

## THE FLY KID.

HE MAKES HIS DEBUT IN LITERATURE BY A PIRATE STORY.

EDITOR OF GRIP,—

I HAVE been thinking for some time of writing storys for your paper. I hear their is lots of folks makes plenty money that way. As you see I write a pretty good hand and can spell middling well, and if I should make any bad missteaks the printers can fix them can't they

I will write this story cheep if you will take it—about ½ the regular price for I want to get a little money, as Jimmy Bulger says which is into my class at Wellesley School talk is cheep, but it takes money to buy cigarets and git into skating rinks. At first I thought of writing a Injun story but I dunno as I could, for I mightn't be able to git hold of the long names which Injuns have. Pirats mostly have short easy names, so I guess I'll comence on Pirats. Mind if you print the story don't give me away 'cause the boys might laugh. You can say by the Fly Kid; that's what Tom calls me. Tom is my brother.

This here is the story—

### RED-HANDED RUDOLPH; OR THE TERROR OF THE SEAS.

BY THE FLY KID.

#### CHAPTER 1.

ONCE their was a Pirat and his name was Red-Handed Rudolph. He was indeed a noble looking Hero. Sum said he was the son of a duke but nobody knowed for if they axed him a dark scowl came onto his hawty brow and he would fire his pistils at the man which wanted to know. His vessel which had scoured the seas was laying in the harbor of New York.

Rudolph might have been seen walking along Broadway with his long black hair falling about his shoalders and his pistils in his belt. He went into a dry goods store and says to the Boss.

My name it is Red-Handed Rudolph. Ime a pirat and I want to see sum Pirat Flags with a skull and cross bones on 'em. Our flag says he was shot all full of holes and is n.g.

Step this way if you please sir, says the boss. We have a first-class assortment of Pirat flags just in. There now says he that's a elegant artciel which I'll sell for 25\$ which is tew per cent less than cost.

I'll take it says Rudolph—which he done and thew the store keeper says aint you goin to pay me the money.

Har! Har! says Rudolph with a Laugh of Scorn as he drawed his trusty Revolver and fired at the store keeper.

#### CHAPTER 2.

As Rudolph went down Broadway with the Flag under his arm he met a ragged newspaper boy which was selling papers.

Will you buy a paper says the newsboy. Yes says the Pirat I'll take all you got and with that he put his hand into his pocket and pulled out a Whole Handful of shining Gold picces which he give to the newsboy. And he didnt want the papers neither.

Thus we see that even a Pirat may have a kind and feeling hart.

#### CHAPTER 3.

After a while Rudolph met a girl drest in fine clothes with diamond rings onto her fingers. She was a good-looking girl and her name was Arabella De Johnson. Her father was a millionaire.

Arabella says Rudolph Ime in love with you. I have lots of money and can buy you good clothes and jewelry. Come with me and be a Pirats Bride.

Not says Arabella I think not Ime going home.

Not so fast my prowd bewty says Rudolph and he ceazed hold of her. She screamed for the Police and

fainted when Rudolph called a hack and put her into it. Drive me down to the wharf says he to the cabman but he wouldnt so Rudolph shot him and drove the cab down there himself.

Then he got Arabella on board of this vessel, and says to Wall-eyed Will the Mate

Is the anker weighed?

Ay ay sir! said the Mate.

Then hist the sails. Thus dost Red-Handed Rudolph win his Bride!

#### CHAPTER 4.

There was a Earl lived in Belgrave Square, London. His name was Joseph P. Walker and he was to have been married to Arabella De Johnson. When he heard that the Pirat had carried her away he was Mad.

He says I'll follow him like a slooth-hound. And so he went to Queen Victoria and says—Queen lend me a first class man of war to pursue younder Pirat.

You bet I will says the Queen and if you catch him Ile give you one hundred thousand pounds in gold.

So Earl Joseph P. Walker he bought a lot of cannons and guns and swords and put aboard and then he goes down to the wharf where he seen some sailers and he says to the sailers Ile give you 5\$ a week if you'll help me to catch Rudolph and so they come aboard and Earl Walker started out.

#### CHAPTER 5.

After the man-of-war had sailed about 4 months they come to a uninhabited Island in the middle of the Ocean where they was a cave. It was the Pirat's Den. The pirats was playing yewker and drinking wine in the cave, and their was big Piles of gold and Jewils which they had took from the vessels.

Earl Walker and his men landed and they seen the pirat flag flying at the mouth of the cave. Now weve got em says the Earl, and he drawd his flashing blade and rushed in.

Carambo says Rudolph and began firing his Pistils wildly when the Earl plunged his sword into his hart! Yure artist might praps make a pictur of this thrilling seen.

"Tis He" shrieked Arabella rushing 4th from a recess in the Rear of the Gloomy cavern as she throwed herself into the Earl's arms. The rest of the pirats was killed or Hung at the yard-arm

The reader will see from this story that a Pirat genrally comes to a Bad end.

P.S.—I forgot to mention that the heaps of gold was divided among Earl Walkers sailers.



THE EFFECTS OF TOO MUCH XMAS GOOSE.