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The Derelict.

Unmoored, unmanned, unheeded on the deep—
Tossed by the restless billow and the breeze,
It drifts o'er sultry leagues of tropic seas,
Where long Pacific surges swell and sweep.

When pale-faced stars their silent watches keep
From their far rhythmic spheres, the Pleiades,
In calm beatitude and tranquil ease,
Smile sweetly down upon its cradled sleep.

Erewhile with anchor housed and sails unfurled,
We saw the stout ship breast the open main
To round the stormy cape and span the world,
In search of ventures which betoken gain.
To-day, somewhere on some far sea we know
Her battered bulk is heaving to and fro.

Lucius Harewood Foote.