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THE YOUNG CAPTAIN'S GIFT.

"I see them plainly-a man and woman on that desolate rock! As I live, there are savages making from plundering it, for them! We must save them, sir!"

The speaker was Ben Raymond, the good looking young captain of craft. the ship Canton, bound to the Sandwich Islands.

After years of hard toil at sea Ben had bought the fine vessel, rescue?" which he had hoped would be the means of his soon acquiring a fortune.

He had safely rounded Cape Horn without injuring a stay or a many thousands of dollars vanishspar, but he then met with a succes ing in smoke and flame. sion of gales and head winds which finally brought the craft within the young lady's father. dangerous proximity to that group of rocky islands just north of the peninsula of Tres Montes, off the coast of Patagonia.

With care and skill, however, Captain Ben would have escaped the rocks-which, in fact, he was her-could have towed her out of slowly but surely passing-when danger." the forms of two persons were detected on one of the rugged islands.

As the Canton was hardly a mile from the elevated point on which they stood, and as a recent fog had quence than my ship." cleared, the captain could see them plainly enough through his glass to decide that they were white peo-Die

A crowd of hideous savages, armed with spears and clubs, and cloth. from the chase. them they would be obliged to have recourse to their canoes, as they were at present on an isle a little to the north of that occupied by their intended victims. The latter, much alarmed, were making signal's to the ship's crew, and their appeals went to the very heart of the young captain.

came whizzing from the two cances, now about thirty yards off, but thanks to the strong wind, which blow the minsiles to one side, they did no mischiet. "Now, men," said Ben, "let them "Now, men," said Ben, "let them "Now and carefully!"

followed by the zip, zip of the bul-lets as they skimmed the waves, and down went three of the na. When the vessel tives killed and as many wounded.

for so warm a reception, and turn-

ing their canoes, they headed back for the isle they had left. But dred

to the orders he had given, was speeding seaward. As the captain had supposed would be the case, the men in the launch had found it impossible to tow the Canton successfully. The wind and the strong current had drawn her on to her ing to get command of a ship!" doom. Sne struck a ledge of sunken rocks, her three masts went by

wreck, gradually breaking up. All ablaze from bow to stern.

The crew of the lann :h had faithfully obeyed their captain. After her." taking from the wreck such provisions and valuables as could be the

most readily obtained they set the hull on fire to prevent the savages This Ben explained to the two

rescued people, as, with dismayed faces, they gazed at the burning

"And so," cried the girl, the truth breaking on her mind, "you have sails. lost your vessel by coming to our

"It could not be helped," said Ben, smiling, although his heart sank withia him at sight of that fine ship, for which he had paid

"Yes, sir."

"You have an insurance?"

"Under the circumstances," said Ben, "I cannot, of course, get my insurance money. Had I not withdrawn one boat, I could have saved

"And that boat was withdrawn for our sakes!" cried the girl, with tears in her beautiful eyes.

"Never mind," said Ben. "Your lives were of much more conse-

He changed the subject, remarking that they were now safe from the savages, who, perceiving that the boat's crew, with their sail up,

The rescued man then told his aboard the craft, and in time he beed in rough skins, were hurrying story, first stating that his name came almost as rich as Mr. Barton. was Barton. Four days before he had sailed from Valdivia, Chili, where he had been for eight months, with his daughter, on a visit to a brother in business there. He had taken passage aboard a small steamer for San Carlos, he had been informed, he would find a good vessel to carry him and his child to their native city of New York. A few days after the little steamer sailed, the Chilian mate quarreled with his captain. They came to with his captain. They came to blows, and the mate almost killed his adversary. He then took command of the craft, and changed her course. What his intentions were the two passengers could not tell; but they believed that he would avoid San Carlos until he should discover whether or not the captain would recover from his injuries. Mr. Barton remonstrated; and, not wishing to be burdened with him and his daughter, the unprincipled dragged, and she would have and his daughter, the unprincipled thumped her bows to pieces against mate finally set them ashore, at midnight, on the desolate island from which Ben had rescued them. only salvation-she would certainly In what direction the steamer went after they were put ashore, they could not tell, as she showed no light, and it was dark at the time. woman," said Ben, sadly, "but it can't be helped. What is a ship light of the Canton in the distance before taking them to the shore, as it was only six hours later when they were picked up.

The roar of a volley was heard, was there of his ever being in a blowed by the zip, zip of the bul-sizuation to win the hand of the

When the vessel reached New York, and he parted with the girl The fierce gang were unprepared and her father, the latter did not or so warm a reception, and turn- even invite him to call and see him.

Weeks passed. Ben made vain efforts to obtain command of a ship. many more were collecting there. The persons to whom he applied until the shore was fairly alive with had heard of the loss of the Canton, them to the number of nearly a hun- and did not wish to run any risk True, the loss had been caused by Ben now directed the boat to- his going to the rescue of human wards the launch, which ere this, beings, but 'it was a loss all the had left the ship and in obedience same. Finding that he could not even obtain the situation of second or third officer, he had actually re-solved to ship before the mast, when Mr. Barton called upon him.

"I have had my eye upon you sir," he said. "You have been try "It is true, sir."

"And I have also been busy getthe board, and she now lay a mere ting one ready for you. You must know that I am a ship owner as at suce a volume of dense smoke, well as an oil merchant," he added, followed by columns of flame, barst noticing Ben's surprise. "And I from her hatches, and she was soon am going to put you in command of the Triton-one of my best vessels. Come with me and look at

He conducted his overjoyed com-

pagion to the Triton.

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"What do you think of her?" inquired the merchant.

"The most perfect beauty I ever saw!" cried Ben.

"Well, sir, she is yours-not only to command, but to own."

"Sir, I cannot think of accepting so great a gift!"

"Nonsense! She is yours, with everything in her. Step into the cabin, sir."

Ben entered the cabin, to find himself face to face with beautiful Ida Barton.

Then the meaning of her father's remark flashed on his mind.

his!

ton must have meant that the young captain could have her, too!

He was sure of this, when, with blushing girl fell upon his breast.

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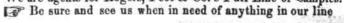
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The ship and everything in it Ida was in the ship, and Mr. Bar-

the joyful cry of "Dear Ben!" the

after, and Ben could not refuse the vessel as a wedding-gift from his father-in-law. The happy captain, would escape them, had desisted accompanied by his pretty wife,

"Ay! we must save them, and lose no time about it !" he said to his first officer, Mr. Barnes.

"But, sir, we will lose your ship by it," said Mr. Barnes.

This fact could not be denied. There was a strong current setting toward the islands, and if one of the boats, which, tull of stout oarsmen. were now being used for towing the craft out of her danger, were taken away nothing could save her from drifting down on the rocks. To anchor would have been useless, for with the forced wind and current against her, her anchors would have some sunken ledge, upon which, by depriving her of her headway-her have been drawn.

"I know I will lose my vessel by going to the rescue of the man and compared to human life ?"

"But, sir, if we lose your ship, are we sure we can save those people, after all?"

"If we should not be picked up, we can at least reach San Carlos," replied Ben.

The ship was provided with only a launch and a quarter-boat. Having issued certain orders to the men he was to leave behind, the captain started off for the isle in the quarter-boat, with a crew of twelve, that they might be prepared for an encounter with the savages, who numbering about thirty fierce, powerful fellow, were now coming off in

With much difficulty, owing to a tion. swift, diagonal current, Ben at last It

Ben felt much sympathy for father and daughter, and exerted himself to make them comfortable.

As soon as he joined the launch both boats kept along together.

They tossed about on the ocean all night; but at dawn a large ship was seen, and they were finally taken aboard of her. She proved armed with muskets and pistols, to be the North Light, bound to New York.

Ben was much in the society of Ida Barton during the passage. He loved her, and he had reason to believe that she shared his affec-

with much difficulty, owing to a swift, diagonal current. Ben at last reached the man and woman, who were evidently father and laught-er. The latter was a young girl of nineteen—the loveliest creature had ever seen.! Bearcely had he helped them into the boat when a shower of spears

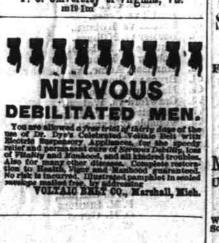
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