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On deck I had my improvised awning of sails and tangled rigging under which I dozed and dreamed when I was not cooking or eating or watching the flying fish. Company would have been grateful, but I had my like, and that was more than company. Moreover, I lacked nothing, for the ship's stores were practically untouched, so studden had been the crew's departure. With plenty of meat and drink in a world where so many people have to go on short commons, one should not complain, and as for society, if it was worthing, there was none to thwart

CHAPTER VIII.

complain, and as for society, if it was wanting, there was none to thwart my humours.

A chief part of my pleasure was in the books left by Mr. Watson. "Rob Roy" was there, and truly it would have seened a ridiculous thing could any one have seen a miserable ocean waif holding his sides at the humours of Bailie Nicol Jarvie. I fear the gallant Rob himself was not a pattern of morality, but his daring Highland spirit was captivating, and if he lifted cattle when he should have been saying his prayers he did well when his back was to the wall. Others also of Sir Welter's books I read, among them being "Ivanhoe," which is surely the best romance ever written. "Robinson Crusoe," too, fell to me then, and, I dare say, the resource and ingenuity of that immortal castaway somewhat influenced my own mode of life.

Besides these I had some numbers of old reviews, which were good reading for the wigging they gave unlucky authors, some of whom have since, however, unaccountably achieved fame. I had also a publication called "The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club," which, I understand, is more familiar to the present generation than its Bible. There was likewise an almanae, which I thought might be valuable for its weather forecasts, but whether it had been written for some

nd the device never fails. The Bird of Paradise lay dead as a log without guidance from helm or impulse from sail, but she kept afloat, impulse from sail, but she kept afloat, and that was a reason for thankfulness. As binnacle and compass were both gone, it was impossible to judge the course save vaguely by the stars, and as the heavenly bodies had never been much among the objects of my contemplation my reckoning was wild enough. But my conclusion was that we were making, or, more correctly, dirfiting, W. N. W., and that, barring accidents or good fortune of being picked up. I should sconer or later touch somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Persian Gulf. This pleased me little, for I knew the entire region to be infested by bands of pirates, who, should they discover us, would make short work of both me and the brig. But, as I have said, I was powerless is also, the start of the part of the part of the pirates who, should they discover us, would make short work of both me and the brig. But, as I have said, I was powerless is also, the start of the pirates and so had to drift.

on, trusting to Providence for safety.

One evening there sprang up a breeze on our larboard quarter, which, for the first time since I had been left alone, pushed the Bird of Paradise to something of a pace.

"I'll take it as a good omen," I said to myself. "If she keeps at that, I shall soon arriver-somewhere."

I sat on deck that night longer than usual, partly to keep a sharp lookout, partly to enjoy the bracing breeze. It could not be called a clear night, but there was a strange light on the sea, half aerial, half phosphorescent, that would have made a sail visible at a considerable distance had one chanced to come that way, which it didn't.

About eleven o'clock I went below, and, having fed my family of rats—a thing which I did as regularly as I said my prayers—turned into bed. I lay long awake, howe r, with a premonition that something was going to happen. It could not be called a painful feeling, rather a vague sense of some impending change that might prove important. However, I fell asleep after a time without disturbance of any sort.

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ance of any sort.

The sun was already level with my peep-hole windows when I awoke. After dressing leisurely I went out on deck to go through the usual morning exercise of sweeping the ocean to see exercise of sweeping the ocean to see whether any sall had wandered into view. At first I could discern nothing, and concluded I was still all alone, but presently, taking a second look, I de-scried the tiniest black speck—it might

surdity."

I gazed with all my might, rubbing my eyes when they were dazzled and smarting, and going at it again like one whose hope of salvation is centred to his sealing properly. Wy conjective one whose nope of salvation is centred in his seeing properly. My curiosity increased without bringing me any clearer knowledge. "Perhaps it's some monster fish taking the sun," I said aloud, as if I had listening companions. But no fish I had ever heard of was fond of being broiled alive. It did not move nor show signs of life. "Flotsam jetsam. ligan." I went over "Flotsam, jetsam, ligan—"I went over the possibilities. "Pieces of wre:kage, goods sunk by pirates, to be found again at convenience." Neither theory was satisfactory, and my anxiety was feverish. "It's 'The Old Man of the mermaid—no, it's too black for a mer maid. The creatures are fair." But I was too painfully interested to good earnest, I conjectured, propounding theories to myself and immediately rejecting them, rubbing my eyes whethey saw double, taking a turn about the ship to ruminate, making a child ish compact with myself not to loo

Ends also a politication called "The Colle," which I understand, it is a control to the control

"You seem rather in a bad way,"

at once. But his distress was evidently great, and I could not do less than take him on board. "Praise he to Allah for his mercies!" he exclaimed, clutching at the rope's end I let down to him.

He climbed with the agility of a cat, pouring out thanks and blessings, and when he reached the deck he insisted on embracing me in the most fraternal manner known to his race. He laid his forehead against mine, and threw his arm over my shoulder, clasping my side with the other, and laying his chin first on my left breast and then on my right, striking my and then on my right, striking raim with his, and giving other n and embarrassing tokens of est and friendship, all the while invol the choicest blessings of heaven upon my head. Then he kneeled with his face toward Mecca and repeated the Hizh-el-Bahr, or prayer for safety on the ocean wave. His devotions over, we raised his boat, which was a crazy kind of coracle.

MY VISITOR TAKES STOCK. a bond of sympathy. Here we wer a pair of forlorn waifs met on th high seas, each with the marks of dir m'sfortune behind, and ahead suc prospect as might have made tremt le and cling to each other support. But on one side at least the was not that fellow feeling wh an injured saint, but his appearance rather suggested a villain down at heel. So I judged it best to keep my distance and let him understand that familiarity on the part of strangers was not among the things I liked My efforts to give him that impression, however, were table to the saint of the saint of

thing man ever dreamed of!" he ex-claimed, with a covetous gleam of his lean, swarthy face. "You alone master of such riches as this. By Alborak, there must be a te surpassing in marvel any Sheherazade!"

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