

those who wish to learn the story of Yankee ships and sailors.

J. R. Hutchinson, *The Press Gang Afloat and Ashore* (1914). This recent volume, written from an English point of view, illuminates the system of conscription which caused the War of 1812.

Nothing can take the place, however, of the narratives of those master mariners who made the old merchant marine famous:

Richard Henry Dana, Jr., *Two Years Before the Mast* (1840). The latest edition, handsomely illustrated, (1915). The classic narrative of American forecastle life in the sailing-ship era.

Captain Richard Cleveland, *Narrative of Voyages and Commercial Enterprises* (1842). This is one of the fascinating autobiographies of the old school of shipmasters who had the gift of writing.

Captain Amasa Delano, *Narrative of Voyages and Travels* (1817). Another of the rare human documents of blue water. It describes the most adventurous period of activity, a century ago.

Captain Arthur H. Clark, *The Clipper Ship Era* (1910). A thrilling, spray-swept, true story. Far and away the best account of the clipper, by a man who was an officer of one in his youth.

Robert Bennet Forbes, *Notes on Ships of the Past* (1888). Random facts and memories of a famous Boston ship-owner. It is valuable for its records of noteworthy passages.

Captain John D. Whidden, *Ocean Life in the Old Sailing Ship Days* (1908). The entertaining reminiscences of a veteran shipmaster.

Captain A. W. Nelson, *Yankee Swanson: Chapters*