

the world before you ; it means everything. Those young men are not reporters to you ; they are the heralds of fame, my boy. A few of them may get there themselves some day, but it means that you have got there *now*. Do you realise that ?”

“Hardly. I suppose, then, the book has been a success ?”

“A success ? It’s been a cyclone. I’ve been fighting pirates ever since it came out. You see, I took the precaution to write some things in the book myself.”

Buel looked alarmed.

“And then I copyrighted the whole thing, and they can’t tell which is mine and which is yours until they get a hold of the English edition. That’s why I did not wait for your corrections.”

“We are collaborators, then ?”

“You bet. I suppose some of the English copies are on this steamer ? I’m going to try to have them seized by the customs if I can. I think I’ll make a charge of indecency against the book.”

“Good heavens !” cried Buel, aghast.
“There is nothing of that in it.”

“I am afraid not,” said Brant, regret-