

him a hundred dollar note), as a feeble expression of our gratitude to you.

JACK : Thank you, sir, but I cannot take it.

DETECTIVE : Take it. Half of it is mine, you know. You promised to give me half.

JACK : Yes, half of what I took. No, sir ; I can not take it. My mother would be ashamed of her boy if he took any reward for a service like this. I could not have the face to tell her, if I should do such a thing.

MR. MANLEY : I honor your manliness, and if you will not—

DETECTIVE (*interrupting*) : But my pay. I helped find the child.

MR. MANLEY : Yes, yes, my good man ; you shall not be forgotten. And *(to Jack)*, I understand that you lost your voice *(to Jack)* bringing back my child.

JACK : Yes, sir ; but I will try to find something to do till the ship returns six months hence, and then I will ship in her again.

MR. MANLEY : In the meantime I will take you into my employ. I need a man at my warehouse who understands shipping, and I am sure you are just the one for that position. I will pay you good wages, and you shall room and board with my gardener. Can I engage your services till your next voyage ?

JACK : With pleasure, sir ; I am truly thankful to you, and I will try to serve you to the best of my ability.

MR. MANLEY : Our trouble now seems happily ended, and I am sure we can all truly say that this is indeed a—

ALL : Merry Christmas. (*Christmas music is played.*)