

THE NIGGER

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CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

"Well, that's all settled then, isn't it? What more do you want?" I stood undecided.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Island.

I came on deck one morning at about four o'clock to find the entire ship's company asleep. Even the doctor was there. Everybody was gazing eagerly at a narrow, mountainous island lying slate-colored across the sea.

Against one of them was a wreck, not so very old, head on, her afterworks gone. I recognized the name Golden Horn, and was vastly astonished to find her here against this unknown island.

CHAPTER XIV.

Captain Selover Loses his Nerve.

I lived in the place three weeks. We were ashore shortly after breakfast, under way by sun-up, and at work before the heat began. Three of us worked on the buildings, and the rest formed a pack of idlers.

"Here we will build the stockade," Darrow and I stared at each other blankly. "What for, sir?" inquired the assistant.

CHAPTER XV.

Wrecking of the Golden Horn.

Percy Darrow, unexpected, made his first visit to us the very evening He looked at me with a Mexican corn-husk cigarette between his lips, carrying a lantern; blew the light out, and sat down with a careless greeting, as though he had seen us only the day before.

"I carried the glow of it with me over until next morning, and was therefore somewhat dashed to meet Captain Selover in that manner."

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"Forgot who was your captain, did ye?"

"I have orders from Darrow to get a good berth, to land, to build some quarters, and to snug down for a stay of a year at least."

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temporary but complete good fellowship by the relief. "Wonder how the old doctor is getting on?" ventured Throckles, after a while.

"Dobbin fire," repeated the Nigger. "Yes, devil's fire; and devil, too, for all I know; and certainly vampires. Did you ever hear of vampires, Doctor?"

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