

### The Cruise of the "Kingfisher."

CHIELS & CHAPTER II.

Rath's eyes did not move for a moment, then he slung the painter of the canoe over the thole of the boar and stepped into her.

"Thank God!" exclaimed the lac again. "But-but is it real? Is i only one of my dreams? I have shore, that someone had picked us up! Speak to me! Oh, why don't you speak, and say that we are say

It clasped its hands, and looked up at Rath piteously; and Rath met the inb death. gaze steadily for a moment; then, at the "we," he looked round the boat and saw that the sailor lad was not alone. Another figure, dimly outlined under a tarpaulin, lay in the stern it slowly and with a dull apathy. sheets.

He stooped and drew the tarpaulin aside—then let it fall, and sprang back. For the figure and face wer those of a woman. He knew the were because he had seen pictures of them in the few books which he pos

sessed. He stood like a statue while on could count twenty, then solemnly gravely, he stepped into the canon

towards the shore. The lad in the boat gazed after hin with an amazement which gradually

gave place to despair. "Oh, come back! come back!" he

cried. "You are not going to leave us? Oh. don't! don't! We shall die -we are dying! Save us! save us! The woman in the bottom of the

hoat stirred and moaned, and the lad turned to her in a frenzy of despair. "Mother, there was some one wh came-but he has gone. He could again. We must drift on the rocks for I am too weak to use the oar nov -too weak for anything!"

The small thin hands went up to the white face, and a cry escaped cruel! cruel!" the quivering lips, as if it had forced

It struck Rath in the back, so to speak, and went straight to his heart: but he set his mouth firmly, and paddled away swiftly and steadily.

There was a woman in that boat him to shun. The boat would drift dog he bent forward, and with a long into the current, the current would boat could live for longer than a board, pushed the cowering lad aside, quarter of an hour. There would be and seizing the oar, rowed the boat

n end of the woman, which was right and proper, for why should such dangerous creature not die?

It was hard that the lad with the ale thin face should die also; butshrugged his shoulders, a trick he and caught from his father-it could not be helped.

again and again; but, for the first ime, the dog displayed disobedience pleading, apologetic manner, would bowels need cleansing, give only delinot budge; and Rath, with his eyes turned resolutely from the dim fig-

closed his eyes, and with the phlegm orn of his training and solitary life, even tried to sleep; but he failed in he attempt. The pale face, the voice so soft and musical, yet so clear and

"I wonder whether she will drift Casket?" he mused. "There's no harm in seeing. No: I'll not go. He'll with contempt. ery to me to save him. Ah!"

with an idea, and, flinging open the door, turned to the beach and launch-

by this time, and was perilously near the rocks. The lad still sat on the thwart, but his face was hidden in nis arms. He was dazed by exhaustion, or paralyzed by the approach-

Rath paddled up to the boat and

The lad raised his head and turned "Come in: step lightly," said Rath. bringing the canoe alongside.

The lad glanced at him, and then ent and touched the woman. "Mother" he said eagerly "he has come back. Try and rise; he will take

you into the canoe. See, mother. Ah, try and rise. Come!" The woman raised her head bu Rath pushed off from the boat. "No!" he said, sharply and decis-

Two great eyes shone like stars from the pale face of the castaway.

"Are-you-mad?" the indignant voice demanded. "Why will you not

take her?" Rath shook his head.

"She is a woman," he said, quietly enough, "I won't save her; but you're different. Come; the boat will be or the rocks in another minute." The great eyes regarded him with

"It is all a dream; there is no on there," he said as if to himself. "It I am falling asleep, and the end is

so many lashes. The blood rushed to his face ,his eyes blazed, and he ground his teeth. Humanity was fighting against Prejudice within his

Suddenly Humanity won. Wita something like the snarl and snap of a stroke of his paddle drove the cano alongside the boat again, sprang on

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> skill of a trained seaman. Rath appeared to possess both, and the boat was forced away from the rocks to

> The castaway sat and watched him breathlessly; then suddenly gave a ery, for Rath remembered the canon and dropping the oar, leapt on board,

> The lad in the boat, thinking that their rescuer had again changed his mind and again deserted them, began to wring his hands and gaze at the terrible rocks; but Rath seized the canoe, slid in over the stern, paddled to the boat, made the boat fast, and once more came aboard and nut the boat's head to land. The boy who crouched, shivering at his feet, looked up at him with a kind of dazed ad-

> miration. ed, faintly. "You are just like a fish. turned his head aside.

Rath said nothing. A lad who has ived on an island with only one companion in his solitude is not loqua-

Presently the keel of the boat 1ar over the sand, and Rath jumped out and drew her well ashore.

"Jump out!" he said. The boy stood on the edge, then staggered, and Rath caught him and swung him ashore: then he was acsea again; but, with a cry, the castaway lad stopped him.

"No, no! Oh, indeed you must b nad! And after being so kind and oble!" he added, reproachfully. Quick!" he whispered, for there was that in Rath's face which made him uneasy

the boat's side: Rath would not hel the woman were on shore, he pointed in the direction of the hut. But th

"Let us rest a little while," pleaded the castaway. "It is so good to feel the firm earth again; I could

to the hut-he rarely ran, but when he did he ran like a hare-and re-Rubbed Away For All Time turned presontly with a small stone jar which he handed to the boy.

The jar contained the small quantity of brandy which had been kept for some such occasion: and the bo

move, and she and the boy followed

The fire was soon burning bright ly; the woman lay back on the rough couch which had been so lately oc cupied by the woman-hater-strange irony of events!-and the boy busied himself in a weak and weary fashio

in helping Rath, who, indeed, needed no help. The dog sat in front of the Calomel And Pills fire, blinking at one and another of the human beings with a grave curiosity and kindly interest. Rath made some soun and some corn-porridge;

hausted to take more than a spoonful; but the boy ate some of the oup, and Rath as he watched him saw a faint, delicate rose colour from him to a small square of looking-glass which reflected his own face, and wondered at the difference The boy got up presently and stole

to his mother. "Thank God, she's asleep!" he

He himself yawned as he spoke

"Go?" The boy looked around. 'Oh, I've got your bed! And I am turning you out. I'm sorry. Den't

go. I'll sleep outside-anywhere!" Rath shook his head. "It's no matter," he said. "I often sleep outside. I've got a hollow tree Stay where you are. The dog will

stay with you. Bide there Carl! I you should want anything to eat, Retribution, Ishmael, Self-raised, you'll find bread and meat and some eggs in that cupboard. Good-night."

"Won't you take my hand to say Good-night?" said the lad, and a flush rose to the pale, tired face.

Rath tock it-his own hand swalthen, with something like a frown dropped it and 'strode out.

CHAPTER III.

eves: felt the touch of the small hand. When he woke in the morr boy was standing at the door, look or a great seal! Oh, I want to thank ing out at the sunlit sea with a hand you-but I can't speak. There is shading his eyes. At the sight c something in my throat!" and he Rath he gave a little cry of relief and

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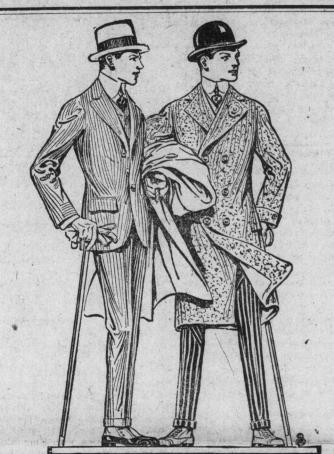
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