### IMPORTUNITY.

Fre waited long enough, Kathleen.
The winter's fairly past;
The labibs are playing on the green;
The swallows come at last. The vine is leafy round my story.

The blossoms on the May:

The waves come danging to the shore—
Why don't you name the day?

You know you put me off Kashleen, Und! the early spring. The skips are tranquil and screne; The bees are on the wing; The fisher spreads his little sail, The mower's in the hay; The primrose blossoms in the vale-Why don't you name the day?

The thrush is building in the thorn, Among the whispering leaves; The lark is basy in the corn, The martin 'neath the caves.

The little biods don't build in vain; ates don't say them nay-Beware! I may not ask again : Why don't you name the day?

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### SOTHE PHANTOM SHIP.

had been seen was a spectre ship. They had collect their own.

did knots in the forecastle, and were discussing the legand of the Phantom Ship, the legand of the Phantom Ship was their own.

The phantom ship was their own.

mouth.

All of a sadden Gasket felt his arm clutched, and he looked around.

For one moment a little tongue of fire thad risen from the apex of the lookent hill, the seaward side, and then disappeared.

It was momentary as the glesm of a shooting-star. Ten minutes atterwards the same ghostly vessel, seen by a moment's moonlight, stole round the headhad, but this time its progress was inward and not outward.

and she and the Spitfire were working down the lagoon, towards the old mooring place.

And now in the lull of excitement, the boy's nature began to erop up again. Once more on board the Spitfire, and down in the cabin. Se danced bornpipes and huged Jekyll. Nar was Jekyll one whit less delighted.

Only think, Jekyll, how pleased the governor and master will be to hear how we took the slaver. The codgy old fellow, shouted Jekyll. 'Allow me, geutlemen, to propose the health of Captain

whispered Gasket; 'they have sweeps, too, for I can but the the boy's talk was broken by the entrance see them—now they are hidden again; it it was a of Gasket. He looked flurried and rather pale with clear night they daren't risk it.

"Take the night glass," cried Powis; 'keep it turn"Take the night glass," cried Powis; 'keep it turn"Mr. Powis,' he said, it's all up; here's the dirty

arto all had gone well. The Spitfire had This time the shot ploughed into the second calibe,

channel to even obtain a glimpse of the further shore Powls is now, we rejoice to say, first lieutenant where the phantom ship (if it were indeed maned of II. M.S. A , one of the fluest vessels in the by flesh and blood) might be lying.

The boy captain, at the last clumb of bush, cried Ship your oars! and there they lay crouched, pere-ing through the boughs of the hugh poisonous blos-som trees that trailed into the water.

It was by this time daybreak. Imagine the brave fad's rupture, on standing up in the boat and part-ing the boughs with his hands, to behold not five hundred yards off, the phantom ship, a low lying, rakish, Portuguese schooner painted greyish white,

The majority of the sailors were by this time and a knife-cut ou Powis' sword wrist, the daring deeply imbued with the belief that the vessel that assailants suffered no hurt. The phantom ship was had been seen was a spectre ship. They had collect their own.

leaves his sooty hatches and take to yacht'ng on the mustn't bleed to death. The ship's our own. Now get up the anchor, for we must move her off.' Africky coast.

That night, by Powis' orders, all lights were put out in the ship at a very early hour. He wished to give the slaver, if such the phantom vessel was, a notion that loose watch was kept on board the Spitthe blackguards hears the row they'll be after us.

Now, with a will, lads, sad I'll take a capstain bar

That whole night, with only now and then a short myself, for I have got my left hand all right still.'

And they did work wiff a will. They found some in the cross-trees, as vigilant as a deer stalker. Short time the vessels head was turned, and are stocked with and she and the Spitfire were working down the mouth.

Now, with a will, lads, and I'll take a capstain par myself, for I have got my left hand all right still.'

And they did work wiff a will. They found some Corner of Kent Street and King Square, and she said the Spitfire were working down the said she and the Spitfire were working down the said she and the Spitfire were working down the said she and the spitfire were working alone.

and not outward.

me, gentlemen, to propose the health of Captain 'Ic's an out and in wind; Just what they [want, | Powis of the Phantom Ship; that's about the style.

Channel Fleet.

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see them—now they are hidden again; if it was a clear night they dayn't risk ft.

Take the night gines, eried Powia; 'keep it turned on the third hight from the headland; if they blackguards of Portuguese on us as thick as pass that we knose them, it they stop there we know the headland; if they blackguards of Portuguese on us as thick as bees are passed in their absences. Does are passed in their absences. Does are passed in their owners again, 'We'll warm the dogs, Gasket,' said Powis, leap-'Get up the suckor questry, and a Royalis, and as a ranight for the second bigot.' Is there any landmark, Gasket?' 'Ay, ay, sir, a tut of palm trees between two sand hills.' It is not to the hilds.' It is not to reach the second bight, the hildset lagous in that concealed the angeleration vessel of which Powis has no time to loose. When Powis got on moonlight, and of every pull of the useful ont-and many was in pursuit.

'He is a fine lad, but it all of no use, said Gasket to himself; she'll bolt just as we get near, and before we can tack and gate gue ready, of she'll be, was for the Spiffer.

'Give it to them hot, don't throw away a shot for we can tack and gate gue ready, of she'll be, well of the useful on the concealed the angeleration vessel of which Powis is the men at the guest. Those Powder, for making the fair of the short grant of the spiffer.

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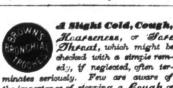
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