

th' winter time. We also bring herrin' bait acrost an' keep it in storage here. Th' small shed is th' tool-house, cooper's, carpenter's, an' blacksmith's shop."

They were down on the wharf by this time, and Captain Denton's attention was taken up by the two vessels inside the little harbour.

"Nice little barquentine," he remarked, nodding at the craft.

"Yes, she is a little beauty. We're loadin' 'most three hundred an' fifty tons o' fish in her this trip. She'll pull out in a couple o' weeks, I cal'late. Th' little schooner ahead o' her is th' new *Lillian*. We sold the old one, as she was too unhandy with her long bowsprit, an' havin' no engine it used to be all hands out in th' dories doin' Nova Scotia tow-boatin' every time she got under th' lee o' th' land comin' in here. We got this seventy-ton knockabout pretty reasonable at a sale an' she's payin' for herself mighty quick. With that engine o' hers a-goin' she hauled th' barkyteen up in here as neat's any tug."

Frank made an admirable guide. He pointed out everything and explained its uses, while Lillian and her father listened with rapt interest and attention. "Man an' boy I've sailed th' sea," declared the old shipmaster, "but I never knew so much about fish afore as I've l'arned this day. It's a great business—a fine business, an' next to a little bit of a store, I know of nawthin' I'd like better to be connected with."

"Why, I 'most forgot t' show you *my* store," cried Frank, as if it had only occurred to him. "Let's git up to it, for I'm sure ye'd like t' see over th' place."

There was the usual coterie of ancient farmers and fishermen lolling upon the empty boxes piled outside under the porch, and when the "young boss" and his visitors stepped up, they nodded respectfully. Frank opened the door and ushered the Dentons into the cool shade of the building, and it was fully evident that the old captain was interested.

"An' what d'ye stock here, Frank?" he enquired after a glance around.

"'Most everything, Cap'en," answered the other. "Provisions, potatoes, butter, eggs, an' all sorts of eatable truck.