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On the Briny.

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(Toronto Saturday Night.) The great thing at sea is to form comfortable habits-to get up when you have to, to bathe when the bathsteward will let you, to take such exercise as is forced on you by your more energetic travelling companions, and to be ill. if you must, within the restricted hours. Of course, there are careless people who have no set time for being ill, but spread it more or less over the entire day. This is a form of self-indulgence which cannot be too highly deplored.

The extraordinary thing is how quickly one does drop into a sort of routine. People like ourself who used to get up with the hens-or, at least with the chicken next door-seem to find no difficulty in holding their shelf in a poky little cabin until the last possible minute before breakfast.

After breakfast there is the walk on deck. That is where the Englishman and his wife or sweetheart come into their own. Being members of a seafaring race, they seem to get their sea-legs sooner than anybody else. Their sea-legs are also a good deal longer. It is nothing less than an inspiration to see them striding up and down the deck with the lank freedom of their race.

As to deck chairs, has anyone ever been known to occupy his or her own, or to be able to get it when they wanted it? At the beginning of the voyage the deck-steward sells you one of the things-also a rug, in case you are not already provided-and that is the last you see of it. Although your name is carefully misspelled and attached to it-ours hore the splendid but somewhat unusual name of "O'Donoghan" the chair immediately becomes the property of everyone else on board.

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Of course, in one way this is not so had, for you naturally avail yourself of the same privilege and use the next fellow's chair. But it is not without its disadvantages. A timid bachelor, for instance, might feel a certain embarrassment in coming up on deck in the morning and discovering that his chair had during the previous evening been mysteriously moved over beside that of the blond lady whom everyone on board has been talking about. And you can't very well drag it away-not without exciting comment.

Having slipped languidly into some chair or other, and having rolled yourself comfortably up in a rug, and having lit your pipe and opened a book and decided to dose through a chapter or two, you are immediately assailed by a couple of energetic devils who are trying to get up a game of decktennis.

This is a game invented expressly to make ocean-travel a burden. It is play ed with a rope-ring made out of section of an old hawser. The idea i to throw it backwards and forwards across the rope until such time as one member of the party faints, or is drowned trying to recover it from the edge of the deck, or has his finger nails so battered by it that he can't hold it any longer.

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If there are ladies in the game, howcircumstances, one could hardly en- that it should be by accident in a deck- ple pounds left by the time we had thrown from a road machine, injuring easier. The dear girls make a point of large on the symptoms they were dis- chair. tipped all the stewards before they let my hip and back badly and was pitching the old thing into the sea or playing, The only thing left was to The smoking-room. however, was us off the ship. Talk about that fine obliged to use a crutch for 14 months. down through the sky-light into the murmur that there were quite a few not entirely bereft of attractions- old mediaeval custom of making pri- In Sept. 1916. Mr. Wm. Outridge of engine-rocm. This furnishes a welcome casualties on board, and beat a swift especially to one who had sojourned soners ransom themselves! breathing spell, while one hunts up the retreat. sternly resolved never again in the midst of that "dryness' which deck-hand in order to purchase two to show the slightest sympathy in such has now become a symbol of national or three more of the weapons-old cases. But, of course, this is a resolu- progress. There was always something the of Venus-incidentally, wasn't that am as well as ever in my life. hawsers must be worth their weight tion which none but the sick ever keep doing there, something not necessari- lovely and slightly disreputable lady in gold to that man. -they are too busy to do any gloating ly connected with smoking. born of the sea-foam? But her votaries By the time enough rope-rings 'uve over others. In the first place, there were the cared nothing for her past. In twos been thrown into the sea to form a Those are the days when the diningpools on the ship's progress. Every they might be seen in all the dark chain across it, or are piled up in the saloon is comparatively deserted. day at noon announcement is made of corners of the decks, watching the engine-room sufficiently to stop the Here and there a few heroes and hero- the number of miles covered during wild waves, and no doubt murmuring boat, the deck-steward arrives with ines hold the breach-half of them the previous twenty-four hours, and such lines of Swinburne or Tennyson a tray full of mugs of beef-tea. This ready to surrender at the very next the gentleman who has drawn the as remained in their memories. is the first serious diversion of the attack. Every now and then one of lucky card is immediately presented After all, who can blame them? morning. Personally, we hate beefthem take a good long look at the food with the combined contributions. tea, but we always make a point of in front of them, and retires hurried-We were in such a daily pool, but beuatiful thing, but nowhere so beauti- special public before us. lrinking it-if we didn't, people might ly-possibly to jot down some poetic we never won it once. We didn't want ful and mysterious as at sea. And if think we were a bad sailor. And naturidea that has just occurred to them. ally, we would suffer anything rather to. By the time the lucky man had there is a moon-well even philos-These are occasions when unseemly feed the steward for bringing him the ophers might easily forget the dictates than have them thin's that, laughter is more unseemly than ever, glad tidings, and had paid for the ma- of their arid wisdom and behave like we discoursed on the merits of the mittee in the late spring of 1918, and Incidentally, it ? a curious form of and allusions to the movement of the terials with which his victory might ordinary sentimental mortals. Moonhuman weakness and vanity that no boat are entirely out of place. Converbe celebrated, he was usually a couple light and the ocean and the little world one will admit to feeling squeamish. sation languishes frightfully, for Perhaps it is one way of asserting the of dollars in the hole. One man who of the ship heaving gently on that unieveryone is thinking only of things won it twice felt impelled to buy some versal bosom of silver-it is a thing far better adapted to discussion in the countries of Austria and Germany power of mind over matter. We have that must not be mentioned. of that expensive and familiar bever- to make poets of preachers and prorone up to people lying prone in their At our table a rule was made that age poetically described as containing fibeers and one of newspapermen. leck-chairs, rolling their eyes every anyone who said a word in reference ime the boat lifted on a wave, and "the laughter of the peasant-girls of Not that we personally succumbed to the forbidden subject should be fin-France"-at about two dollars a smile. to the lovely and insidious influence. anything at all. But this wasn't that lets during their hour long flights, with complexions ranging from a light ed. One must not ask for a "roll." One awn to a sage green. Under the circumstances we felt that Certainly not. In the first place the could not speak of a "swell" dinner "Too bad, old man. Getting you a victory was not without its drawbacks. bashful reticence of our nature would or dress or anything else-but then bit?" we have asked with the inane In fact, if a man won the pool often prevent it: and in the second-dash i "swell" is a vulgar word, anyway. sympathy of the perfectly fit-naturenough, he might easily be insolvent all, it is a bit difficult to be poetical at The gentleman who asked the stewilly, we ourself are never, never sick by the end of the voyage. We were one sea without assistance. One require ard for some "still" soup, had to conit sea. What, never? Well, hardly ever. tribute a shilling to the fund. Even And they have raised up on one elheavier was the penalty of another bow to look us fiercely in the eye, and untimely jester. He had just selected HORSES thrill of pride.



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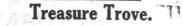
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ishness were the greater factors i the game, which were added to by th advent of the United States army France and the rapid movements British forces on the Belgian fa western horn of the battle line What Lord Northcliffe's committe might have done had it go to work earlier. none cai now say, but what it did accom plish would appear to have been ex ceedingly promising. The wholstory of its labors is told in pleasan style in "Secrets of Crewe House" by Sir Campbell Stuart, K.B.E.-/ Montrealer, who accompanied the Irish Rangers to Europe as Majo: -deputy chairman of the committee (just appointed managing-director o Lord Northcliffe's London Times) published by Hodder and Stougton Toronto



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Afternoons at sea are given up to the

cultivation of such social virtues as may be encouraged around the bridgetables or in the smoking-room. They are also given up to sleep-next to eating sleeping is one of the chief no. upations of those who go up and sown. in ships. Personally, I found it sufficit ently difficult to spend the middle tours of the night in a cabin about the right size for an Airedale terrier, with



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> We did, however, manage to perpaign for flooding enemies' countries suade one kindly and decorous lady and camps with Allied literature into sit with us on the boat-deck while augurated by Lord Northcliffe's Comleading English novelists of the day brought to something approaching with scholarly enthusiasm. We admit efficiency by the end of August in that that there are a lot of other subjects year had an effect upon the worn-out romantic corners of a moonlit deck. and upon the dispirited armies of the In fact, some people have found it pos- enemy. The use of free balloons sible to sit there without discussing which ingeniously scattered pamphrockets and bombs scattering literasort of party.

ture instead of bullets, did influence "The trouble with Galsworthy," we were saying, and then we became some no doubt, especially as the aware that a head was poking ginger- news distributed was really true. But y around one of the ventilators. We Allenby's work in the East, the conwere under surveillance. At our age, quest of Mesopotamia, the bringing too, and in spite of our white hair! of Turkey to her knees, the impover-We could not help feeling a certain ishment of Austria by German sel-

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not get very far with it. A second head appeared and then a third. Heaven only knows what they expected to see, but it was distinctly embarrassing. "Don't you think it is getting rather chilly?" asked our companion in a

slightly strained voice. We said that it certainly was. And then we both rose and went down to the saloonhow devilish that sounds!-without us ever letting the poor girl know why we were so sorry for Galsworthy. In fact, we forget him entirely.

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