados vere as violent and brief as those which scourge tropical lands as well as tropical characters. In quarter of an hour there was a dead calm .-The silence of the night, on those still and stariit waters, was only broken by a sert of chirrup, that might have been mistaken for a cricket, but which I think was a kiss. Indeed, I was rapidly going off again to sleep, when I was called to give the key of the spirit-locker,-A glorious resource that never failed as a solemi seal of reconciliation and blas.

Next morning, before I awoke, the captain went ashore, and when his wife, at breakfasts inquired my knowledge of the night's affray, my gallantry forced me to confess that I was one of the soundest sleepers on earth or water, and, moreover, that I was supprised to learn there had been the least difference between such happy partners. In spite of my simplicity the lady insisted on confiding her griefs, with the assurance that she would not have been half so angry had not her spouse foolishly "thrown her silver spoon into the sea, with the bread and butter. She grew quite eloquent on the pleasure of married lite, and told me of many a similar reproof she had been forced to give her husband during their voyages. It did him good, she said, and kept him wholesome. In fact, she hoped, that if ever I married, I would have the luck to win a guardain like herself. Of course, I was again most gallantly silent. Still, I could not help reserving a decision as to the merits of matrimony; for present appearance certainly did not demonstrate the bliss I had so often read and heard of. At any rate, I resolved, that if ever I ventured upon a trial of love, it should, at least, in the first instance, be love without

On our return to Europe we called at Dover for orders, and found that Antwerp was our destination. We made sail at sunset, but as the wind was adverse and the weather boisterous, we anchored for two days in the Downs. At length, during a full of the gale, we sailed for the mouth of the Scheldt; but, as we approached the coast of Holland, the win | became light and baffling, so that we were unable to enter the river. We had not taken a pilot at Ramsgate, being confident of obtaining one off Flushing. At sundown, the storm again arose in all its fury fromature, to northwest; but all attempts to put been Gold gland were unwilling, for we dared not show ray of sail before the howling tempest. It was, n leed, a fearful night of wind, hail, darkness, and anxiety. At two o'clock in the morning, we suddenly grounded on one of the numerous banks off Finshing. Hardly had we struck when the sea made a clean sweep over us, covering the decks with sand, and snapping the spars like pipestems. The captain was kided instantly by the fail of a top-gailant yard, which crust.e I his skull; while the sailors, who in such moments seem possessed by utter recklessness, broke into the spuit-room and quank to excess. For a while I had some hope that the stanchness of our vessel's hall might enable us to cling to her till davlight, but she speedily bilged and

After this it would have been madness to linger. The boats were still safe. The long one was quickly filled by the crew, under the command of the second mate-who threw an anker of gin into the craft before he leaped aboard,while I reserved the joliy-boat for myself, the cuptain's widow, the cook, and the steward. The long-boat was never heard of.

All night long that dreadful nor'wester howlel along and lashed the narrow sea between England and the Continent; yet I kept our frail kiff before it hoping, at daylight, to descry the lowlands of Belgium. The heart-broken woman rested motionless in the stern sheets. "We covered her with all the available garments, and, even in the midst of our own griefs, could not help feeling that the suddenness of her double desolation had made her perfectly unconscious of our dreary surroundings.

Shortly after eight o'clock a cry of joy announced the sight of land within a short distance. The villagers of Bragden, who soon descried us, hastened te the beach, and rushing knee-deep into the water, signalled that the shore was safe after passing the surf. The sea was churned by the storm into a perfect foam .-Breakers roared, gathered, and poured along like avalanches. Still, there was no hope for us but passing the line of these angry sentinels .-Accordingly, I watched the swell, and pulling brinly, bow on, into the first breakers, we soun with such arrowy swiftness across the intervening space, that I recollect nothing until we were clasped in the arms of the brawny Belgians

But, alas! the poor widow was no more. I cannot imagine when she died. Luring the four hours of our passage from the wreck to land, her head rested on my lap; yet no spasm of pain or convulsion marked the moment of her

That night the parish priest buried the unforunate lady, and afterwards carried round a plate, asking alms - not for masses to insure the repose of her soul .- but to defray the expenses of the living to Ostend.

The examination of the persons arrested for beconcerned in the recent Worcester riot commenced I hursday. Much interest is felt in the result of the investigation.

The weather in Mississippi has been very favorable to the cotton crop, so that it is now estimated by planters generally that possibly it may not fall more than one third short of a full crop