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ry against the lustrous evening sky, with the foam the third side me, with his elbow on the hand-rall and his short pipe between his teeth, lounges the stalwart chief engineer, as thorough an Englishman as if he had not spent half of his life abroad, and delighted to get hold of a listener who (as he phrases it) "has been about a bit."

"No, they ain't got an Englishman's more, they ain't got an Englishman's pluck nither, not when it comes to the real was the mach to the the third through my teeth; 'but if he does, he shall go first, if I swings for it!"

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