DEPARTURE OF THE ANTELOPE.

took the helm. The man Wade, whose old 'oman's name was Gipson, who had been mate on their memorable cruise, sailed now with Captain Corbet in the following capacities: —

> 1st mate, 2d mate, Steward, Carpenter, Cook, Cabin boy, Boatswain, Boatswain's mate, Crew.

The lines were cast off.

The Antelope caught the breeze, and yielding at the same moment to the tide, she moved away from the land, and down the tortuous channel of Mud Creek.

The boys followed along the banks of the creek till they reached its mouth. Here they stood in silence.

Outside, a thick veil of fog covered the water, and hid all the scene from view.

The Antelope sailed on, and, passing the boys, entered the water beyond. The boys tossed up their hats, and breaking the solemn silence, sent over the water loud shouts of good by.

The shout reached the ears of the captain. He turned. His mild face was visible for a few mo-