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assistance, and will combat manfully in behalf of the victim of oppression. It is certainly true, that the general conduct of sailors, when on shore, compels us oftentimes to turn away from them in disgust; and one would naturally suppose that, after a long absence, the weather-worn voyager would take care of the small pittance which he had so dearly earned, or, at least, expend it in providing himself with some appendages to assist him in gaining useful information, or in the enjoyment of some rational amusement, which might, at the same time, relax his mind and furnish him with instruction that would prove useful to him in after life. But such, however, is not the case; for they often seek to indulge their sensual appetites, at the expense of all that is moral and intellectual. The thoughtlessness of these sons of the ocean is not, however, to be wondered at, when we look at their privations, and the peculiar habits of a sea life which, in port, they are compelled to lead. For example, see that gallant ship just about to cast off her moorings, bound for the East Indies; go on board, and you may, perhaps, see about a dozen seamen; then range your eye fore-and-aft the decks, which may be one hundred and thirty feet long, and thirty feet broad; this, then, is the whole length and breadth of Jack's world — his only associations for one year, at least. Did I say one hundred and thirty feet? — No, you must take off thirty or forty feet for the quarter deck; for, in all well-regulated vessels, a hand before the mast is not allowed to set foot on the quarter deck, except to take his turn at the helm, repair the sails, or to perform some act of duty about the mizzen-mast, &c. Thus, then, about ninety feet is the extent of his out-door rambles. Now, let us take a look into the fore-castle, a spacious apartment of about twelve feet in length, and about the same in width, when deducting the breadth of two berths, — the whole tapering off to nothing, forward. Here, then, is his dining and dressing room, bedchamber and parlor. And now let us examine the furniture. The chests, which are closely stowed, present a surface