to that effect, we left.

derstand his plan. Once before a trader had tried to do business and Wally Bo

that sly old chap eat the trader first and

drank his rum afterward. 'Business be-fore pleasure,' remarked Wally Bo Logn. ''We went inshore at night by the dark

of the moon, and while the heathen war

sleepin we lightered that rum to land, and

then at daybreak we stood off. There, along the beach, stood barrel after barrel

and a bright new tin cup, chained fast, 'for

tin cups cost money,' was what Absalem

brig and speculate about the chances for

breakfast. The tin cups caught their eye,

and then pretty soon the rum caught them.

Absalom stood on the upper deck and

watched them. 'They're strong in the body,

but weak in the head.' Then he went down below and read his 'Pilgrim's Prog-

ress' and 'Guide to Wealth.'
"In the afternoon Absalom Biggs sur-

veyed the scene again. He seemed kind of pleased. And finally, when Wally Bo Logn

got his marine cap jammed down over his

with his legs and sat down to unmix him

self. Absalom ordered out the boats. 'Take

care of all of them that can't take care of

themselves, kindly said he. By nightfall

the brig out of sight of land until further

his 'Guide to Wealth.'

'These are your instructions: Keep

We sailed up, and we sailed down. We

tacked this way and that and roamed about at our own free will. One more or-der we had from Absalom: 'All you need

give the savidges is plenty of water and

room to play. No rum,' he added, absent-mindedly, 'for rum costs money.' And

then I heard him chuckle again and say,

They're strong in the body, though weak

Well, we went on a-sailin, and Absa

om consulted me just once more. 'What

do you know about 'rithmetical retrogres

ion?' he asked me. I was young in those days-almost young enough to know

verythin-and, havin the cannybals on

water is a leetle brackish, but the harber is fair, and there are plenty of paims. It

hadn't any inhabitants the last time I was there. 'Never mind,' he said; 'if you take

760 and divide it in two, and then every our days cut your figgers down one-half

how long'll it be until you have only one? Bein a little weak on figgers, I said noth

any interest in our cargo. He usually staid in the cabin and read. And the Keep

Mum kept sailin on, sometimes toward

the tropics and sometimes toward the pole.

It didn't seem to make any difference to

Absalom whether her canvas, from sky-

course was laid for London. The mornin we went up the Thames Absalom's inter-

est in our cargo came to life. He lifted up

the hatch careless like, and after a bi

Waliy Bo Logn's black head appeared. Now, though livin with and on mission.

aries, Mr. Bo Logn could speak English. 'We're goin ashore,' said Absalom. 'To

eat?' asked Wally Bo Logn. 'Yes,' replied Absalom, and Wally nodded his head. So

we disguised him with a linen duster that fitted him rather soon and added some

other old clothes by way of adornment. Then up went we to the foreign secretary.

Between you'n me, he's a better man to do business with than the lord high ad-

miral, not havin so many titles. The first assistant to somethin stood in the doorway,

with his nose tilted skwyard. 'We've busi ness with the secretary, said Absalom.
'And what might your business be?' said his highness, with considerable scorn.
'Eat,' said Wally Bo Logn, and he smiled

at him with his meet you at the messroon

smile, and his highness just shrank into nothin. Then we steered for the secre-

tary's office and found him at home with

"What do you want? he said, frownin. And then Mr. Bo Logn and the secretary

sized each other up, for they were two of a

"'Allow me,' said Absalom Biggs, its

introduce you to Mr. Wally Bo Logn, king

" And where are the rest of the tribe

asked the secretary impatiently.

"Then Absalom drew himself up to his

full height and made his best, best bow.

'They're strong in the body, though weak in the head. They're in him,' said Absa-

lom Biggs."

Just then the waiter at the cookhouse

sounded his sheet iron supper call, and the patriarch rose stiffly, scraping his pipe.

'It's supper time, boys," he said.-Lon-

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to each ounce. Keep the bottle handy and bathe often, whenever opportunity offers. This treatment hardens the skin and pro-

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menced at the beginning of illness, before the skin is even reddened.—New York

The sublimity of wisdom is to do those things living which are to be desired when dying.—Jeremy Taylor.

Negligence is the rust of the southat corrodes through all her best reso

utions -- Feltham

the same big chair around him.

of the Guinny cannybals.

kind.

breeze or flapped idly in a dead calm "But finally one day, after he had held a deep consultation with the almanac, our

in." And then he fell to cipherin. "After that Absalom didn't seem to take

my mind, I answered up smartly,

And then Absalom went back to

eyes and his lieutenant's sword tangled up

"The heathen came down to look at the

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Words are but pale and dull; Earth teaches silence to us. Bend down thy lips, sweetheart, Let my soul speak, in part, Thus—leve—and thus!

—Town Topics.

A CANNIBAL KING.

Jim threw another log on the campfire and the blazing circle of light grew to its old dimensions. We could see the stars dodging back and forth behind the tops of the pines, and the lone covote which had a monopoly of noises down the gulch was indulging us with a temporary rest. The patriarch occupied the seat of honor, a camp stool, and the rest of us were ranged on a tree trunk.

The patriarch looked at me. "I'll do you the favor," he said, "of fillin my pipe with your tobakky. Speakin of sea yarns, that story of Jim's about the icebergs that hunted in pairs, keepin a keen lockout to squeeze a ship caught without a breeze, while the polar bears sat by and laughed, was tol'bly good, and the one you told about the thing that could stand on its head on the floor of the ocean and flap the face of heaven with its tail was purty fair-yes, purty fair. But they were just yarns, plain yarns, neatly unraveled. And that makes me think of what old Absalom Briggs used to say, 'Always tell the truth, my lad, if you're a master smart

"Absalom had a distant relative-he lived in Nantucket, and his bother was anchored in Jamaiky-who brought and sold everything, from queer shells to queer money. His brother was a smart m nigh as smart as Absalom himself, and he might have lived to be a great one if they had given him plenty of rope. As it was he was a leetle too high strung to make a success of life. It's queer how the furriners acquire all of our improvements, ever the art of lynchin.

'Absalom was master and sole proprietor of the good old tradin brig Keep Mum. They were two of a kind, Absolom and the Absalom wore a suit of homespun that hung on him like a sail wrapped around a windmill, and the brig was all right if she was only as black as she was painted, for she needed sprucin up badly. But they were both hard to beat in their deceptive lines, I reckon. The Keep Mum was one of the best of her kind that ever faded out of sight of a revenue cutter, and Absalom was entitled to a patent right on lots of the tricks of his trade. He was a quiet kind of man, though he had a good nmand of language, resultin from hard study of circus posters when he was a lad, and the Keen Mnm sailed so stilly that the wind couldn't whistle through her riggin

Now, Absalom was a temperance man from principle and interest, though hewasn't particularly religious, and worshiped nothin, so far as I know, except savin's banks. 'Never taste the intoxicatin cup, young man,' he used to say. 'You might miss a chance to make a dollar.' But just the same, after his brother came aboard at the end of my first trip to Kingn, bringin with him a mysterious airkind of strongly scented-Absalom loaded the Keep Mum with the rum. And such rum! in barrels, with rusted hoops and cobwebs clingin round 'em, they hoisted it on board. The pirates that hid it a century before stored nothin weak, and every year added to its strength. Our second mate, who was a man of much liquid experience ashore as well as at sea, took a vargo of one cup. It was just three days efore he could navigate, and-would you believe it?-for two weeks after that whenever be dreamed of that rum at night he'd

wake up in the mornin tipsy. Absalom was a man who glanced over newspapers from curiosity and read trade journals for profit. So I knew somethin extremely uncommon was up when he spent a whole forenoon porin over a newspaper, with his elbows on the table and his fingers olutched in his hair, and when I heard him chuckle I was interested. Absalom Biggs never wasted a chuckle. I heard him say as he went out of the cabin, They're strong in the body, but weak in

'Of course I picked up the paper. It told the story of an awful tribe of canny-bals who resided on the west coast of Afriky. It seemed they were a tribe of reg'lar bunko steerers, for all the missionaries who went there were invariably taken in. Then the queen of England sent down a gunboat, and the captain of the gunboat sent a man with a white flag and a proclamation in violent language to these canny-bals. But there was some misunderstandin about the matter, for the cannybals eat both the gallant tar and the proclamation. It hurt the captain's feelin's very much, so he landed most of his force and went after the heathen. Alas, he didn't know 'em. I disremember all of the affectin lines the poet lawyate wrote about 'em, but the cen-terpiece of the work run somethin like this:

They were an awful hungry lot And havin nothin much to do, Invaygled the tars—the sun was hot— Into a nice, seclooded spot,

Then ate that gallant crew. "Her majesty missed a reception on ac count of that, and the foreign secretary missed two first class races. Then a cruis er went down there on business. But the captain, not bein on his job, was shortly on the rocks, and when the men swam ashore the heathen met 'em with a hearty reception. And it was awful amnoyin after that to the people on the English boats that went sailin by to see them savidges a sittin on the rocks and sunnin themselves, dressed in British naval uniforms and sarcastic smiles. And the foreign secretary had taken to his bed, so the paper

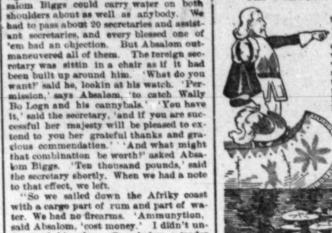
'We sail for London tomorrow,' said Absalom Biggs, who was standin in the doorway with his hends in his pockets.
All the information you ever got out of
Absolom about his business was volunteered, so I saved my breath by askin no
questions. We sailed with fair weather
and a good breeze. All the way over Absalom didn't do anything but walk the deck with his hands in his pockets and a

commercial expression on his face. Did I tell you that we didn't unload that rum? "We reached London, and Absalom put on his best store suit to go up to see the foreign secretary. He put one leg of his trousers outside his boot and one incide, 'fer I flon't know,' says be, 'how the for-

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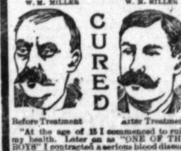
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