

likit to hae had ye wi' me, for the leaving ye is takin' the pith out o' my arm. But it's out o' my power to take ye just now; for, as it is, afore I win to the settlement, I'll no hae a siller sixpence. But ye're young an' healthy an' stout, an' gin ye be good lads, wi' the blessing o' God, ye'll soon be able to join your auld father an' mither, an' help them."

"But since friends are partit, an' the half o' the globe atween them, there's but a sma' chance that they ever meet again," said poor James, with a most disconsolate look. "I wad hae likit to to hae gune wi' ye an' helpit ye, an' helpit ye, an' wrought wi' ye. It's an awfu' thing to be left in that country where ane has nae hame to gang to whatever may befa' him."

The old man burst into tears. He saw the prospect of helpkess desolation, that preyed on his boys heart, in the event of his being laid on a bed of sickness but he had no resource. The boat came to the quay, in which they were about to step; but word came with her that the vessel could not sail before to morrow; so the family got one other night to spend together, at which they seemed excessively happy, though lodged in a bay-loft.

Having resolved to sail with the Helen Douglass as far as the point of Cumberland, I attended the next day at the quay where a great number of persons were assembled to take farewell of their friends. There were four boats lying ready to take the emigrants on board.—The two brothers embraced their parents and sisters, and were just parting, rather decently, when the captain stepping out of a handsome boat, said to Haliday, "Sir your two sons are entered, as passengers with me, so you need not be in such a hurry in taking leave of them."

"Entered as passengers!" said Haliday; "why the poor fellows hae na left themselves a boddle in helpin' to fit out their-mother an' me; and how can they enter themselves as passengers?"

"They are entered as passengers however," said the captain, "and both their fare and board paid for to Montreal, from which place you can easily reach your destination, but if any more is required I am authorized to advance that likewise."

"An' wha is the generous friend that has done this!" cried Haliday, in raptures, the tears streaming from his eyes. He has strengthened my arms, and encouraged my heart, and rendered me an independent man—at oace, tell me now wha is the good man!—was it Mr. Hogg?"

The captain shook his head. "I am debarred from telling you Mr. Haliday," said he; "let it suffice that the young men are franked to Montreal. Here are both their tickets, and there are their names registered as paid."

"I winna set my fit aff the coast o' Scotland sir," said Haliday, "until I ken wha has done this generous deed. If he should

never be paid mair, he can be nae the vaour o' an auld man's prayers night and morning; so, I winna set a fit into a boat—I winna leave the shores o' auld Scotland till I gon wha my benefactor is. Can I gang awa without kenning wha the friend is that has rendered me the greatest service ever conferred on me a' I was born! Na, na! I canna captain: sae ye may as weel tell me at aince.

"Then since I must tell you, I must," said the captain; "it was no other than that old packman with the ragged coat."

"God bless him! God bless him!" fell I think, from every tongue that was present. The mother of the young men was first at the old pedlar, and clapping her hands about his neck, she kissed him again and again, even maugre some resistance. Old Haliday ran and took the pedlar by both hands, and in an ecstasy, mixed with tears and convulsive laughter said, "Now, honest man, tell me your direction, for the first money that I can either win, or beg, or borrow, shall be sent to reimburse you for this. There was never sic a benefit conferred on a poor father an' mother sin' the world stood up. Hn' ye shall hae your money, good auld Christian—ye shall hae your siller!" exclaimed both of the young lads.

"Na, na, Aidie Haliday, say nae mair about the payment just now," said the pedlar, "d'ye ken man, I had sundry very strong motives for this: in the first place, I saw that you could not do without the lads; an' mair than that, I am coming up among my countrymen about New Dumfries an' Loch Eiry, to vend my wares for a year or twa, an' I wantit to hae ae house at ony rate where I wad be sure o' a night's quarters. I'll ca' for my slier, Aidie, an' I'm sure to get it, or value for't; an' if I dinna ca' for't be sure never to send it. It wad be lost by the way, for there's ne'er ony siller reaches this frae America."

I never envied any man's feeling more than I did the old pedlar that day when all the grateful family were around him, and every eye turned on him with admiration.

GREENLAND FISHERY; TURNING OF AN ICEBERG.

From Capt. Maryat's Jacob Faithful.

"I should like very much to go a voyage to the whale fishery, replied I; "I've heard so much about it from you.

"It is a stirring life, and a hard life Jacob? still it is an exciting one. Some voyages will turn out very pleasant, but sometimes when there is continuance of bad weather it is dreadful. I recollect one voyage which made me show more grey hairs than all the others; and I think I have been twenty two in all. We were in the drift ice, forcing our way to the Northward, when it came on to blow; the sea rose, and after a weeks gale, it was tremendous. We had little daylight, and when it was day light, the fog was so thick that we could see but

little; there we were tossing among the large drift ice, meeting immense icebergs which bore down with all the force of the gale, and each time narrowly escaped perishing; the rigging was loaded with ice; the bows of the ship were cased with it; the men were more than half frozen, and we could not move a rope through a block, without pouring boiling water through it first to clear it out. But then the long, dreary, dreadful nights, when we were rising on the mountain-wave, and then pitching down into the trough, not knowing but that at each send we might strike upon the ice below, and go to the bottom immediately afterwards. All pitchy dark, and wind howling, and as it struck, cutting you to the backbone with its cold searching power, the waves dancing all black around you, and every now and then perceiving, by its white colour and the foam encircling it a huge mass of ice borne upon you and hurled against you as if there were a demon, who was using it as an engine for your destruction. I never shall forget the turning of an iceberg during that dreadful gale, which lasted for a month and three days.

I dont know what that means, Sir.

Why you must know, Jacob, that the icebergs are all fresh water, and are supposed to have been detached from the land by the force of the weather and other causes. Now although ice floats, yet it floats deep: that is, if an iceberg is five hundred feet high above the water, it is generally six times as deep below the water, do you understand?

Perfectly, Sir.

Now, Jacob, the water is much warmer than the air, and in consequence, the ice under the water melts away much faster; so that if an iceberg has been some time afloat, at last the part that is below is not so heavy as that which is above; then it turns, that is, it upsets and floats in another position.

I understand you, Sir.

Well, we were close to an iceberg, which was to windward of us, a very tall one indeed; and we reckoned that we should get clear of it, for we were carrying a press of sail to effect it. All hands were eagerly watching the iceberg, as it came down very fast before the storm. All of a sudden it blew twice as hard as before, and then one of the men shouted out, *Turning, turning!* sure enough it was. There was its towering summit gradually bowing towards us, until it almost appeared as if the peak was over our heads. Our fate appeared inevitable, as the whole mountain of ice was descending on the vessel, and would, of course, have crushed us into atoms. We all fell on our knees, praying mentally, and watching its awful descent; even the man at the helm did the same although he did not let go the spokes of the wheel. It had nearly half turned over, right for us, when the ice below being heavier on one side than on the other, gave it a more slanting impetus; and shifting the direction of its fall, it plunged