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The Smugglers of Holland Cove.



WE were a merry party camped at Holland Cove in the summer of 1896. Five tents supplied our sleeping accommodation. We had a house, it is true, but only for eating in, and sometimes for dancing in.

We had an occasional incident.

I give you one which only came fully to light a few days ago.

On the fourteenth of August one or two of the members of our party remarked upon the appearance of two schooners which lay out about two miles in the offing for some days without apparent reason. That day the wind had shifted pretty well all round the compass, but no sails had been set to the breeze, nor was there any sign of busy life on board either vessel.

The afternoon set in cloudy, giving the promise of a dark night. It was noticed that shortly before sunset one of the