

The Stowaway is a typical Tracy story that grips the interest with the first chapter and holds it firmly until the last. A conspiracy against the safety of a ship, a beautiful girl in distress, a brave sailor who aids her and speedily learns to love her. a mysterious island which is the scene of a South American revolutionary plot---these are some of the characters and themes utilized by a master story teller in weaving a romance of life under the mystic Southern Cross.

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CHAPTER IV.

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SHELLED BY A MYSTERIOUS FOE ON SHORE OKE remained on the bridge until long after Iris had seen and admired the cluster of stars which old time navigators used to regard with awe. When shafts of white light began to taper pennon-like in the eastern sky the girl went back to

her cabin. Contrary to Hozier's expec-tation, Coke did not attempt to draw from him any account of their conversation prior to the inexplicable mishap to the wheel. He examined a couple of charts, made a slight alteration in the course and at 4 o'clock took charge of the bridge. * "Just 'ave a look around now while

things is quiet." he said, nodding to Hozier contidentially. "I'll tell you wot I fancy. A rat dragged a bit of bone into a gear box. If the plankin' is badly worn anywhere, get the car-penter to see to it. I do 'ate to 'ave a feelin' that the wheel can let you down. S'pose we was makin' Bahia on the homeward run an' that 'appened! It 'ud be the end of the pore ole ship, an' oo'd credit it? Not a soul. They'd all say, 'Jimmie threw 'er

Hozier found a gnawed piece of ham bone lying in the exact position antici-

pated by Coke. The carpenter busied himself with sawing and hammering during the whole of the next two days, for the whole of the next two days, for the Andromeda revealed many gaps in her woodwork, but the escapade of an errant ham bone was utterly eclipsed by a new sensation. At daybreak one morning every drop of water in the vessel's tanks suddenly assumed a rich blood red tint. This unnerving discovery was made by the cook who discovery was made by the cook, who ring into the earliest kettle. Th ing that an iron pipe had become oxi-dized with startling rapidity, he tried another tap. Finally there could be no blinking the fact that by some un-canny means the whole of the fresh water on board had acquired the color

if not the taste of a thin burgundy.

Coke was summoned hastily. Noblesse oblige, being captain, he valiantly essayed the task of sampling his strange beverage.
"It ain't p'ison," he announced, gas-

"It ain't p'ison," he announced, gasing suspiciously at the little group of
anxious faced men who awaited his
verdict. "It sartinly ain't p'ison, but
it's wuss nor any teetotal brew l've
tackied in all me born days. "Ers,
Watts, you know the tang of every
kind of littless." Aven a sun."

wats, you anow the tang or every kind o' likker—'ave a sup."
"Not me!" said Watts. "I don't like the look of it. First time I've ever seen red ink on tap. For the rest of this trip I stick to bothled beer or something with a label."

"It smells like an infusion of per-manganate of potash," volunteered Ho-

"Does it?" growled Coke, who seemed to be greatly an noyed. "Wot a pity it ain't an infusion of whisky an' potash!" and he girred windictively at Watts. "Some iiik 'as bin playin' a trick on us, that's woi it is—some blank soaker 'oo don't give a hooraw in hades for tea an' coffee an' cocos, but wants a tonic. Stoossd!"

"Yes, sir," said the mest: room attendant.

ant.
"Portion out all the soda water in
the lockers an' whack it on the table
every meal till it gives out. See that,
nobody puts away more'n 'is proper
allowance toe. I'm not gon' to cry
hush baby w'en the Androsseds sets
this sort of kid's (lodge worked off on
'er."

"If you're allowdin' to me," put in the incensed "chief," whose temper rose on this direct provocation, "I want

"No. it doesn't. I never 'eard of that kind of potash in me life. D'ye take me for a chemist'; shop?"

"Never 'eard of it!" crisd the incensed skipper, who had obviously made to his mind as to the per year research.

Che LOUIS TRACY

Author of the "Pillar of Light,"
"The Wings of the Morning" and "The Captain of the

Copyright. 1969 by Edward J. Clode ble for the outrage. "There's 'akt a dozen cases of it in the after hold—or there was w'en we put the 'atches on."
"Even if some of the cases were broken, sir, the contents could not reach the tanks," said Hozier. But the com-

> 'ave the tanks scoured. We'll put into Fernand Noronha an' refili there. It's on'y a day lost, an' I guess the other tiquor on board 'll last till we make Coke lurched

away in the direc-tion of the chart room. Hozler tound him there "DOES THE CAP FIT?"

SNEERED COKE. a chart of Fernando Noronha Iris on hearing the steward's version of the affair came to the bridge for further enlightenment, but Coke merely told her that the island was a Lloyd's signal station, so she could cable to her uncle.

"Can I go ashore?" she asked
"I dunno. We'll see. It's a convict
settlement for the Brazils, an' they're
mighty partic'lar about lettin' people
land, but they'll 'ardly object to a
nice young lady like you 'avin' a peep
st'em."

As his tone was unusually gruff, not to say jeering, she resolved to find an opportunity of seeking Hozier's advice on the cablegram prob lem. But the portent of the blood red water was not to be disregarded. Never was Delphic oracle better served by nature. The Andromeda began to roll ominously. Masses of black cloud climbed over the southern borizon. At midday the ship was driving through a heavy sea. As the day wore the weather became even more threatening. A sky and ocean that had striven during three weeks to produce in splendid rivalry blends of apphire blue and emerald green and tenderest pink were now draped in a shroud of gray mist. With increasing frequency and venom vaulting seas curled over the bows and sent stinging showers of spray against the canvas shield of the bridge. Instead of the natty white drill uniform and canvas shoes of the tropics the ship's officers donned oilskins, sou westers and sea boots. Torrents swept the decks, and an occasional giant among waves smote the bull with a thunderous blow under which every rivet rattled and every plank creaked Despite these drawbacks the Andromeda wormed her way south She behaved like the stanch old sea prowler that she was.

Iris, of course, thought that she was experiencing the storm of a century. Badly scared at first, she regained some stock of courage when Hozler came twice to her cahin, pounded on the door and shouted to her such news as he thought would take her news as he thought would take her mind off the outer furies. The first time he announced that they were just "crossing the line," and the girl smiled at the thought that Neptune's chosen laft was uncommonly like the English channel at its worst. On the second occasion her visitor brought the cheering news that they would be under the lee of Fernande Noronha early next morning. She had sufficient sea lore to understand that this imearly next morning. She had sufficient see fore to understand that this implied shelter from wind and wave, but Hozier omitted to te, her that the only practicable roadstead in the fand, being on the weather side, would be rendered unsafe by the present adverse combination of the elements. In fact, Coke had already called Watts and Hozier into council, and they had agreed with him that the wiser plan would be to bear in toward the island from the east and anchor in smooth water elements. On the point as the from the east and anchor in smooth water as close to fouth point as the

There was a strong current wettin g from the southeast, and the dying gs le left its aftermath in a long swell. but the Andremeda folled on with et er the Andremeda folled on with et er the Andremeda folled on with et er ther for the past few days has been thereas me confort. Even lris vas there for the past few days has been very springlike.

tempted forth by the sunshine.

Coke was not on the bridge at the moment. Mr Watts was taking the watch. Hozaer was on deck forward.

"Ah, there you are!" he crieck today Ve're on the wrong side of the book of the book of try an land in eether of the book of lake er in easy now. Mr.

We are glad to learn that Miss the book of lake er in easy now. Mr.

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Watts. That's our anchorage-over there." And he pointed to the mouth of a narrow channel between South point and the Isle des Fregates, the lat-ter a tiny islet that almost blocks the entrance to a shallow bay into which runs a rivulet of good but slightly

runs a rivulet of good but signify brackish water.

The ship slowed perceptibly, and Hozier busied himself with the lead which a sailor was swinging on the starboard side from the small platform of the accommodation ladder. Iris did not know what was said, but the quert figures repeated to Coke seemed to be satisfactory Headlands and hills crept nearer. The rocky arms of the island closed in on them. peased.

"Get this stuff A faint scent as of sweet grasses pumped out an reached them from the shore. Iris could see several people, nearly all of them men in uniform, burrying about with an air of excitement that betokened the unusual l'erhaps a steamer's advent on the south side of the island was a novelty

Now they were in a fairly smooth roadstead. The remnants of the gale were shouldered away from the ship by the towering chiff that jutted out on the left of the bay. The crew were mostly occupied in clearing blocks and tackle and swinging two lifeboats out ward on their daylts...
"All ready forrard?" roared Coke

Hozier can to the forecastle. He found the carpenter there, standing by the windlass brake.

vindlass brake.

"All ready, sir!" he cried.

Coke nodded to him

"Give her thirty-five," he said, mean-

ing thereby that the anchor should be allowed thirty live fathous of chain. The turbulent current was surging across the bows with the speed of a mill race, so Coke brought the vesse round until she tay broadside with the land and headed straight against the set of the stream. It was his intent to drop anchor while in that position and help any undue strain on the cable by an occasional turn of the propeller.

"Keep her there!" he said, half turnchanged the indicator from speed" to "slow ahead." In a few seconds the anchor chain would have rattled through the bawse bole when something happened that was incom-prehensible, stupefying—something ut-terly remote and strange from the

ways of civilized men.

The Andromeda quivered under attremendous buffet. There came a crash of rending iron and an instant stop-page of the engines. Almost merging into the noise of the blow came a loud blood and that is more blood. Food turn was drowned by the hiss of steam made, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

to the starboard side, leaned over, looked down at a torn plate that showed its Jagged edges just above the water line and then lifted a biaz-ing face toward a point halfway up the neighboring cliff, where a haze lay like a veil of gauze on the weather scarred rocks.



water as close to Swith point as the lead would permit.

As for iris' wild foreboding that the shap was intended to be lost. Philip did not give it other than a passing thought. Coke was navigating the Angromeda with exceeding care and no grite skill. He was a first rate practical sallor, and it was an education to the younger man to watch his handling of the vessel, throughout the worst part of the blow. About midnight the weather moderated. It improved that time the magnificent park of Fernando Norosha was plainly visible of Coke came to the bridge and sit a personnel and free and green cases.

Book it was possible to distinguish the foll extent of the coast line. House and dream of metal that stretched him garrap of metal that stretched him are the deck.

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SUNNY HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Gorden Robinson the and Miss Lizzie were calling on and Mrs. Robinson's sixter, Mrs. Minnie Suddenly the captain appeared. He greeted lris with a genial nod Mrs. Roy Simms of Doaktows. "Not spent her Easter with her mother seen you since this time yesten ay Mrs. Lily Arbeau, of this place.

Sorry out there'll be no goin' ash ore Mrs. Charlie Robinson and

We are glad to learn that Miss Almira Mitchell is able to be out ıgain.

Mr. Wm Robinson and brother, James of Blissfield were calling on Mr Geo Donalds of River View quite recently

Dr. McDonaid of Bliasfield made a flying trip through this place one ry last week.

Miss Gracie Robinson was the guest of her schoolmate Miss Janie larris on Saturday last Fredericton

Mr and Mrs Charles Robinson Wm Robinson, and Mrs Sophia Ball ard drove to River View on Sunday Mr Peter Harris was calling or Mr Melvine Robinson on Sunday
Mrs Jessie Robinson was calling

n Miss Elsie Murray on Friday las. Mr and Mrs James Bailard was alling on Mrs Minnie Hovey quite Miss Annie Bamford of South oad was calling on her sister, Mrs

arlie Robinson of this place quite

Mr Alex Rebinson was calling or dr Melvin Robinson on Friday las Miss Janie Harris and brother mest of their sister, Mrs Jack Burke Miss Lizzie Rooinson twas the guest of her cousin Miss Olive quite

Miss Evelyn Mitcheil made a flying trip to Doaktown one day last

Impure Blood

The Passing of Winter Leaves People Weak and Depressed

many people feeling weak, depress ed and e sily tired. The body lacks that vital force and energy which pure blood slone can give.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale builder and nerve tonic, but they are especially useful in the spring Every dose helps to make new, rich mences with their use and the vigor quickly follows.

There is just one cure for lack of Coke appeared to be dumfounded for an instant. Recovering himself, he ran to the starboard side, leaned over, looked down at a form of the complexion. tions and boils, and drive out rhe matic poisons.

If you are pale and sallow, if you feel continually tired out, breath less after slight exertion, if you have headaches or backaches, if you are "You blasted pirates." he yelled rais arthe hidden ache, if your appetite fails and food does not nourish nor sleen refrest you, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills wi make you well and strong, build up the blood is the sp purpose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and that is why they are the best spring medicine. If you feel the meed of a tonic at this season give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fa trial and you will rejoice in new on ergy. Do not let the trying weather of summer find you weak and ailing. Build yourself up now with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills-the pills that strengthen.

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THERE ARE FLOWERS UNDER There are flowers under the snow A Spring is hid in the earth;

And tell of Summor's birth, The snow c'ad bough holds a leaf That shall burst its bonds ere long. As under a weight of grief Lies the lilt and lift of a song

winds again shall blow,

With long and woary pain, Beneath a cold fate's frown A spring shall wake again, For under earth's cruel care, And under its bitter wee,

In The Spring There's hidden a world that's fair-There are flowers under the snow. William W. Craig.

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fown Council of the Total of New-astle shall consist of a Mayor and ix Aldermen.

fhat the Mayor shall be elected

annually. 3. That of the Six Aldermen elected on April 16th, 1918 the three per of votes shall go out of office the end of the firs, year, and hereafter Three Aldermen shaul be elected for the said Town at every nnual election of Aldermen.

Ballots "For" and Against said expediency may be had at the onling booths and at the Town Office on the day of said Election. Pated this 27.h day of March, A

J. E. T. LINDON. Town Clerk.

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