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CHAPTER VII.—(CONTINUED).

"There's some one here," said the first words of comment from the lips of Capt. Glugg, as he hurried his prisoner violently against one of the walls of the state-room. "You now know what it is, I suppose, to be a prisoner. If I don't pay for you for all you have caused me to suffer during the past forty-eight hours, you may see me down as a liar."

"Sit down, boys," then invited Glugg. The whole party complied, Shook sitting himself opposite his comrade. "And now for a good sleep," proposed Glugg, looking contentedly around upon the grim faces of his lawless gang. "Let's take our pay for a day or two of devoted discomfort. Here, steward, let us have one of those high old punches of which you are such a capital brewer. And while you are at work at your punch we'll have a pull at the bottle to sharpen ourselves for something better."

care not how we are rid of them, but we ought to be rid of them quickly! "And we will be," said Glugg, with grim resolution. "But let us do nothing rashly. We must contrive some way of making them howl for their treatment of us. For my part, I am a little befogged as to what ought to be done with them. After what I have endured at the hands of March, I shall not be content with an ordinary 'average.' I mean to make him writhe like a worm upon a hot griddle before I am done with him."

CHAPTER VIII. A DRASTIC REQUIREMENT. The Fleetings—for such was the name of Mr. Ryell's yacht—had fairly entered upon her voyage. The low shores of Sandy Hook and Coney Island had long since vanished from view behind her, and the broad sweep of the Atlantic ocean had opened to her prow.

being particularly attached to Kittering. It does seem, indeed, as if Mr. Ellington and ourselves were at cross purposes. His opinions and views are always at variance with ours, and his favorites the very persons for whom we have the most aversion. During the afternoon subsequent to this conversation, Mr. Ryell took to his berth, complaining of certain sensations which were easily recognized, even by the medical student, who figured as "suspense" on the lists of the yacht, as symptoms of yellow fever. Within a few hours thereafter the sufferer became delirious, and gradually his delirium took the form of the wildest ravings, he declaring that Mr. Ellington was doing all he could to delay or destroy the Fleetings; that Lidrie and himself had both been poisoned; that three-fourths of those aboard the yacht were tools of the sailing master; that the chronometer had been tampered with some time already; and that the logs of the voyage were being kept in duplicate—the one being real and authentic, and the other a mere imposition.

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