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sunset, and never yet had Aileen'

spirits sank into a slough of depres-

Presently the whiplashes of foam

cut her cheek, and she laughed, her

sorrow almost forgotten, or, at any

conscious brain. She was filling her

rate, relegated to the limbo of her sub

CHAPTER XXI.

Concerning Introspection And One sion with a gale on hand. Kind of Courage.

(Continued)

Yes, it was all too true, said Aileen; Leigh had failed dismally, and she had lost a friend.

'hat's a chap who'll stand a lot soul with the joy and freshness of he It needed not that boastful voice, sea-the sea that never showed th watching. He'll be head and heart of hurling along the decks, rising even same face twice to her, and yet which

above the stir of the freshening wind, never altered in essentials. She stay- A SUCCESSFUL to tell her that. It was within her ined on deck until the cry went forth to ner consciousness, and she was sick, shorten sail, and even then she could

very sick, at heart. Why had she not not drag herself away from the fascinleft the sea, at heart. Why had she ating witchery of the falling yard

not left the sea, left it completely, and the slatting canvas, windbulged while she still loved it rather than re- and angry. But as Leigh came yawn main to witness that painful scene? ingly on deck and slipped past the To her the sea appeared now almost charthouse to take his part in th the world finds that simple and effect as an enemy; it had taken away from work toward, she remembered, an her her friend stiffened instinctively. When sh

But Aileen was not the girl to brood heard his clear young voice bellowing commands, leading the "pully-hauly unduly on the chance happenings of poop determinedly; she swung to and when, the work done, the second mat

swing; a quick glance aloft at th stripped royal yards, a glance into the binnacle, a glance astern and to wind ward, and then aconsultat ion of the barometer, and a shrug of the wellrotected shoulders as he noticed the steady fall of the mercury in the tube

"I used to say a falling block had

nit me," laughed Steadman, "Who was

(it? Long Jake, as they call him

untruthfully.

ing neatness, daintiness and "Going to have a nasty night," said The blouse portion was of the mate, coming on deck after tea shadow lace over cream net. The re-'Good thing the wind's off shore and sleeves are finished with lace edging and a little double ruche What's the matter with your nose?" lace is held at the back of the "Fell against a bollard," said Leigh

neck by a strand of pale blue chiffon roses. These same little flowers combined with green silk cord are used as frogs across the front and suit Long Jake, I'll bet. But we'll get eatch up the sleeves. The skirt portion is of pleated pink crepe

chine. The girdle of pink satin ribbon is looped in a bow at the front

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"It's a bad thing, my boy, when an nauseous moment of the morning. of bravery, as there were different What that deed should be he could officer has to appeal to the skipper to maintain his authority. I'd have liked forms of cowardice, and there was not yet tell, but he was so confident in whole long voyage before him yet. it better if you'd plugged him in the his fate as to realise that somehow or "If I'd been anything but a con- other a way would open out before eye first and run the risk of being founded ass," he declaimed wrathful- him when the time was ripe. hauled up for striking a sailor. The

man has a hold on you, and he's the ly, eyeing the swinging lamp with a "All hands on deck!" The ship savage glance, "I'd have let myself be gave a sick lurch, there was a roaring very man to make the most of it. He' hung before I'd have been moved by seen you in a weak moment-he isn't crash, the soap-dish clattered across

deck, where in the tumult every other

It was the first real tight corner the

new crew of renegades shipped

aboard. The hours that followed were

unpleasant in the extreme and once

(To be continued)

grace. silly sentiment. Aboard a Palace his washstand, and took charge, disthe sort to understand that a man cream Liner this sort of thing would never appearing under the bunk, as a furimight funk for one minute only to be have happened." And then Ailen's ous squall smote down out of the brave as a lion the next-and he'll'deface came between him and the light, north and laid the Zoroaster on her spise you from now on. You'll either and he sighed. have to ride him on a loose rein or beam-ends. With his hot thoughts "I'd go through it every day for the working madly in his brain, Leigh else you'll have to put on the curb and sake of seeing her in between times," break his jaw. No half measure will reached for his oilskins and raced on he said thoughtfully

The rush and growl of water past thought was forgotten. him put ashore when we get to Sydhis ear soothed his vexed thoughts at ney. He's an uncomfortable sort of last, and he fell into something of a Zoroaster had been in ever since her swab, anyhow. Worst of it is those

doze. A dream came to him then. He Dagoes have had a bad lesson. Keep saw himself performing deeds of mar-'em cowed and we might do something vellous heroism, deeds that brought a with 'em. Once let 'em see that we're bright light of approval to the girl's Leigh felt a heavy object hurtling past afraid, and there'll be no holding them winsome face. Heroisms uncounted he his ear in the darkness. A moment for a minute. Take my advice and performed in the space of a few fleet- later the dull clang of metal on metal keep your grip on them-hard!" ing seconds, and at each and every told him that a cunningly thrown be-Leigh went below and took his tea one he was more than rewarded by laying-pin had come near to braining wondering, the while he ate it, whe her flashing smile and her impulsive- him. The Spanish-Italian element in ther Steadman was quite just. He had ly out-thrown hands. He wakened the crew was averse to his methods of certainly failed in a needful crisis, but with a start. Somehow or other, he discipline!

he had rallied afterwards, and had repaid the insult with accumulated in terest. Long Jake's face would be a

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