

THE STOWAWAY.

Bring him up," said the skipper, tersely. They dragged him up the companion ladder accordingly—a shivering, ragged lad, his pale face pinched with days of hunger, his sunken eyes scanning those around him as do the eyes of captive animals.

"How do you find him, Mr. Billings?" continued the skipper. "Behind one of the cotton bales, sir," the mate replied. "He had an old muffin bone, with the meat all gnawed off. Provisions, I suppose, for the voyage."

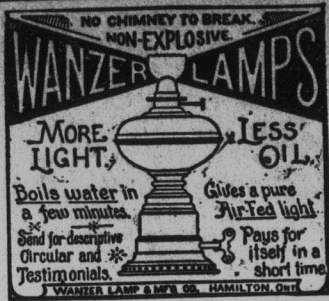
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"That's correct, Mr. Billings," he answered. "He doesn't want to pay for his passage, try him with the rope's end."

"That, my dear sir," he answered, smilingly, "is the stowaway getting his first lesson in seamanship from Mr. Billings."

"What became of the stowaway," asked one of these worthies. "Jumped overboard," I expect," answered another. "Billings gave him 'whatfor,' I can tell you. I must say I don't understand why he wanted to wallop the poor little wretch."

A chuckle ran around the fore-castle. "Why, you donkey," cried the man who had first spoken, "Billings just wanted to show how zealous he is in the company's service. The captain thinks there's nobody like Billings."



which made the stowaway under his canvas prick up his ear—one of them was still very painful from the master's cruelty—and listen intently, for the scheme, in which all of that watch were accomplices, having shipped with that express design, was nothing less than the capture of the £250,000 and the sending adrift of the captain and Mr. Lancelot, if it was not necessary to murder them to secure the treasure.

To stir from his hiding place at this moment would mean death at the hands of those desperate men. And as yet none of them showed any intention of obeying Billings' advice and 'turning in.'

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"The meaning, Mr. Billings," put in Lancelot, "is that this boy here heard your whole delightful scheme to rob the Chartered Company of £250,000. He very promptly informed the captain. Your accomplices in the fore-castle were captured in their bunk, and most of them have confessed everything."

"That stowaway!" he cried. "The miserable little rat of a stowaway!" "Yes, Mr. Billings—the stowaway has saved the Chartered Company of South Africa £250,000 and a staunch, seaworthy ship. You will find that the company knows how to be grateful."

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Who was it, Bill? asked a second voice. 'It was that blamed cat, I'm thinking,' replied the first speaker, and to Dick's relief there was no pursuit. Quickly he ran along the deck and mounted the bridge to where the skipper stood.



Truro, May 24, to the wife of William Cism, a son. Halifax, April 27, to the wife of J. K. Kelly, a son. Moncton, May 27, to the wife of Howard Scott, a son. Pictou, May 23, to the wife of W. M. Duxan, a son.

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