dinners on shore!

And now the sound of their hearty voices seemed to give the earthquake rent, dingy walls of the old office building a pleasanter love of heaven, charity!"

Poor old McGregor's story was a sad one. Long years before, as a young man, he had come to the philippines on a pleasure trip with his wife, and here she died suddenfever stricken to the cool breezes and sure recovery. of the season fore goin round to do our Christmasin. Fact is he added, smiling. "the old lady can't get on without celebratin Christmas, no matter where she is, and ahu's always bound to give some presents to folks. If we're at sea, she gives 'em to my crew, and if we're in port like this she hunts up poor folks; and gives 'en to 'em, heatheas and all. Ain't that so, mother?"

Mrs. Hale nodded. "That's a fact, tather," she said. "Why, 'twouldn't seem the least mite like Christmas if I couldn't give presents whether I he home in Boothtey or not. As for heathens, that don't make a bit of difference, whether they know it or not, and it tickles 'em jest as much to get a miserable hut on the outskirts of miserable h

the continues as the continues as much to get whether they know it or not, and it tickles 'em jest as much to get greening, and me to give 'em. And you're jest the same, John. You have jest the same jest the jest the same jest the jest the jest the jest the same jest the jest the jest the jest the jest the jest the jest that the extracted frou her banket the vary grandfather of writh hoth hands while the captain it wared basid her, six feet of genuine dalight at my surprise, cause I didn't have just the right first, but I guess it'll go down that for the moment I could as and the work of the same jest the same jest the jest that the strategies it is go down that for the moment I could as the same jest the jest that the strategies is the jest that the strategies is the same jest the jest that t

went off without a word, and we ain't never heard of him since. I feel pretty sure he's dead, but mother here sticks to it he ain t."

"And I'm going to stick to it, John, till I know for sure." And the poor parched lips never ceased their childish, unintelligible chatter. Oh, for a bit of ice or the them with a cheery smile at me: anything to cool that burning and fany such shall be out, the lamb of does me good to keep forehead! But nothing is cool and all Licensee to relieve the money she knew we would give her, more terrible as time went on, and the poor parched lips never ceased their childish, unintelligible chatter. Oh, for a bit of ice or anything to cool that burning forehead! But nothing is cool and all Licensee to relieve the money she knew we would give her, more terrible as time went on, and the poor parched lips never ceased their childish, unintelligible chatter. Oh, for a bit of ice or anything to cool that burning forehead! But nothing is cool then with a cheery smile at me:
"It kind of does me good to keep lookin forward to seein Rufe again some day. Now, come along, John; it's gettin late."

chatter. Oh, for a bit of ice or anything to cool that burning forehead! But nothing is cool there, nothing but death.

So we sat in silence, I with my

lookin forward to seein Rufe again some day. Now, come along, John; it's gettin late."

I alipped on my jachet where-upon Feuro vanished, and accompanied the worthy couple down to the door of the building. On the stairs Mrs. Hale turned and whispered to me: "John talks as if he didn't care much about Rufe's goin off, but now he really does, Mr., B. If he could find our boy "twoslit take ten years off his age and mine too."

I did not doubt it, and I refrained from saying that I thought it would probably add ten years to Rufe's if he could realize the sort of mother and father he had left so many years ago.

So thate them good night, pro-

so many years ago.

So I bade them good night, promising to see them in the morning and with hearty thanks for their thoughtful kindness, and watched them as they trudged away toward the native quarters, their sturdy figures towering above the motley growd of natives and Chinamatory was the proposed the narrow who there are the present was their for enjoyment of life. Never mind tomorrow.

Suddenly the tumult seemed to increase and concentrate farther down the road. Then it began to approach, the sereams and happy laughter of children mingled with the clearer tones of a foreigner's

McGregor, the old Scotch doctor, standing in the deorway and amusing himself by tossing coppers one at a time to a crowd of lame, halt and blind beggars, who as each coin fell instantly became an appealing tangle of skinny arms and legs.

John, to see how they enjoy it?"

McGregor looked up in wonder, and I rose and went to the door. There I found Captain Hale and his wife, surrounded by a perfect herde of delighted children, toossing coppers about from a cantos blind beggars, who as each coin fell instantly became an appealing tangle of skinny arms and legs.

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"Hello!" said he as I drew up.
"I was just coming round after you.
"Sulu!" (get away) to the beggars, who were plucking at various portions of his raiment, and, like metomorphosed Oliver Twists, asking for more. "Aren't you acting infantry on their basis of supplies was almost successful, only preing for more. "Aren't you acting was almost successful, only pre-wented by a vigorous use of the vented by a vigorous use of the

During the temporary absence of the counsul I had undertaken his not very arduous duties, being the only other American resident in the place.

Vented by a vigorous use of the captain's bamboo stick and Mrs. Hale's gingham umbrella.

I started to explain why I was there, but before I finished Mrs. Hale, with an exclamation of,

"Why, the poor fellow!" gave her basket a whirl which sent its con-"I have a fellow countryman of yours very bad with fever down in Malacanan (native quarter), a sailorman, only just cut of the Spanish jail for thumping a guardia (policeman) last year. I have my doubts of his lasting long, and you'd better come down if you will."

basket a whirl which sent its contents flying in every direction, thereby creating a scene of riot which those peaceful tropic shades had never witnessed the like of, and then trotted straight into the hut, followed by her husband, who bent his tall form nearly double to enter the door. enter the door.

Of course I would come, consul The doctor rose and bowed with or not. In these hidden corners of the world any one in trouble, vagabond sailor, "beach comber" or unlucky elerk out of employment, is as sure of help from more fortunate fellow countrymen as if he were in his native and source perhaps, unless he happen to be a Chinaman, in which case his friends let him die unnolested and then pay the expenses of burying him in China, a backhanded sort of philanthropy,

very characteristic in John China-own boy! Oh, Rufy, Rufy, after So the doctor jumped into a all these years!" of awful Spanish cooked bullic carriage and rattled away toward Malacanan, while I followed

on my pony, leaving the beggars to Come with me and watch the sun



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men who thronged the narrow street and filled the air with their uncouth gabble.

I sent my groom home with the precious pudding, and, mounting my pony, threaded my way around to the English club. There I found McGregor, the old Scotch doctor, standing in the decrease and agence, and as the crowd reached the hut I suddenly heard a familiar voice saying: "There, little boy, don't you be so greedy. Let that little girl have some. Ain't it nice, John, to see how they enjoy it?"

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