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## CHAPTER IV-Continued.

I began to feel uncomfortable. I knew that my conduct had been far from disinterested and that I had been bribed with a price. I saw, too, at a glance that the girl was ignorant of the means that had been employed to bring me to the house and of the payment I was going to receive for what I had promised to do.

"It is hardly to be expected, your Highness," said Silver, "that Dr. Silex would dertake this work for us, if he did not hope to benefit in some way. He is a total stranger, though he is the one man in Lon-don whose help will be most useful to us. He came here at my request to purchase a Bible. I have given it him for noth-In return he will do what I have asked him.'

A shade of disappointment crossed the girl's face, and I experienced the lowest depths of shame. I would have given much to contradict Silver and say that my services had not been bought. "A Bible?" she said slowly; "that is not

"It is the most valuable book in the

world," I said bitterly.

"Yet nothing to one of the richest men in London," she answered, apparently still hoping that I had some other inducement

"I refused to sell it," Silver exclaimed. "I refused to sell it," Silver exclaimed. "It was not to be bought for money. I named the price, and Dr. Silex has prom-ised to pay it." The girls face flushed, and I could have strangled Silver on the spot.

"It is well," she said coldy. "Whatever the value of the book, it cannot be set against the services Dr. Siles will render

us," and she turned as though to leave the I sprang forward. I was tremoling with

tion and my cheek was hot with shame

"The book is here," I said, holding it out in my hand. "I refuse to take it. When I made the bargain I had not met your Highness. Now I have done so I will tell you that it takes more than four thousand pounds' worth of printing to buy the services of a millionaire." "Do I understand, sr," she said, "that

and looked round the room with a bewil-dered stare. The sight of the dusty books, the piles of ironware and crockery, re-assured me. The cripple was still playing the viölin, but his music had grown louder and more martial. His two eyes were fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene, fixed out my face. It was a weird scene fixed for financial real fixed out my face. It was a weird scene fixed for financial fixed for

"I leave everything to you and John Silver," she replied, and with those words she turned and left the room. When the rustling of her golden robes had died away, the whole place seemed darker than before. I turned to John Silver.

is a complete stranger to me in a business the mere nature of which has not even been revealed. The lady, if I may say so without disrespect, appears to be under some delusion."

"She would appear to be so." "If I ask for no more information," I continued, "and consent to do these things in the dark, it is for pity of her, and be-cause I know she needs a friend." "It does you credit," he said with a smile, "but you shall know a great deal more when you pring Captain Thorlassen L introduced more than a pear he back parlor of a dingy villa. "If I ask for no more information," I continued, "and consent to do these things

An Extraordinary Expedition. For a whole month I was fully occupie with the affairs of John Silver and his ward. I divided the diamonds into small parcels, which I distributed among the various merchants of London and Amster-dam and the two large stones I sold pri-

went to eleep, for I had discovered that

Captain Thorlassen was the second in em-

mand in the Norwegian Polar Expedition of 1882.

CHAPTER V.

at the speaker in amazement. fixed on my face. It was a weird scene, but still part of Londorf, where, doubtless, there was hidden away many such lumber reems. I was glad to feast my eyes on it just then. A few seconds before I rose to my feet I was distinctly under the im-pression that I was in a hall of a great gatte, and that knights and men-at-arms glittered round me in a solid wall of steel. I blinked my eyes, and then I saw the Princess smiling at me. In the half light she apneared to tower un from the heaps and quite unnecessary.

Princess smiling at me. In the half hight she appeared to tower up from the heaps of rubbish at her feet like a beautiful col-umn of gold. "Farewell," I said, and, bowing low over her hand, I kissed it rather more warmly than the etiquette of a court would re-quire. "Shall I take your Highness's jew-els with me now?"

to 266 Budd street, West Ham, and met for the first time a man who was afterwards destined to become my closest friend.

away, the whole place seemed darker than before. I turned to John Silver. "I will take the jewels," I said abrupt ly, "though this seems a rough sort of neighborhood. When I have disposed of them, I will call on the man you mention-ed. Somehow, his name seems familiar to me. Have you nothing further to tell me," and I searched the man's face with a keen glance. "I will call on the man's face with a keen glance." me, and I searched the many local was in fact five feet eleven inches. Instance was in fact, five feet eleven inches. Instance was lined and searred with a continual life of hardship and responsibility. He had been in the ill-fated Stromson Expedition of 1882, and had lived on the ice for over six months without any food but the raw flesh of birds and the occasional herems of a wallers. He had been in the the raw flesh of birds and the occasional luxury of a walrus. He had been in the Antarctic Expedition of 1886, and had seen his ship crushed like a nut between two mountains of ice. He had tried the North-West Passage four times, and had been in the first Expedition with Norden-skiold. Has whole soul was wrapped up in the emitment of ambanding and dis

reat, and no authority so absolute, a sire every man in the expedition to be, a that of a skipper in command of a Polar ree man, whose life is his own propert risk as he chorses. Now, I must firs

"I cannot tell you," John Silver replied tell you, Dr. Silex, whorfs, as you know promptly: "perhaps it is a mere whim of mire. Perhaps I have a grave purpose." very rich man, has consented to dra Il the cheques in this matter, but he lm can only tell you that the expedition must left the scheme to me. I have, I may tel you, special knowledge of those regions. be so equipped, and that its very safety and special information which will enable the expedition to reach the Pole itself." depends on these instructions being carried

The captain's face brightened a little Captain Therlassen nodded approvingly "Of course, in self-defence," he said thoughtfully, "it would be different, but and I found myself wondering whether ught not to correct the false impressio the idea is absurd. No weapons will pre that I was supplying the sinews of war. vail against the enemies we have to meet. "This expedition," he continued, "will differ in many respects from all others which have preceded it. In the first place against icebergs, low temperature, and starvation. The space occupied by these arms would be better filled by extra pro it will be of great magnitude. We propos isions. to equip and send out no less than twent

"I will give you my assurance," said Sil hips, with crews of fifty men apiec ver, "that they are necessary, and that you will not be asked to countenance any I leant forward in my chair and stared thing that will bring you within the grasp "One thousand men!" Captain Thorlas of the law. I can explain no further. Come, Captain Thorlassen, you are unsen exclaimed; "twenty ships! impossible reasonable. If the arms are there, you are not bound to use them. You and your companions cannot be compelled to do anything. I only stipulate that the arms shall be put on board. Their mere presence will ot injure either you or your reputation. Captain Thoralssen sat down in his chair

and relit his cigar. Silver did not disturb him, preferring to let his own view of the

After a couple of minutes' silence, the captain smiled. "I will go," he said, "the money is too great a temptation. And Icannot stand the parlour of my house for another six months. It is like being in the held of a ship. I am in four hands, gentlemen. I do not think you would knowingly bribe an honorable man to com-"Captain Thorlassen will be asked to do nothing that an honorable man may not do," said Silver. "He knows the con-ditions, and has agreed to them. I have no more to say to you, gentlemen. The practical arrangements 1 leave to you, Captain Thorlassen; the financial matters o you, Dr. Silex. I have the fullest confidence in both of you. There is much to be done, and the expedition must start at the beginning of April. As you, Cap tain Therlassen, are now in our service, Dr. Silex will pay £1.000 on account to your credit at a bank for your persona expenses up to the time of your departure wish you good afterncon, gentlemen.

We rose to our feet. He shook hands with both of us, and we left the room. I drove my companion back to Hanbury House and insisted on his remaining to dinner. Afterwards we discussed the details of the expedition far into the night and speculated on the strange conditions that had been made by John Silver. I confessed to Captain Thorlassen that I was in complete ignorance of the secret



TCE RUN SINKS On the contrary I began to wonder why I had wasted so much mney on them. Though I did not realise it as yet, a gre change was working in my nature. The old ideas were withering and the new had AMERICAN VESSEL not yet sprung to life. But the seeds had been planted in my heart and brain. The few chosen sentences of John Silver, th hard breezy influence of Captain Thorla sen and his stories of the North, and even Gloucester Fisherman Sank in your own chance words. Cordeaux, were slowly but surely drawing my mind along

20 Minutes After Being a definite line of thought, and whisperin that a man's true life is one of action. I was troubled in spirit, and, rising from Struck. my chair, went up to bed. And, as I slep that night I dreamt of much action an

CREW HAD CLOSE CALL.

CHAPTER VI.

much reward, and every deed and every

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A Reshuffling of the Cards. The next morning the organisation of this gigantic expedition was commence in earnest, and before many days were over the whole country knew that I, Dr. Sile: an "eccentric" millionaire, was arranging and paying for the despatch of a whole Had Better Luck. fleet for the discovery of the North Pole

The journalistic imagination ran riot in details of huge expenditure, in libellous portraits, in stupendous statistics, and in idiculous interviews. So many young men arrived at Hanbury House to ascer tain my favorite amusements and what I usually eat for dinner, that my housekeeper thought the whole world was going mad and I think she suspected that the maddest

of all was her master. The fullest information was given to all inquiries. But on one point I maintained absolute secrecy. I said nothing about the shipment of the arms and ammuni-tion. It required, indeed, the utnest skill to keep all knowledge of these warlike pre-parations from the eyes of the Press and Government. But I insisted that this chould be dance and Cartin Theolescon object of the expedition, and that the money was being supplied through me by self. The particular ob- a man of infinite resources and untiring thinking that no damage would result, unenergy, placed the orders among various ject, I said, was immaterial to either of us. Neither the captain nor the crews til the cook noticed water pouring in on Continental and American firms, and shipthe forecastle floor. He gave warning and the captain signaled for a tug that was ped the goods at various ports direct on could possibly be forced to do anything of to his own vessels with so much skill and secrecy that no whisper of the truth reach-ed the ears of the most inquisitive official. The various large and weighty packages, labelled with the cards of fictilious pro-vision merchants, were shipped without dustion or nemark. Even the captains which they did not approve. I said nothlying near. The tug came to the vessel's assistance, but she had hardly reached her before the schooner went down, the men having bare-ly time to get into their dories. They lost all their personal effects, the American question or remark. Even the captains and crews themselves were in ignorance of consul having had to furnish them with clothing immediately upon their reaching the real nature of these consignments. Captain Thorlassen recognised that the magnitude of the task before him impera-

or anyone who had agreed to give their

services in the matter, and of all the thousand men who were laboring each at

his appointed task. I think no one worked

From the very first it was evident that

after allowing a safe margin for contin

is unfortunate. We could have done with five more ships than I originally asked for,

instead of having to do with five less." I went away with a more favorable im-pression of the man. I had fully expected

him to hint that it was a rare opportunity for some rich man to help the cause o science, or even to ask me outright to com

tribute the balance of the necessary funds

Bue he had merely acquissed in the in

evitable. The interview puzzled me. And the raison d'etre of that first meeting, with

all its mummery of golden robes and music,

was still more obscure. But I threw myself into my work with

redoubled energy. There was now indeed

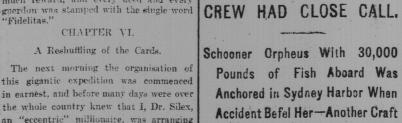
was a man with the best of them. Both my mind and body had grown rusty in the

(To be continued.)

harder than myself.

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his plans.



Sydney, N. S., April 22-(Special)-The Gloucester fishing schooner Orphaus, Cap-tain Adolphino Spinney, was struck by a large pan of ice in the harbor this morning, and twenty minutes later keeled over and sank to the bottom!

The Orpheus arrived a day or two ago and anchored alongside the Lunenburg fisherman Agatha. The strong wind blowing this morning locsened the ice, and a large pan, about 200 yards long and 100 wide, drifted upon them. It came swiftly, forcing the Agatha from her moorings, and carried her across the harbor. caught the Orpheus, but she, having stronger ground anchors, held on and was crushed about her port planks, and immediately began to fill with water.

Towards the end of July I made my way

a farthing."

ceed to Cape Alfred Ernest in Grant Land, where the first winter will be spent." "I have been there before," interrupted Captain Thorlassen. "When I was a boy. with one of the expeditions in search o Frankhin. "In the second place,' 'Silver continued "you will on your own ship provide accommodation for a lady and her maid. Thi lady will be placed in your charge, and

## "Money makes all things possible, Cap Aloney makes all things possible, Cap-tain Thorlassen; and it is obvious that with so large a number of vesse's the chance of one being successful will be very much greater than if the whole expedition depended on a single ship." "It is stupendous," murmured the cap tain; "stupendous." "You see now," he continued, "why I want a man who can lead and organize. You, Captain Thorlassen, will take com mand of one ship in person, and genera command, so far as is possible, of the whole fleet. You will select suitable captains and crews for the other vessels. We propose offer you £10,000 for your services, and

another £5,000 if you or any of your ships actually reach the Pole itself." Captain Thorlassen rose to his feet. "I will do it," he cried with enthusiasm; "I will do it. I will reach the Pole, gentle-

men, and, if I don't, you needn't pay mo "You have not heard all yet, Captain Thorlassen," said Silver quietly. "I told you that in many respects this expedition would differ from all others. I will con

inue to enumerate the points of differenc Perhaps you may not accept the post after all. No funds will be provided except or the following conditions." Captain Thorlassen resumed his seat. "The first condition," the cripple con-inued, "is that the expedition must pro-

you wish to be released from your pr "I do."

She looked inquiringly at John Silver, and he frowned. It was a situation he had not anticipated. He had evidently relied on my inordinate love of books, and on

The work will, moreover, cause me con-siderable amusement."

The girl gazed at me with wondering eyes, and I looked down on the ground. Then she advanced a step towards me, and her face was alight with a smile of triumph

"Now, indeed," she said, "I have one more willing servant. For another, we need look no further than this," and she laid one of her hands on the cripple's shoulder. "John Silver has lost two of his limbs in my cause, and he fought by the dark lake of Nitril till its waters were red with his blood, and its shores were heap-ed up with dead. For the third, you look in vain. And such is all the kingdom of Thora de Brie."

I was silent, and once more a wave of it was shent, and once more a wave of pity swept over my mind. For this poor girl was raving of subjects and kingdoms in a mined square in one of the worst quarters of London. She was young and so beautiful that the whole world might

so beautiful that the whole world might have worshipped her. Yet there was so great a shadow on her mind that she could not see the realities of life or escape from the clouds of her imagination. "We, too, can give," broke in John Sil-ver; "the Mazarin Bible is yours." I amiled contemptuously. "Such gifts," I replied, "are too like a purchase. I will buy the book with money and not with my services. Lady, I will bid you fare-well."

"Stay," she said hastily, "at least you cannot refuse some badge of your services. Wear this, and so long as you wear it, do your best for the cause of Thora de Brie." She drew one of the sparkling rings from her fingers and held it towards me. I watched it for a second glittering in the light of the setting sun. "It is too valuable," I said, advancing

towards her. "Have you nothing simpler? Remember, I take no payment for my services.

She replaced the ring, and drew another from her left hand, a wide circlet of rough gold engraved with a single word "Fide-litas," in rude ill carven letters. The crip-ple began to play very softly on his violin, and, as I looked past the Princess, I caught and, as I looked past the Frincess, I caught sight of his two dark eyes glowing above the instrument; and, as I gazed into their depths, I thrilled as though I were one of the violin strings vibrating to the man's touch. And then once more there came that strange feeling of something new in the opened a drawer, and taking out a box the opened a drawer, and the some the sound that strange feeling of someting new in my life, and the strong desire to accom-plish some unknown object. I sank on one knee and the **Princess** took my hand in Now I regarded it idly, and began to look Now I regarded at idly, and waste of

single strand of her glorious hair fell for-ward and brushed my check. The hot blood rushed into my face, and my heart glowed with all the fires of chivalry. "I will serve you till death," I mur-mured, scarcely knowing what I was say-ing, so intoxicated was I with her loveli-ness and the touch of that stray wisp of hair. Then I rose abruptly from my feet

hands from his fingers. I had distinctly heard the clash of armor and the blare of

square.

It was a beautiful evening, and I stood on the steps for a moment while I drank in the cool evening breeze. The square was still absolutely deserted; not a light in any window and not a sound of anyone stirring in the house. A sparrow twitter-ing in the eaves above my head was the only sign of life. But in the distance I could hear the florid notes of a barrel or-gan, the shouts of a drunken brawl, the bark of a dog, and all the multitude of small noises that steal up from a great city at night. I reached hom in safety and placed the

I reached hom in safety and placed the with a sense of some mysterious power.

ed up to the cening, I found myself think ing very little of the valuable volume and a great deal of the way I had obtained it, and more still of the Lady Thora de Brie. My triumph over Professor Budlip had faded into the background, though the king of all books lay with its pages open on my

knee and the Frinces that hers. "Edward Silex," she said softly, "will you be my loyal and true servant—of your own free will?" "All that I may do in honor and self-respect I will do for you," I replied. The stooped down and placed the ring Bhe stooped down and placed the ring thus the finger, and as she did so a bittle finger, and as she did so a

on my inordinate love of books, and on my desire for this particular volume. He did not know that his own words and actions had begun to break through the habits and motives of twenty years. He "You shall be released," she said; "un-less, indeed, we can tempt you with a larger offer." "I will do what you wish," I replied, handing the book to John Silver; "but only on one condition," she said, "and, if it is possible to us." "The is simply this," I answered, "that I may give my services for nothing. They are very trivial, and not worth paying for. The work will, moreover, cause me con-siderable amusement."

"No, thank you," I replied, getting up from my seat, "I am pressed for time. Will you be at my house at three o'clock

hands from his fingers. I had distinctly heard the clash of armor and the blare of trumpets. I stepped back and stared round the room. It was now so dark that I could distinguish nothing clearly but the square head and shoulders of John Silver sihouetted against the window. Then they died away, and for a moment everything assumed strange shapes and forms, as the most ordinary things will in the twilight. I thought I could see the wreekage of a battle, the heaps of slain, the broken wands and bookcases had grown into a vista of gigantic gorge and precipice, and where the grey patch of the window had been, the difficult I heard the sound of the trum-pet like a far echo in the distance. I rubbed my eyes and looked again. It was nothing but a dark room full of books and furniture. "Good night, Mr. Silver," I said heart ily, anxious to be out of the place into the square. I twas a beautiful evening, and I stood

square. It was a beautiful evening, and I stood disorder of the other apartment. There

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I reached hom in safety and placed the diamonds in the safe. Then I had dinner and retired to my study to gloat over my new-found treasure—the most valuable book in the world. But, as the blue smoke of my cigar float-ed up to the ceizing, I found myself think-ing mere little of the reluptive values of the relumen "here and the context of the reluptive values and the look of the reluptive values of the relupti

Captain Thorlassen's eyes flashed, and his whole face was lit up with eager pleasure. "Am I willing, Mr. Silver?" he said quickly. "I tell you it would be like going

home after a long voyage to get once more among the ice." "Very good. You are, I know, a cap able man, not only in mautical matters

her comfort and safety must be your es-pecial care." A shadow crossed Captain Thorlassen's face, and he puffed hard at more when you bring Captain Thorlassen I introduced myself, and briefly stated that I had an enterprise in hand which know everything. I do not think I have been unreasonable. You have not com-mitted yourself to much." I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger, and I glanced at the ring on my finger (the ring of the ri

"In the third place," John Silver pro-ceeded, keeping his eyes fixed on Captain Thorlassen's face, "you will take with you an unusually large supply of fircarns for such an expedition. Each man must be atmed with a magazine rifle and a revoling about the Princess. I was sure in my own mind that she was the passenger re-ferred to, but for some reason or other I felt disinclined to mention her name, or associate her in any way with the mys-

John Silver hin

terious objects in view. I found Captain Thorlassen's conversa-tion of peculiar interest. He told many ver, and 10,000 cartridges must be taken for each weapon. You will, in addition take on each ship a Maxim with 109.0 stories of his previous experiences and ad-ventures, always modestly, and only to illustrate some practical point under disrounds of ammunition, and a 15-pounde with 1,000 rounds creshell. The object this equipment will be scarcely obvious to you. You must take my word for it that illustrate some practical point under dis-cossion, but yet with such simplicity and vigor that my mind was strangely stirred. A new world began to open out before my eres, a word of stremuous life and hardship, peopled by men cfaction. In such a world the mere bockworm and scientist was only a speck of dust swept aside by the strong feet of those who were fighting nature with all the force of their heains and this provision is indispensable for your safety. I think neither you nor Dr. Siley will suspect piracy about the 80th degree of latitude. This expedition must be ready by the beginning of April next year. You will choose your own route to Cape Alfred Ernest. You will there endeavor to get the vessels into some sheltered harbor, and close the outlet to the sea with flow with all the force of their brains and bodies. I began to despise myself ,and to wonder whether, after all, this rough sailor and bergs of ice. There is a prace on that coast which is just suited for the purpose. Your ships must remain in this harbor dur-ing the months of June and July. If all was not doing better work in the world than anything a mere scholar could accomplish

When Captain Thorlassen left, and I or any of you fail to reach it, you must take refuge in the best place you can get and cut yourself off from the open set as was alone in the library, I allowed my thoughts to turn once more to Thora de Brie, and to wonder why her beauty had far as is in you power. In any case should advise you to land all your stores made so strange an impression on my mind. Beautiful women were common enough in London, but I had never turned my head and to be ready to go ashore at a mo ment's notice. I leave all other arrange You have an absolutely free hand as to choice of men and the nature of the equipto look a second time at anyone of them. Yet this girl's face was constantly in my mind, and I was now even annoyed and worried at the thought of her being ex-posed to the terrible rigor of an Arctic ment. But these conditions must be ob-served, and, if you observe them, this expedition will be accompanied by none of those horrors and hardships which have winter. I tried in vain, to analyse my thoughts. The culy conclusion I came to was that her costume, and her surroundmade it more perilous for a man to go in search of the North Pole than to expose ings had in some way appealed to me. The air of mediaevalism had surrounded her, himself in the thick of battle." He stop-ped and looked at us keenly. and she had appeared as no ordinary wo The captain had listened attentively, but man in London had ever appeared before, in the robes of a queen, to the weird music there was a puzzled expression on his face, which had deepened to a frown when of a viclin, and in the semi-darkness of a strange apartment with one ray of sun-John Silver came to the question of Max-ims and 15-pounders. I myself began to ight on her face, and with an atmosphere think that Silver was not quite right in of mystery about all her words and actions the had been more like the heroine of some old romance printed in black letter "What are the guns for?" asked the cap

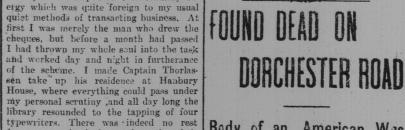
cept that they are necessary." The catain eyed him narrowly for a mo-ment, and then, pushing back his chair, delicate. Yet, as I turned the circlet round on my finger and read the single word "Fidelitas," I felt that it was given with no idea of sensational effect and no "In an expedition of this sort, Mr. Sil-ver," he said bluntly, "a man risks his ife, and is willing to give up everything but he expects perfect confidence to be placed in him. All must be straight and above-board. There must be no sailing in the dark, no sealed orders, so to speak. thought of sentiment, but rather as a queen of old might have given a ring to a faithful courtier as a mark of approval and a badge of servitude. "Fidelitas!" I laughed, and, knocking out my pipe in the fireplace, I filled it again and smoked You are both rich men, and I am a poo

devil who has cared more for the excite ment of life than the pleasures of it, bu houghtfully. Then I began to idly wonder why John in a thing of this kind we are equal. Tel Silver had chosen me for a confidant and me plainly, as one man to another, wha you want me to do with these guns?" assistant. The man's own explanation was "I have given you all the instruction palpably a mere-excuse. Though he was a cripple, he could have sent for Captain Increases and blaced everything in his hands. He could have easily sold the jew-els and books in the public market. The thought troubled me, and I had a vague idea the averything are and I had a vague the sent merels are sent to a sent the public market. The thought troubled me, and I had a vague the sent merels are sent to be sent to be sent to be sent to be sent thought troubled me, and I had a vague the sent merels are sent to be sent that are necessary," replied Silver coldly; "you are at liberty to accept or refuse the offer." "I do not mind the women, mark you, Captain Thorlassen continued, "though they will wish themselves back in England they will wish themselves back in England, poor things, before we have crossed the Arctic Circle. But I have no intention of commanding a naval expedition for God Lawaw what purpose, and finding a rope waiting for me when I get back to Engidea that something more would be requirand." "What harm do you think you can do with artillery in those regions," said Sil-think that John Silver would require more money, and that he was working to ob-

think that John Silver would require more money, and that he was working to ob-tain not only my personal but also my fin-tain not only my personal but also my fin-tain not only my personal but also my fin-"Heaven knows!" the captain exclaimed; "all I know is that we do not want Max-mis to shoot seels with. I want you to tell I further came to the conclusion that he

mis to shoot seals with. I want you to tell me what we do want them for." John Silver was silent, and played with a paper-knife. "I am a plain man." Captain Thorlassen continued, "and I wart a plain answer. You must not treat me as a child, gentle-treat ware genuine, and had been my finance in the line of me and important for the theorem life. then, I shall have the lives of my men in friends through life. Iny care; and there is no responsibility so But to my surprise I found no comfort

The Orpheus was thirteen years old, and had 30,000 pounds of fish on board, besides a considerable quantity of salt and suptively demanded an extensive division of labor. He at once engaged his crows and plies. The vessel was insured. An effort pipointed the captains to serve under will be made in a day or two to float her. am, and not a single man had a day's The crew have been forwarded to their leisure for the next eight months. I myself developed an extraordinary en-



Body of an American Was Lying in of Pool Water on Highway.

From the very first it was evident that the expedition would cost a quarter of a million more than the sum set aside for the purpose. I and Captain Thorlassen had gone carefully into the figures, and Dorchester, N. B., April 22- (Special)-At 2 o'clock this afternoon, as Fridrick Doncaster was driving on the highway after allowing a safe margin for contin-gencies, we resolved that we could only purchase and equip fifteen ships out of the twenty. Lohn Silven had asked for twenty John Silver had asked for. We communicated this to him by letter, from this village. Coroner Allen was at once notified, and

and in reply received an argent summons to call on him. He went through all the figures, and frowned as he read and check-

The body found was that of an aged man, stout and apparently of good phy-sique, and when discovered was almost "Very well, gentlemen," he said, "we must have fifteen ships. In a mater of submerged in the water of the road ditch, which at that point flowed through marshy this sort there can be no economy and no cutting down of expenses. Everything must be plentiful and of the best. But it

He was recognized as having called at a house Wednesday evening, and where he gave his name as Murray, hailing from Newcastle, Colorado. It is understood that Advectation of the same purport were found to papers to the same purport were found to upon his body. These, however, were taken in charge, and their contents will not be known until brought before the coroner's inquest tomorrow morning. A deep tear and hole in the flesh under the left are and a small wound in the left the left eye and a small wound in the left ear have led to the theory that he may

have been the victim of foul play. Gideon H. Palmer, M. D., was summoned, and is tonight making an examination of the body. His testimony before the inquest is being awaited with interest. The deceased was evidently a sailor."

a marked and radical change in my mode of life. I had tasted for the first time the sweets of action. I had realised the pleas-BURGLARS AT WORK IN YARMOUTH.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 22-Yarmouth had a robbery last night when the premises of Cain Bros., grocers, Main street, were broken into from the rear and a small amount of cash and goods stolen. The theory is that the thieves were well acquainted with the premises. Exit was made by the front door on Main street and the door left unlocked. The post office shortage has been settled by the postmaster paying the full amount. The department loses nothing. Allen's whereabouts are not known. Wincent Gabriel, a Syrian peddlar, a resi-dent of Abram's River, reports two robberies on his premises, when money and goods were stolen. He offers \$100 reward for the conviction of the thieves.

. But before three months had passed, I had made a resolution which might justly have been deemed insame by the kindest of my acquaintances, and John Silver him-self, whatever his designs were with regard

Japan nearly threefold. According to the census of 1897 the empire had 129,562,718. Within the last half century the increase in population has been tremendous. In 1815 it was estimated at 45,000,000. At the present time it is nearly 150,000,000. In population the Russian empire surpas

- - Martin

and bound in yellow vellum, than a crea-ture of flesh and blood. "I cannot tell you," Silver replied; "ex-

