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sailed, and is two miles on her way al-

"Oh, dear!" said the fair one," sitting down and mopping her—or his—eyes. "W-What shall I do? Can't you go back and put me on shore?"

"Go back!" shouted the captain in horror. "Of course I can't. I should lose the tide."

"Oh, c-captain, can't you really?" was the sobbing reply. "What will become of me? Where is the ship going?" "To Belfast, to pick up cargo. She will not be there till night."

"Oh, that's all right," said the visitor, clapping his hands. "How nice. My

papa lives in Belfast."
"Well, it's precious lucky he does," said the skiper. "You've done a very foolish thing."

"I don't mind," said Archie. "This is a beautiful ship, and I love sailors," she said coquettishly. "My papa was a ship's captain, but he wasn't so goodlooking as you. But please, you'll take Archie back, won't you?"

"No," said the skipper gruffly. "I'm sorry, but he's dismissed. I can't put up with his performances any longer."
"Oh, do take him back," pleaded the culprit, with clasped hands. "He will be

good if you take him back-I know he "It can't be done," said the captain, shaking his head. "Quite impossible; I never take back anyone I've dismissed."

The visitor, sobbing pitifully into his handkerchief, tottered forward, and, as if by accident, his head, with the large plush-trimmed hat and the golden hair, bowed down upon the captain's manly

"Oh, I thought you looked so nice and kind when I came in. I said: 'There's a kind man, who's too kind-hearted to discharge poor Archie, who never did much harm, I'm sure.' Oh, you can't be so cruel. Boo-hoo-ho!"

"Oh, come, come!" said the skipper awkwardly, patting his visitor's back.
"Really you know! Bless my soul! Don't cry so, there's a good girl! It—it makes me quite uncomfortable."

"Take Archie back again!" sobbed the masquerader.

"I—I can't," muttered the skipper.

"I've told everybody he is dismissed. Discipline would go to pieces. dear! I must see if I can get him a job somewhere else. Don't cry so! There!

He sank down heavily in one of the cabin chairs, and the disguised culprit, still weeping into the handkerchief, sat gently on his knee.

"Oh, dear, dear," said the skipper, putting his arm round the sufferer's waist to soothe her. "Don't go on like that; it's quite painful! Archie can't come back, but I-

He broke off with a violent start. Into the cabin walked the sedate and whiskered first mate, Mr. Potter. Mr. scene before him. The visitor jumped off Captain Foyle's knee with a squeak of

'How dare you!" she cried hotly to the captain. "How dare you take such a liberty with me." She burst into tears again. "Just because I was cry-

"I was only—er—soothing the girl because she was crying," exclaimed Captain Foyle, beside himself. "I am old enough to be her father.'

Mr. Potter coughed severely.
"Quite so," he said.
"It is that young Morris's sister," said the captain distractedly. "She has come to ask me to take him back, and was crying because I-

'You behaved abominably!" said the visitor, stamping her foot, "and when we get to Belfast, my papa will-oh!"

She banged her head violently against the swinging lamp, and at one fell swoop off came the wig and hat, showing the flushed features of the super-

The two men stared, dumbstruck, Captain Foyle was the first to move. "You young villain!" he roared, striding forward, purple in the face. Archie dodged hastily behind the table, and Mr. Potter, collapsing into a chair, roared

with laughter.
"Please, sir," said Archie hastily. "you er-you don't want a fuss made about it do you? Nobody knows what's hap- Held, we fail to rise, are baffled to fight pened except Mr. Potter."

"Eh!" cried the captain, stopping short.

Mr. Potter laid a hand on his arm. "Better hush it up, sir," he said, in a whisper, grinning broadly. "You'll never hear the last of it if that young rascal spreads the tale about. Shocking bad for discipline. Better take him on again, and make him promise to keep quiet. Your arm round his waist, you know!"

The captain bit his lip; then, despite

nimself, he broke into a grin. "You want me to replace you in your berth?" he said roughly to Archie. "How can I keep you about me after this performance?"

"No, sir," said Archie demurely. "It would be awkward, wouldn't it, sir? But, perhaps if you could recommend me for a purser's assistant on the passenger

"Very good," said the captain abrupt-"Anything to get rid of you, and on condition you give me your word not to say anything about this little-er-incident. But you will have to turn over a new leaf."

And all Dick said when Archie announced his promotion to the liner, was: "Archie, you'll live to be hanged!"

The Seaweed Lesson.

This was the story as it was told one summer day when the sea was blue, and Dodson's Island lay like an emerald off the Point.

Many years ago a young girl lived in one of the coast fishing villages a few miles from the island. She had known the island always—it was a part of the daily background of her life. When, therefore, the young keeper of the lighthouse on it came over one morning to take her back with him, she did not feel that she was going to any new world—rather she was still to live in her old one with the perspective a bit changed, that was all.

For a few months things went well, She soon acquired her husband's pride in the light, and learned to care for it; she liked her queer little house, and her small, rugged kingdom. But when winter came the situation changed; then for the first time the terrible isolation began to press upon her, and to look across the land and to know herself cut off from all the familiar ways of life

maddened her. One day in the spring, wandering over the rocks, she noticed some peculiar seaweed, and took it into the house, It looked so pretty that she began to search for other varieties, and pressed them on bits of paper and pinned them about the walls of her sitting-room. She never guessed that they had names or life-stories—they were merely something to look at.

But that summer something happened. A visitor to the lighthouse, pass-Potter stopped as if he had been shot, ing through the little sitting-room, pped suddenly before one of the bits

> "Where did you find that?" he demanded.

'On the rocks," she told him, wonder-"Can you take me to the place?" he

asked. For answer she threw her apron over her head and led the way to the rocks, She was puzzled and almost contemptnous. The stranger, looking up, caught her expression.

"Do you mean that you don't know what you have here?" he asked. "I don't know anything about them,"

she answered. "Then," he retorted, promptly, "you shall. I am going to send you books, It will be a small return for what you

have given me." Two weeks later the books came, and she began to read them, at first idly then with absorbing interest. She began to search the island with new purpose, to write letters, to exchange specimens. She no longer lived in a prison, but in a world which daily revealed new

wonders. One morning, thinking about it all, the secret flashed upon her-prisons are made to get out of.

There were many difficult times yet before her in her long life, but her seaweed lesson helped her through tnem, In her own way she, too, had learned, with Browning, the secret of prisons of all kinds:

better. Sleep to wake.