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CHAPTER XLVI. CLOSING TIME AT THE DOCKS.

you say?"

"So cheap?" remarked the youth

"Oh she came from the Cape! Now

"Pretty fair," replied the old man-

"pretty fair-two or three a week,

"Indeed; and you can keep strict ac

It ain't only the name of the vessel

and her cargo, we get the cap'n's

"And their names?" asked the

eagerness that made the old man

turn round rather sharply, but when

interest the liberal stranger display-

ed, acquiesced in the last exclama-

"Yes, and their names, too-least-

ways I don't, but my mate does-the

booking-clerk, as we call him; he goes

on board with the medical officer

takes the number of crew and names

"Dear me what a system!" remark-

ed the youth, who was looking at the

masts with a gaze even more careless

and indifferent than before. "What a

wonderful system! And your friend,

now, does he live—that is to— Does

"Yes. he lives with me there in that

ouse," pointing with the cigar to the

little house built in the shadow of the

wall and looking like a farge ball of

bricks and mortar dropped on the

quay and bundled into a corner, and

there left till half smothered by the

other smaller bales, casks, and hogs-

eads, and so forgotten. "He lives

there with me and the missus. He's

ery good sort of fellow, good sort

an old father to look arter; great ties

he?" said the young gentleman,

houghtfully, seeming to transfer his

o the idiosyncrasies of Joe Wiley

"Yes," sighed the old man, "a pre-

terest from the shipping statistic

he coin, and Joe Wiley be that."

ey be and make a chap sharp arter

he reside anywhere near here?"

The old man nodded

and signs order for unloading."

good cigar: if not, try another."

"Thank you, sir; don't mind if I | loaded with coffee, and this brought a do," responded the old man and, with load o' cattle from the Cape." a kindly grunt, sat down in the place that the young man had cleared for the world.

The youth, after turning the cigars over with a critical air, shut the case. and, murmuring "Well, I don't think, Finest lot I ever clapped eyes on. To I will; it will spoil my tea," replaced see them sheep and oxen was to set it in his pocket.

"Now, I suppose you could tell how for they do say as over there you can many ships come in here during the buy 'em for a matter of fifteen shilmonth to a dozen or two, eh?" he ask- lings a head." ed, having handed the old man a light and settled himself into a comfortable attitude, with his eyes upon the masts

"Within a dozen?" repeated the old the best I've smoked for many a day." boy. "Bless you, if I was no nearer nor that the commissioners 'u'd have do you get many from Port Natal?" something to say to me I mightn't care to hear. Within a dozen! Why, bless you, I could tell to a single perhaps."

"Dear me!" replied the youth, looking round with astonished admiration. | cargoes? Wonderful!" perhaps you know, too, where they ly half the business, as one may say

"Just so!" replied the old man. "Of course-where they come from, every name and the number of the crew-" -pointing to the large one straight youth, abruptly, and with a sudden before them-"comes from East Indy. She come in last week: sugar, rice, with the flag up, is a Chinaman. You den emotion in the pale face, and, can smell what she brought-tea, tea, feeling rather flattered by the intense tea-nothing but tea. That there were



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evering, hard-working chap, allus oking after the half-pence, as one may say, and anxious to turn over

akes accounts of the crews, does he?" said the youth, drearily, adding, with a sigh: "Ah, dear me; now I dare say,

"Tovey," put in the old clerk, as the

"Mr. Tovey, you wonder why I like o sit here watching the vessels and taking such an interest in the ship-

"Well," replied the old man, puffing rather apologetically, "I must confess were surprised to see a young gent a-comin' in and settin' himself down among the ladin' just as we was a

"Just so-just so!" responded the young gentleman, assentingly; "quite natural and proper. Well, Mr. Tovey, do you know I always felt interested in shipping, and whenever I'm near ressel I'm bound to come and look after her. If it's down at the sea-side I'll sit for hours watching the colliers and the brigs bearing to; and if I'm by the docks-as I was this afternoon-I can't resist the temptation to drop in and have a look at the ship-

"And very natural, too," said the old clerk, with some pride. "I mean to say there ain't a prettier sight 'an a good Colonial or East Indiaman go-

"Yes, you are right," sighed the young gentleman. "But it is not for any great leve of them I am tempted to watch them: it's because I once saw a brother-a dearly beloved brother-go across the sea in one."

"Ahem-yes, very painful!" and the The youth started the slightest in old man shook his head; he had witnessed hundreds of such partings as "From the Cape of Good Hope, did the one the young man was now looking mournful about. "And where "Yes, the Cape-Port Natal. Cattle might he have been bound for now? he asked interested in his turn.

"The Cape-Port Natal," replied the you thinking of the price o' meat here, young gentleman. "He was a fine fellow, sir: a splendid fellow-oh, ever so much finer and bigger than me!" added the young gentleman, with a deep blush, as the old clerk instincextremely interested. "Hope that's a tively turned a glance at his form and "A beauty, thank you, sir; one o'

old clerk.

"No-not drowned, that is to say," replied the youth; "he was lost though, in a sense. He went over to one of the places where the cattle come from that you were speaking of. then we lost sight of him."

count of all that come in and their "Perhaps he came back," suggested takes the home voyage and gets here safe enough-here to the docksthen gets led away. Perhaps he was

"No no I think not. I don't think he ever came back; indeed, I always made up my mind that he was dead: but lately I dreamed that he was alive. Do you believe in dreams?"

man, devoutly.

"Well, then," I have dreamed three times that he will come back, and I am beginning to believe that he will." "Dear me-dear me! How singular.

"I must be going" said the vouth jumping up with a sigh, as the old "I'm sorry that it's closing time, for I was going to ask you one or two more questions, and-"

"Well, perhaps you will wait until I have locked up," said Mr. Tovey, "I can let you out through the side door.

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cottage, sir, and wait awhile till I've

"Oh, thank you: I'm much obliged!

the invitation, and going in the direction of his pointed finger, entered the cottage sitting-room-a neat, tidy little place—to which an old ladv very much after Mr. Tovey's pattern. welcomed him, placing a chair, carefully dusted, for him near the door,

The young gentleman, after a few emarks about the weather, sat silently awaiting Mr. Tovey's entrance, and and serge. during those few moments seemed very thoughtful and absorbed, his face working painfully and his fine, even teeth biting his fresh, well-cut

Presently Mr. Tovey came in sight with a little sharp-faced- looking man

Mr. Tovey introduced him as Joe Wiley, and the young gentleman, after scanning the new-omer's face with a sharp and searching glance, continued the conversation, addressing himself to Mr. Wiley, to whom the old clerk had told what had already pass

"Ahem! Well, I don't know as I can help you," said the sharp-looking man. "How long ago did you say he

"Five years! Long while, you see They moves about so much in five come in and- Suppose you give me a description of him."

Mr. Wiley took out a piece of pencil and a dirty-looking pocket-book, The youth turned pale and, after a Mr. Tovey smoking his cigar and watching his astute companion with admiring and complacent eyes.

The young gentleman hesitated. and the flush that had visited his pale face spread over it again; but, as if with an effort, he commenced a des-"I do, indeed, sir," replied the old cription which the examining clerk jotted down, murmuring at intervals

"Dark-brown eyes; slightly tanned complexion; short hair, curly, brown; height, six feet; broad-shouldered; fine figure: used to riding upright Rather a handsome man. I should

"Yes, he is," faltered the youth 'And now, as you have been so kind as to promise to help me, it is only right that I should trust you with little confidence. You must know," h continued, speaking in a lowered voice to Mr. Wiley, and quite ignoring the old clerk now-"you must know tha a little while ago a relation of my brother's died and left him a little money some few hundreds. Now, there are one or two who are anxious to keep that from him, you know-you under

Mr. Wiley nodded; he could easily understand any one trying to keep money, especially if they had a lame sister and an aged father to support. "Well I'm afraid if they know he's

returning they'll seek him out and under some pretext or other get him Mr. Wiley started, and the young

gentleman hastened to allay his fears. "No. no. not do him harm, but preby the next ship and not see me nor any of us-you understand?"

"Yes," and Mr. Wiley nodded. "I see, I think; and you want me to give him a word-"

"Oh, no!" interrupted the young ntleman, with dismay; "that would be ruinous; he's so high-spirited that he'd start off somewhere directly. No.

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