

PREFACE.

That my readers may fully understand in the beginning who the parties are they are reading about, I write this preface. I joined the Lynn Mining Company that left Lynn Nov. 10th, 1897. This company bought a schooner, the Abbie M. Deering, and went by way of water, stopping at Bahia, Brazil, S. A., then passing through the Straits of Magellan, and so on up to San Francisco. I had a rare chance to sketch the many true pictures from nature that decorate this book, the total number being thirty-seven. The schooner in the book is called the Diver, nicknamed by the crew for the vigorous way in which she dove into a sea, giving many of us a good wetting, in spite of every precaution.

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