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A SHIP OF '49. By BRET HARTE.

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"Privace not," he stammered. "Privace not," returned Nott, with great gravity. "But that's not so much to you ez your time and expenses." "I meant I should be glad to go if I can be of any service to you," said Renshaw, hastily.

"You kin ketch the 7 o'clock boat this out of the Californian gold excitoment, when she was sent with a cargo to San

"But I thought Miss Rosey went to which your father bought." "But I thought Miss Rosey went to Petaluma," interrupted Renshaw quickly. Nott regarded kim with an expression of patronizing superiority. "That's what we killed out to the public gin buly, and to Ferrers and his gang in partickler. We said Petalumey, but if you go to Madrono Cottage, San Rafael, you'll find Rosey said Petalumey, but if you go to Madrono Cottage, San Rafael, you'll find Rosey

released him from any sense of duty to Sleight. Besides, he did not doubt that Callao authorities. I was then asked, as Not's letter contained some reference to this affair only known to Nott's dark and tortuous intelligence. one who knew the vessel, to undertake a private examination of her, with a view of purchasing her from your father with-

CHAPTER VIII. Madrono Cottage lay at the entrance of a little canada already green with the early winter rains and nestled in a thicket of the harlequin painted trees that gave it a name. The young man was a little relieved to find that Rosey had gone to the stifflypostoffice a mile away and that he would probably overtake her or meet her returnng-alone. The road-little more than a -wound along the crest of the hill looking across the canada to the long, vily wooded flank of Mount Tamalpais that rose from the valley a dozen miles away. A cessation of the warm ain, a rift in the sky and the rare spects cle of cloud scenery, combined with a certhat would have been fair to Sleight?" tain sense of freedom, restored that light earted gayety that became him most. At a sudden turn of the road he caught sight of Rosey's figure coming toward him and quickened his step with the impulsiveness of a boy. But she suddenly disappeared, and when he again saw her she was on the other side of the trail apparently picking the leaves of a man-zanita. She had already seen him.

Somehow the frankness of his greeting vas checked. She looked up at him with cheeks that retained enough of their color to suggest why she had hesitated, and said. 'You here, Mr. Renshaw? I thought you

'And I thought you were in Petaluma," he retorted, gayly. "I have a letter from your father. The fact is, one of those gentlemen who has been haunting the ship made an entry last night. Who he vas and what he came for nobody knows. Perhaps your father gives you his suspicions." He could not help looking at her narrowly as he handed her the note. Ex-

cept that her pretty eyebrows were tly reised in

offered to go quictly ashors. As we were short of hands and unable to take them with us, and as we had no evidence against them, we let them go, took the short of ands and unable to take them thorities, lodged a claim for salvage, and continued our voyage. When we returned we found the truth of the story was from Marseilles, wend by her capitality her crew had mutified in the Pacifiar, the wore of the cargo. They had midd was with the cargo and a treastant of the short of Salvage and put into the sourt amered and the solve of time the short was sold for salvage and put into the sourt amered a salvage and put into the sourt amered and the solve of time the short was sold for salvage and put into the sourt amered and the torities of the solve and the cargo. They had midd was sold for salvage and put into the sourt amered and the could be constituted. The basic solution of the salvage and put into the sourt amered and the could be solved to the core of the solve and the could be constituted. The basic solution of the salvage and put into the sourt the cargo. They had midd was sold for salvage and put into the sourt amered and the could be solved to the tory the sourt amered and the solved to the belonged to the sourt amered and the could be solved to the core of the solved to the basic transmines. The basic solution of the salvage the solved to the tory to be the solved to the core of the the solved to the core of the solved to the belonged to the sourt amered and the core of the solved to the core of th Francisco. That ship was the Ponticc

Cottage, San Rafael, you'll find Rosey thar." If Mr. Renshaw required anything more to convince him of the necessity of coming to some understanding with Rosey at once it would have been this last evidence of her facher's utterly dark and supremely inscritable designs. He ascented quickly, and Nott handed him a note. "Ye'll be partickler to give this inter her own hands, and wait for an answer," said Net's gravely. Cottage, San Rafael, you'll find Rosey if would a private explanation and the end of my to some understanding with Rosey at once it would have been this last evidence of her facher's utterly dark and supremely inscritable designs. He ascented quickly, and Nott handed him a note. "Ye'll be partickler to give this inter her own hands, and wait for an answer," said Nott gravely. Resisting the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his shipmasters had sent him a lascar sailor who had to dispose of a value the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his shipmasters had sent him a lascar sailor who had to dispose of a value the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of value and the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of value and the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of value and the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of value and the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of value and the proposition to enter then and there into an elaborate calculation of and the proposition to enter then and the propos and there into an elaborate calculation of the value of his time and the expenses of of the trip, Renshaw found himself at 7 o'clock on the San Rafael boat. Brief as mas the journey it have had the or flect upon his coming interview with Rosey. He had resolved to begin by conflect upon his coming interview with Rosey. He had resolved to begin by con-under hatches to bury it in the ship. They under hatches to bury it in the ship. They Rosey. He had resolved to begin by con-fessing all; the attempt of last night had

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out awakening his suspicions. I assented. You have my confession now, Miss Nott. You know my crime. I am at your mercy.

Rosey's arm only tightened around his own. Her eyes sought his. "And you didn't find anything?" she said. The question sounded so oddly like The question Sleight's, that Renshaw returned a little cautiously let himself down through the

"I didn't look."

"Why?" asked Rosey simply. "Because," stammered Renshaw, with in uneasy consciousness of having exaggerated his sentiment. "it didn't seem honorable; it didn't seem fair to you." "Oh you silly! you might have looked 

"As fair to him as to us. For, don't you see, it wouldn't belong to any of us. There was a stealthy rustle below that t would belong to the friends or the famseemed to approach the hatch, and then with a sudden bound the Lascar leaped on the deck. But at the same instant Nott ily of the man who lost it." "But there were no heirs," replied Ren-

shaw. "That was proved by some im-postor who pretended to be his brother, covered him with his rifle. A slight shade and libeled the Pontiac at Callao, but the the old man's face, and clouded his small courts decided he was a lunatic." "Then it belongs to the poor pirates who risked their own lives for it, rather

was silent for a moment, and then re-sumed with energy, "I believe he was at the bottom of that attack last night." "I have thought so too " with the atticude of supplication for mercy."

"I have thought so, too," said Ren- I've done with yer," said Nott with lahaw. "Then I must go back at once," she bored gentleness, "I oughter warn ye that it's my style to drop Injins at 200 continued, impulsively. "Father must not be left alone."

not be left alone." "
'Nor must you," said Renshaw, guickly. "Do let me return with you, and share with you and your father the trouble tell yer, so yer could take it easy where I have brought upon you. Do not," he added in a lower tone, "deprive me of the only chance of explating my offense, of Even in the man's insane terror, his uthing myself worthy your forgiveness " him I amon to God hose "

should hev got the name right the first pop, ain't it, Rosey? but it's Sleight, sure Pop, ain't it, Rošey? but it's Sleight, sure enough, all the time. This yer check, "he added, producing a paper from the depths of the wallet, "this yer check for \$25,000 more Pills.—Campbell's Cathartie to place of these namecus Pills.
 "But," said Renshaw, springing to his feet furiously, "you're duped, swindled—betrayed!"
 "Young man," said Nott, throwing a certain dignity into his habitual gesture of placing his hands on Renshaw's shoulders, "I bought this yer ship five years ago jist wown.
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"I sent him back with a message to the a sent anni back who a message to the man he kem from,'' said Nott, winking both his eyes at Renshaw significantly, and making signs behind his daughter's from sick or nervous headache will find a

ack. Rosey, conscious of her lover's irritaback. tion, and more eager to soothe his im- The face of a check is its fortune.

tion, and more eager to soothe his im-patience than from any faith in her sug-gestion, interfered. "Why not examine the place where he was concealed? he may have left some traces of his search." The two men looked at each other. "Seein' ez I've turned the Pontiac over to Steight jist ez it stands, I don't know ez it's 'zactly on the square," said Nott doubifully.

yards, and this deck ain't anywhere more'n "You've a right to know at least what dyspeptics. I have no hesitation in recom you deliver to him," interrupted Renshaw brusquely. "Bring a lantern." Followed by Rosey, Renshaw and Nott fifty. It's an uncomfortable style, a nasty style-but it's my style. I thought I'd

hurriedly sought the lower deck and the A ship ruled by women-Courtship. open hatch of the forehold. The two men leaped down first with the lantern This injunction applies not only to the mental but the physical welfare Salt and then assisted Rosey to descend. Ren- rheum, erysipe

hand—feelin' it, bitin' it, scrapin' it with a knife, and kinder seein' how it com-

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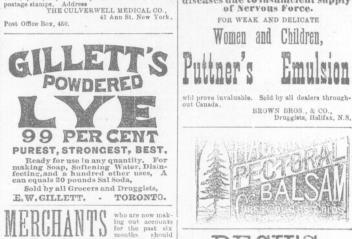
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bed as she opened the letter. Presently she raised her eyes to his. 'Is this all father gave you?''

"You're sure you haven't dropped any-Nothing. I have given you all he gave

"And that is all it is." She exhibited the missive, a perfectly blank sheet of paper folded like a note.

shaw felt the angry blood glow in his cheeks. "This is unpardonable! I as-sure you, Miss Nott, there must be some mistake. He himself has probably forgotten the inclosure." he continued, yet with ward conviction that the act was perfectly premeditated on the part of the old ma

The young girl held out her hand "Don't think any more of it, Mr. Renshaw. Father is forgetful at times. But tell me about last night."

In a few words Mr. Renshaw briefly but plainly related the details of the attempt upon the Pontiac, from the moment that he had been awakened by Nott to his discovery of the unknown trespasser's flight by the open door to the loft. When he had finished, he hesitated, and then taking Rosey's hand, said impulsively, "You will not be angry with me if I tell you all? Your father firmly believes that the attempt was made by the old French-

man, de Ferrieres, with a view of carrying you off. A dozen reasons other than the one her

father would have attributed it to might have called the blood to her face. But only innocence could have brought the look of astonished indignation to her eyes as she answered quickly:

So that was what you were laughing at

'Not that, Miss Nott,'' said the young man eagerly: "though I wish to God I could accuse myself of nothing more dis-loyal. Do not speak, I beg," he added atiently, as Rosey was about to reply. "I have no right to hear you; I have no right to even stand in your presence until I have confessed everything. I came to the Pontiac; I made your acquaintance Miss Nott, through a fraud as wicked as anything your father charges to de Ferrieres. I am not a contractor. I never was an honest lodger in the Pontiac. I was simply a spy.'

"But you didn't mean to be-it was some mistake, wasn't it?" said Rosey, quite white, but more from sympathy with the offender's emotion than horror at the offense.

I am afraid I did mean it. But bear with me for a few moments longer and you shall know all. It's a long story. you walk on, and-take my arm? You do not shrink from me, Miss Thank you. I scarcely deserve the kind-

Indeed so little did Rosey shrink that he was conscious of a slight reassuring pressure on his arm as they moved forward, and for the moment I fear the young man felt like exaggerating his offense for the sake of proportionate symy. "Do you remember," he contin-"one evening when I told you some sea tales, you said you always thought there must be some story about the Pon-tiac? There was a story of the Pontiac, Miss Nott-a wicked story-a terrible story-which I might have told you, which I cannot to have told you-which was the story that brought me there. You were right, too, in saying that you thought I had known the Pontiac before I stepped first on her deck that day. had."

"I am sure," said Rosey, lowering her "P'r'aps," said Nott, with infinite cunlids and half withdrawing her arm, "I am

empting to take her hand. "I mean," said Rosey, blushing, and one of her infrequent laughs, "oh, you know what I mean." She withdrew her arm gently, and became interested in the selection of certain wayside bay leaves as they passed along. "All the same, I don't believe in this treasure," she said abruptly, as if to change the subject. "I don't believe it ever was hidden inside the

"That can easily be ascertained now," said Renshaw. "But it's a pity you didn't find it out

while you were about it," said Rosey. "It would have saved so much talk and rouble. "I have told you why I didn't search the ship," responded Renshaw, with some bitterness. "But it seems I could only avoid being a great rascal by becoming a great fool."

"You never intended to be a rascal," said Rosey, carnestly, "and you couldn't be a fool, except in heeding what a silly girl says. I only meant if you had taken me into your confidence it would have been better.'

"Might I not say the same to you regarding your friend, the old Frenchman?" confess to you that I lately suspected him honor with me,'' sez you'-have you go that?'' interrupted Nott suddenly. of knowing the secret and of trying to

ain your assistance?' Instead of indignantly repudiating the suggestion, to the young man's great dissilent. Presently she asked timidly-"Do you think it wrong to tell another

person's secret for their own good?" "No," said Renshaw, promptly. "Then I'll tell you Monsieur de Fer-

rieres'! But only because I believe from what you have just said that he will turn out to have some right to the treasure," Then with kindling eves, and a voice eloquent with sympathy, Rosey told the story of her accidental discovery of de Ferrieres' miserable existence in the loft. Clothing it with the unconscious poetry

of her fresh, young imagination, she lightly passed over his antique gallantry and grotesque weakness, exalting only his lonely sufferings and mysterious Renshaw listened, lost between shame for his late suspicions and admiration for her thoughtful delicacy, until she began to speak of de Ferrieres' strange allusions to the foreign papers in his portmanteau. "I think some were law papers, and I am almost certain I saw the

word Callao printed on one of them." "It may be so, ' said Renshaw, thoughtfully. "The old Frenchman has always

less his history. But had we not better first try to find if there is any property

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ning, "yer don't know the man ez kem into the loft from the alley last night— p'r'aps yer didn't see an airy Frenchman with a dyed mustache, eh? I thought that would fetch ye!" he continued, as the man started at the evidesce that his vision of last night, jist to run off with my darter Rosey? P'r'aps yer don't know ez Ferrara el. P'r'aps yer don't know ez Ferrara ning, "yer don't know the man ez kem a cry. not believe the treasure belonged to us { p'r'aps yer ddn't see an airy Frenchman any more than to anybody else until you with a dyed mustache, eh? I thought that knew me''----"That is true," said the young man, atnowing a distracting row of little teeth in last night, jist to run off with my darter

of disappointment and surprise

Rosey? Prings yer don't know kosey,
eh? Prings yer don't know cz Ferrers,
wants to marry her, and hez been hangin,
round yer ever since he left—eh???
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he was accused, the Lascar writhed his body and stammered vaguely, "Mercy! Mercy!' "Well " said Nott Cutionsly, "ez ] reckon the hide of a dead Chinee nigger

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"Ye kin say to Ferrers-let me see"-

brows, and remained for some moments ever ketches it around after this he'll shoot it on sight.' Hey yer got that!''

"Yes," stammerad the bewildered cap-"Then git!"

The Lascar sprang to his feet with the agility of a panther, leaped through the the bow of the ship with an unhesitating directness that showed that every avenue of assame had been already contemplated by him. Slipping lightly from the cut-water to the ground, he continued his

flight, only stopping at the private office of Mr. Sleight. When Mr. Renshaw and Rosey Nott arrived on board the Pontiac that evening, they were astonished to find the passage before the cabin completely occupied with trunks and boxes, and the bulk of their household goods apparently in the process of removal. Mr. Nott, who was superinming: tending the work of the two Chinamen, betrayed not only no surprise at the ap-

pearance of the young people, but not the remotest recognition of their own bewil-derment at his occupation.

fully. "The old Frenchman has always passed for a harmless, wandering eccea-tric. I hardly think public curiosity has ever even sought to know his name, much less his history. But had we not better first try to find if there is any property

Inst try to find if there is any property before we examine his claims to it?" "As you please," said Rosey, with a slight pout: "bnt you will find it much easier to discover him than his treasure. It's always easier to find the thing you're pot looking for."

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ye mind heftin' that 'ere coin in your hand-feelin' it, bitin' it, scrapin' it with a knife, and kinder seein' how it com-James G. Ternent. which is Scroft and cured by res with other coins?" A great many people are troabled with "What do you mean?" said Renshaw. disease of the I's. A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

"I mean that that yer coin-that all "I mean that that yer coin-that all the coins in this yer box, that all the coins in them other boxes-and ther's forty on 'em-is all and every one of 'em counter-tote!" rem-is all and every one of this time, boss, and I "Let me off this time, boss, and I swear to God I will," said the Lascar renshaw's hand, and striking another rem-is all and every one of the first." The piece dropped unconsciously from Renshaw's hand, and striking another renshaw's hand striking another renshaw's hand striking another rensh

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that lay on the deck gave out a dull, sus- to board a moving train.

Hat lay on the deck gave out a dull, sus-that lay on the deck denthat a down to wood and to the dult o' the out Polician when i bought her, and I nailed 'em up in thar lest they should fall into dishonest hands. It's a lucky thing, Mr. Renshaw, that they comes into other kind. the honest fingers of a square man like

Sleight-ain't it?" He turned his small, guileless eyes upo Renshaw with such childlike simplicity that it checked the hysterical laugh that was rising to the young man's lips "But did any one know of this but

yourself? ' "I reckon not. I once suspicioned that

to axin' questions I axed others--ye know my style, Rosey? Come." He led the way grimly back to the cabin, the young people following; but turning suddenly at the companion way he observed Renshaw's arm around the waist of his daughter. He said nothing until they had reached the cabin, when he closed the door softly, and looking at them both gently, said with infinite cun "Ef it isn't too late, Rosev, ve kin tell

this young man ez how I forgive him for havin' diskivered The Treasure of the Pontiac.''
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It was nearly eighteen months afterwards that Mr. Nott one morning ent the room of his son-in-law at Madrono Cottage. Drawing him aside, he said with his old air of mystery: "Now ez Rosey's ailin' and don't seem to be so eager to diskiver what's become of Mr. Ferrers, I dont kiver what's become of Mr. Ferrers, I dont mind tellin' ye that over a year ago I heard he died suddenly in Sacramento. Thar Sacramento Sacrame was suthin' in the paper about his bein' a

"Until you want it," said Renshaw, "How pretty it looks over there," said Rossey, turning her conscious eyes to the posite mountain. "Breakin' camp, Rosey, dear, breakin' camp, jist as we uster," replied Nott, with cheerful philosophy. "Kinder like ole times, ain't it? Lord, Rosey," he contin-marry Rosey." got hold "marry Rosey." THE END. SCRIBNER'S

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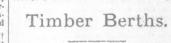
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