

short, he took out his pocket knife and severed the rope which kept them anchored to the shore.

"Now, Polly, you take off your hat and I'll take off mine, and we'll begin to bail out; that's the proper thing to do always in a leaky boat."

They set to work with their fur caps, kneeling opposite each other, the better to effect their purpose.

"I'm so glad 'tis a leaky boat," said Miles; "'tis just the thing to be cast away in. I shouldn't wonder a bit, Polly, if there was a hole, and 'twould fill up altogether."

"Oh! I don't like it," said Polly, who looked very much frightened and very uncomfortable. "I know there's a hole, for though we are throwing out lots of water, 'tisn't going down a bit. See! 'tis up to my knees, and I'm ever so cold. I think we'll turn back, Milsey."

"Oh, nonsense," said Miles. "I dare say the boat will fill up, but we'll have lots of time to get to the island first; and see! what a jolly breeze!"

The breeze was carrying them out fast, alas! in the opposite direction from the island; the worthless old boat was also filling fast.

But the children were neither of them alive to their danger, but quite imagined they could land whenever they pleased.

"See," said Miles, "we must bale a bit faster, the water is coming in. O Polly! suppose the boat fills right up."

"And we is drowned," said little Polly, now considerably alarmed, and beginning to cry?

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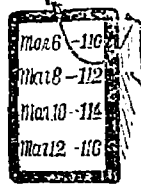
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