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There is no flock, however watched and tended, But one dead lamb in there; There is no friend, however defended, But one who's left behind.

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THE DESERTED CREW;—OR—LIFE ON THE WILDLING GROUND. BY AN OLD WHALMAN.

Many years ago, I think in the year 1837, when Spain was more plentiful than at present, and when the oil did not command half the price that it does now, I had the misfortune to be boat-starter on board the ship George, of New London, Captain Pegg, or Pegg, as he called himself, to rescue it from the vulgarly attending upon the pronunciation of the first name.

During the year above-mentioned, we were cruising in the sea of Japan, between Hokee and Dinsin, nearly rigging the land during the day, and, as night came on, taking the ship, and an easy sail, standing from the shore until daylight.

There was not much hard work in the life we led, although sometimes, when we struck a whiff, we made the oil fly; but that did not happen as often as we would, and many a pair of covered feet were stretched to get a sight of a whale upon the water, which was a sight worth seeing.

This morning, however, the mate was unusually cross. He had been dreaming about his wife; we could always tell when he had—and as he happened to have a very pretty and young one, we surmised that his sleep must have been seriously disturbed.

"You have made a good appearance at last, have you?" growled the mate, whose name was Lancelot; "it was just thinking of having your breakfast to you; and as soon as we sighted land, I intended to go on shore and get a few delicacies for your lady's cross."

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