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tered and cleared at the customhouse, took dinner at the hotel, thus avoiding his cook, smoked some fat cigars, and marveled through the day at his improved state of health, while down in the dusty hold Mr. Macpherson shoveled potatoes with his hands and invoked anathema on the head of Jock Billings.

He came up a noon, brown as a nut, except where perspiration had traced muddy-banked channels on his face, and with his eyes shining luridly, ate his dinner in silence, the psychic center of a cold wave that quieted and banished the cook from his vicinity. He smoked through the noon hour, went down again when the potatoes began to tumble, and trimmed until the hold was full, by

n, smoking and smiling, clear-pink-cheeked and joyously aptive of the beautiful world he in, had arrived to insult him his happiness.

seaman's code of ethics had imed the mate to finish a task once oun, and the same code permitted to claim his supper as part of his y; but when he had eaten it in ence, ignoring the captain's jocurity, he said, sourly, "I never quit a kipper in a hole, sir; but there's na find, an' ye can get another mate before it comes. I want my money.

"Oh, no, no, Mr. Macpherson," There's too much work in this craft. Ye promised me a mon, but I've had it all to do. Workin' ship to helystonin' while you slept; trimming cargo with men on the dock lookin' for work."

"But, but, Mr. Macpherson," said the captain, in a congiliatory tone.

the captain, in a conciliatory tone, "it's because you're worth more than any three men to me. Why, I never could get my deck holystoned before; and now I want to go on, and slick up the schooner. I want the spars scraped."

'Ye do." "Why, yes; and the rigging set up and tarred. It takes a salt-water man like you to do it."

"Aye, for a dollar a day."
"Oh, well, I'll make that all right. Of course, you can quit if you demand the right, inasmuch as I didn't sign you on the articles. But you stay on, I'll make it another fifty cents a day, and we won't bother about the articles."

Mr. Macpherson was silent, thinking of two things-possibly three. The two were that his name and that of Jock Billings were on the articles, and that a dollar and a half a day was good pay at that time of the year; the other thought might have been connected with the captain's strange infirmity, for after grunting "I'll stay. sir," he added, tentatively, "but I'd be easier in my mind, capt'n, if ye'd admit, honest an' candid-as I've been to you-that ye're the mon that slugged me in Fat Anna's bardin'hoose in Bombay in the year-

"Of course, I am, you Scotchman," said the captain, rising, with a laugh. "For why did ye slug me?" demanded the mate, with a new interest in the matter. thing to you."

"Because you were Scotch. Isn't that enough?"

Though the captain's laugh was ordinarily contagious, Mr. Macpherson was immune. He glowered at the retreating figure, and said to the observant cook, "I call ye to witness that insult, cook. Did ye no hear him—would ye no infer by if that it's right an' proper to hit a Scotchman on any occasion?"

"Yes, sah," answered the cook, coldly turning away, "I heerd him, but you told a lie, sah. You said you done all de holystonin' while he was asleep. Now—"

"D d dry yo!" yelled the mate dis-

"D-d-dry up!" yelled the mate, disgustedly, as he followed the captain on deck, adding, from the companionway, "the intreecacies o' this cree are beyond ye, cook. Put it off your

himself; and he went to sleep, trusting in Providence for what the morrow might bring forth as a result of the captain's reminiscence. His trust was justified. Captain Billings was not in his berth at daylight, but Mr. Macpherson routed Jock Billings out of the forecastle, and there being wind enough, took the schooner out and shaped a course down the lake.

A fat man in the forecastle and a Scotch mate with the Lord on his side are of themselves a combination to make for trouble on shipboard; and in this case the trouble was hastened and precipitated by the mutinous behavior of the erstwhile tractous behavior of the erstwhile tractable Jock. First, there was a summer gale of wind, which, dying away to a dead calm, left for a half-day a long, heaving swell, in the trough of which the little schooner rolled her rails under. Jock acquitted himself well in the gale, furling the topsails as nimbly as though many stones lighter; but on being told to go aloft with a "bosun'schair," and scrape down the main topmast, he calmly asserted that he was an able seaman, and not supposed to go seaman, and not supposed to go above the lower masthead.

above the lower masthead.

"It's you or me, ye child o' ineequity," stormed Mr. Macpherson.

"An' I'm a mate, not supposed to go
above the rail. Get ye aloft."

For answer Jock dispassionately
gripped him by the shoulder, turned
him around, and pinning his arms to his side in a vise-like hug lifted him irom the deck, and supportinhim, kicking on his protruding stomach, carried him ait and deposted him gently on the cabin. Then he went forward, while the mate, marveling at the wonderful feat of strength, while the last of strength, while the strength, while the strength of the strength. waited until Jock seemed to have for gotten the incident, then repeated the order from a safe distance. This time

Jock obeyed. His dumb, patient suffering under larged upon. He scraped both top-masts while thrashing from side to side from the rolling of the schooner; then the sun came out hot, and his hat being gone overboard, he greased them down bare-headed. Then the cook mercifully gave him his other hat, and with the canvas down on deck, he rigged triangles and scraped the lower masts and greased them. Next came the setting up (tautening) of the rigging—a day's work of itself and this done, he was given a tarbucket, and again sent aloft in a bosun's-chair to tar down. Through it all he was the target for a running fire of comment and abuse, the burden of which was Mr. Macpherson's disapproval of his mistaken estimate of Scotchmen. But it was not until he was well launched into the tarring-down job that the fatuous mate realized that the tar-stains would remain on his hands for days, and that if he wakened in time he would know who had done the work. However, he was past caring for consequences now-only intent upon punishing the man who had "slugged" him for being Scotch.

But there was a dark Nemesis camped on his trail. Unknown to him, the cook, who slept in the forecastle, had questioned the ox-like animal that tumbled down the ladder for a few hours' rest in the night, and the result was that he ceased all his surprised comment from the galley door, and waited.

Whatever truth there may have been in the mate's surmise that reminiscence was what threw Captain Billings into his past, certain it is that he was wrong in his selection of the antidote. Hard work did not waken him, though it did him a world of physical good. While still Jock Billings the little schooner made Goderich during the night, and as Jock Billings he went to sleep, as usual, in the forecastle, and as Captain Billings he wakened in the morning before either the cook or the mate, and came up to find his schooner moored to the old familiar Several times that still summer evening, before Mr. Macpherson laid his weary bones in bed, he heard Captain Billings chuckling softly to

ing the cook, he went aft, with many an admiring look around and about, and wakened his treasure of a mate. And when Mr. Macpherson appeared, he greeted him with enthusiasm and brotherly love.

"You've done well, Mr. Macpherson," he said, beaming. "I'm proud of you—that I am. You and I'll get along. But, by George, I'm in a bad way myself-in fact, I need just such a man as you. Waked in the forecastle. Been asleep all the way down, aaven't I?'

"Aye," answered the mate, cautiously. "An' it's to the forecastle ye go when ye want to lie doon an' rest."

"Funny. I must see the doctor and have it 'tended to. I'm getting worse. But you're the two ends and the bight of a seaman, Mr. Macpherson." He looked aloft. "Scraped and tarred down, and everything set up. And vou did it all alone. Well, well have some paint about performed. well have some paint aboard next

"Aye, paint her if ye like, sir, but "Aye, paint her if ye like, sir, but I'll take my money here, sir, an' go. There's too much work makin a yacht oot o' this hooker. I have to to it all."

"Dat's a lie, cappen," said a dis-usted voice behind them. "He neber done a single t'in but boss de He made you scrape de masts, grease dem down, an' den you work like a roustabout wid tackles an ropes, an den you go up an tar lown—an you didn't know anyt'ing bout it, sah."

"Hold your evil tongue," roared the mate. "It's a liar ye are. Let's have my money, capt'n, I'm through."

"Look at yo' hands, cappen," per-indignantly, "Jes" look at de tar on yo' hands." The captain looked, and his face

the mate's persecution on that long "Is this so, Mr. Macpherson," he drift down the lakes need not be en said, "that while in my other self a sailor again—you have worked me as such aboard my own schooner?"
"Pay me off an' I'll answer ye,"

said the mate, doggedly. Red in the face, Captain Billings darted toward him; but Mr. Mac-

pherson eluded his grasp, and being the better runner, gained the dock. "Give me my money," he said; "that's all I ask."

"You're not on the articles," said the angry captain, "You'll get nothing for this trick. You have no legal claim."

"I am on the articles," insisted Mr. Macpherson, "at a dollar a day, an' ye promised me an extra fifty cents in Duluth. Fourteen days' work at a dollar an' a half makes twenty-one dollars ye owe me, Captain Billings. Ye can toss it to me, an' ye can direct your Senegambian friend to toss my bag o' clothes on the dock.

m through wi' you."

Captain Billings went below and inspected the articles. Then he removed his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and told the cook to throw the mate's

bag on the dock.
"Mr. Macpherson," he said, calmly,
when he reached the deck, "I find
you are right, and within the law. You shipped a man named Jock Billings, and made him work. You're a smart man, besides being a whole seaman. I'll pay you off at three dollars a day, and sign you on for the season, but you must come aboard and get it."

Mr. Macpherson looked at the huge muscles he had developed on the captain's arms, and at the determined expression on his face; then he sat down on a spike to think it over, while the captain went below to give him time. Then he rose, still thinking, picked up his bag, and slowly moved away.

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Paddy Doolan went into a shop one

day to buy eggs.
"What are eggs today?"
"Eggs are eggs today, Paddy," replied the shopman, looking quite triumphantly at two or three young lady customers who happened to be in the

"Faith, I'm glad to hear you say so," replied Paddy. "for the last ones I got here were chickens."