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# ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN K

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## THE WAR STEAMER OF DONNA CLOTILDE.

ried the creases in exactly the right place, and seemed to the critical onlooker to be capable of improvement in no talking in English.

Senores, the next is great. It may be money is useless and the things money can buy—and the very best of their sort—are most desirable.

One more whispered bint did Mr.

er to be capable of improvement in no one point whatsoever. He looked spruce even in oilskins and high boots.

Of course, being a sailor, he was handy with his needle. I have seen him take a white drill jacket, torn to ribbons in a rough and tumble with mutinous members of his crew, and fine-draw the rents so wonderfully that all traces of disaster were completely

a state of utter pecuniary destitution; never do that."

"As a resident of Chili," returned said. his cheeks were sunk and his eyes were has a resident of Chill," returned haggard; but the red torpedo beard was as trim as ever; his cap was spic was as trim as ever; his cap was spic and span; the white drill clothes with the opponents of Pres. Quijarra are their brass buttons were the usual their brass buttons were the usual miracle of perfection; and even his show any marked political activity.

The paim trees in this patio have a result of Chill," returned said.

"I say this," Silva murmured, "because there seems no other way to explain the keenness with which shall have a result of the paim trees in this patio have a result.

with the streets between, look like some withing refugiliar cut up by steep darks below, and with it the biurred hum of people. But nothing articular a man, and I found out that seem they came from the wrong sort. I wanted a man, and I found out that seem the companies of similar service before, it is a place where the first files of Valparaise most do congregated for the lamps of heaven, core it is a place where the first files of Valparaise most do congregated for the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the lamps of heaven, core in the section of the section o I think it may be taken as one of the most remarkable attributes of Capt. Owen Kettle that, whatever circumstances might betide, he was always neat and trim in his personal appearance. Even in his most affluent hours he had never been able to afford an expensive tailor; indeed, it is much to be doubted if, during all his life, he ever bought a scrap of raiment anywhere except at a ready-made establishment; but, in spite of this, his clothes were always conspicuously well-fitted, carried the creases in exactly the right.

Civilities; then for a space there rolled out an autobiographical account of some of Kettle's exploits, skillfully and painfully extracted by Donna Clothide's painfully extracted by Donna Clothide's painfully extracted by Donna Clothide's naive questions; and then, with the cognac and cigarettes a spasm of politics shook the diners like an ague.

Of a sudden one of the men recollect ed himself, looked to this side and that with a scared face, and rapped the with a scared face, and rapped the with his knuckles.

"Ladies," he said imploringly, "and glowing then; he may very possibly be dead tomorrow, and in the meantime money is useless and the things money can buy—and the very best of their

taking a roll of material and cutting it out with his knife upon the deck planks, and fabricating garments ab initio; and though I never actually saw him do this with my own eyes, I did hear that the clothes he appeared in at Valparaiso were so made, and I marvelled at thier neatness.

think the present government, and the whole system, rotten. I am not in the habit of putting my opinions in words, habit of putting my opinions in words, habit of putting my opinions in words, have lightly and being frightened of people hearing them."

"You," said the cautious man drily, and though I never actually sorry to read in my morning paper that she had died from apoplexy—the arsenical variety—during the course marvelled at thier neatness.

It was just after his diffastrous aditor the preceding night."

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Capt. Kettle puckered his brows. don't seem to understand you,"

miracle of perfection; and even his tiny canvas shoes had not as much as a smudge upon their pipe-clay. Indeed, in the first instance I think it must have been his spruceness, and nothing else, which made him find favor in the eyes of so fastidious a person as Clotide La Touche.

But be this as it may, it is a fact that Donna Clotilde just saw the man from her carriage as he walked along the Paseo de Colon, promptly asked his name and, getting no immediate reply, dispatched one of her admirers there and then to make his acquaintance.

The envoy was instructed to find out

hen you want to be queen of Chili:
brought off from the Chilian beach,
"President."

"But a president is a man, isn't he?"
"Why? Answer me that."

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n such shady employment."

"Still, that didn't procure you anoth-"

"What a horrible time you must have

have been, Miss."

"Because men up to now have always taken the best things to themselves. Well, captain, all that is changing; the world is moving on; and women are forcing their way in, and taken men are forcing their way in, and taken the best things to themselves. Well, captain, all that is changing the world is moving on; and women are forcing their way in, and taken mer waiting for me in Callao, I could selves. Well, captain, all rails schains ing; the world is moving on; and wo men are forcing their way in, and taking their proper place. You say that now the proper place. You say that now the proper place. You say that now they hought ally down into the ighted street beneath. But presently the made up his mind, and spoke again. "Till accept your offer, miss, to command the navy, and I'll do the work well. You may rely on that. Although say it myself, you'd find it hard to say the most on has to ship as seamen along his South American coast, and I'm the ort of brute to handle them. By ames, yes, and you shall see me make hem do most things short of miracles. ""It didn't take me long to guess hem do most things short of miracles. ""It didn't take me long to say, and I must apologize for mentioning it, seeing that you're not a business person. I must have my a biff of a left, and I know to's a list of a left, and I know you'll tell me wages are down just now. But I couldn't do it for lees, Miss. Comanding a navy's a lot, and I know you'll tell me wages are down just now. But I couldn't do it for lees, Miss. Comanding a navy's a lot, and I know you'll tell me wages are down just now. But I couldn't do it for lees, Miss. Comanding a navy's a lot, and I know you'll tell me wages are down just now. But I couldn't do it for lees, Miss. Comanding a navy's a lot, and I know you'll tell me wages considerable risk to be counted in any well."

Donna Clottlide took his hand in both in without a lot world in the contract of the men and the counted in any with the sum of the least are the beasts are it to eat me already. "How did you get them on board." "How dhat hought play hou that I could have he had how they have he to how them o

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wonder.
"Then, Captain," said he, "alll I can think is, that you must have enormous the cancelario for her."

walking his quarterdeck in company with Donna Clotilde la Touche. But

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