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THE BOAT CLUB

By Oliver Optic

"Where do you suppose Tim got the money to buy that boat with?" said Fred, looking seriously at Frank. "I don't know," replied the latter; but a gleam of intelligence penetrated his mind. "I hadn't thought of it before."

"I don't know, either, but I can guess."

"You might guess wrong."

"Fifteen dollars is a great deal of money for a boy like him to have. His father works in one of the mills at Rippleton."

"Here comes Tony with his sister."

"Where is your mother, Tony?"

"She couldn't go, but she said Mary might."

"Stop a moment, Tony, and we will bring the stern round by that rock," said Frank. "Ready with your oars—back her! That will do; now pull on the larboard and back the starboard oars—steady."

The stern of the Zephyr came up to the rock, and the gallant coxswain assisted Mary to a seat by his side. Tony and Charles resumed their places at the oars.

"How pretty your boat is!" exclaimed Mary, delighted with the appearance of the Zephyr.

"Very pretty indeed. Ready—pull."

"But won't it tip over?" cried Mary, as the boat darted out of the cove.

"O, no; there is not the least danger."

"And you guide it with those strings?" asked the wondering girl.

"Yes; they are fastened to that crosspiece, you see, and when I pull them, it moves the rudder."

"What is the rudder, Frank?"

"You can see only the upper end of it; but it is a flat piece of wood, which acts upon the water and turns the boat," replied the obliging coxswain, illustrating his explanation by his hands.

"O my! how swift it goes!"

"Not very fast now."

"Why it goes like a race horse."

"The boys smiled at Mary's enthusiasm."

"Let her drive a little, Frank," suggested Fred Harper.

Frank commenced swaying his body back and forth, increasing in rapidity till the boys put forth their utmost exertion. Mary held on to the gunwale of the boat, as her speed augmented, and she seemed almost to fly through the water.

"Isn't it beautiful?" exclaimed Mary.

Frank was so intent upon the movements of the excited crew, that he scarcely noticed they had nearly reached the north shore.

"There! that will do; rest," said he.

"I should think they would be very tired," added Mary.

"Perhaps they are; we came over very quick; the distance is nearly two miles."

"Twice the Bunkers!" said Charles.

The Zephyr was within a short distance of the landing in front of Joe Braman's house. The Thunderbolt had just put in there, and as they approached Joe and Tim were examining the nature of the damages their boat had sustained.

"What does he say, Tony?" asked Fred.

"He says he can easily fix it."

"Pull," Frank said, "Row very slowly." Steering the boat round by Joe Braman's landing, they saw Joe go into the house, and return with a hammer and some nails, with which he proceeded to nail a piece of board over the fracture in the side of the Thunderbolt.

"I can't fix it any better to-day. I'm going to Boston in the two o'clock train."

"Will that hold?" asked Tim.

"Yes; she won't leak. Now just row me over to Rippleton."

"There is the village of long faces," said Tim, pointing at the Zephyr.

"Jump in, fellows, and just throw some of them stones into the boat. We'll give it to 'em yet."

"Joe's going to Boston," said Fred.

"So he says."

The Bunkers threw the stones into their boat, and then got in themselves. In imitation of the discipline of the Zephyr, the oars were first placed in a perpendicular position, and then

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28th December, 1917.

dropped into the water.

"Pull!" said Tim, steering directly towards the Zephyr.

"Most twelve," suggested Fred Harper, with a significant glance at Frank.

"Pull!" replied the latter, smiling.

"Want to race?" shouted Tim.

"With the greatest pleasure."

"Come alongside, then, and we will take a fair start."

"No, you don't!" said Frank, in a low tone, appraising an attack from his quarrelsome rival. "I will give you twenty rods the start," continued he, aloud.

"You daresent come," sneered Tim.

Joe Braman was seen to speak to Tim, and instantly the Thunderbolt was headed towards the Zephyr.

"Pull with all your might!" cried the Bunkers.

"Drive 'em into the 'ere cove, and then you can fix 'em," said Joe.

But Frank gave this cove a "wide berth." A very little exertion on the part of the club was sufficient to keep them out of reach of the Bunkers, and they continued their course leisurely towards Center Island.

"Joe Braman saw that the chase was hopeless, and at his suggestion the Thunderbolt abandoned the pursuit, and steered towards Rippleton.

"Those are dreadful bad boys," said Mary Weston, when, to her intense relief, she saw them give up the chase.

"That they are; but out boat is so much swifter than theirs that we can easily keep out of their way."

"Do you suppose they really meant to stone you?"

"I have no doubt of it."

"Nearly twelve," said Fred Harper, looking at his watch.

"Give way, my lads; we will be there in time."

The clock on the distant church was striking twelve when they touched at the island. The Zephyr was turned and backed in shore, so that Mary could land conveniently.

"How do you do, Mary? I am glad to see you," said Captain Sedley, as he helped her on shore. "And, Frank, your mother is coming over. The wind was so light, we could not sail. Will you row her over?"

"O, yes, father."

"I suppose you are more ready and willing than the boys who pull the boat."

"We are all ready and willing," shouted the boys.

"Hurrah! so we are," added Charles Haroy.

"She is waiting in the boat-house."

The Zephyr pushed off again, and in a very few minutes returned with Mrs. Sedley as passenger. Frank was delighted to show his mother how skilful his club had become, and she was much pleased with her excursion.

Uncle Ben secured the boat to a tree, and the boys all landed. Everything was ready for their reception. The table, which was covered with every description of "nice things," was laid under the shade of a tall oak in the miniature forest.

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A Bowl of Soup and a Slice of Bread

HOW many of us grumble at the burden of planning three meals a day, day after day! How much more simple it is in Belgium, where most of the inhabitants stand in line for a few hours to get a bowl of soup and a slice of bread—the entire day's ration.

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