

Superstitions of Sailors

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...the days of Sinbad and... those that go down to... in ships have had difficulty in... themselves where strict... to the truth is essential.

John Woods, boatswain on the... Cummings, was no excep-... to the rule. John, according to... in every... that... of historical importance that... ever heard of; but we will... with all due respect, that if no... with a prevaricator until he is... then John does not belong... this class; for, having a good... and ingenuity in argument, he... would be like picking up quick-... with the bare hand to try to... him. John's imagination was... Given a trivial sug-... there was no telling where... might end, as the following... will indicate:

...five bells in the second dog-... The crew had collected in... a knife at the mine's... head. Knowing the his-... love affair, he realized... the whole situation... possible in her over-... the girl had dupli-... terrible reality, her... Woman's Vengeance... had heard was that... as she hacked at Kirk's... stabbing him through... saying:

I avenge the wrong you... should all women... wrongs men do them!"... submitted quietly to ac-... accomplishment of the... to have brought her... whose grievances have... tortorily adjusted.

...later the Carlisle... suicide by shooting... as they lay in each... bed. They were said... been despondent over... all their savings by... whom they were friend-... now doubts that the... of Jack Kirk unethic... and was the real cause... —Examiner, March 9.

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"Well, then the skipper auctioned off the clothes of the fellows that died, and these trousers wot I am a-wearin' I bought for 'levenpence-ha'penny. They was Olly Googin's. The scurvy caught him first in the legs—so I guess that's what makes me limp when I wear 'em."

"The rest of the trip they wot nuthin' happened, 'cept that we got to Liverpool on the 226th day, at 6 p. m. That same day I was twenty-six years of age, an' it wos my six-... The boatswain never finished, for his audience by this time, feeling that this child of Ananias and Sapphira was belittling their credulity, closed in on him.—Ex.

In Jericho's Post Office

One winter's evening as the usual crowd was sitting in the postoffice and talking about various things Joab Warner came in with a blue comforter around his neck and red mittens on his hands and such an air of importance about him that everybody knew there was some big news at hand. Joab was in no hurry to unbosom himself. He backed up to the stove and warmed his coat-tails, and he asked Henry Crawford how his sick cow was getting along, and it was all of ten minutes before he got ready to say:

"Gentlemen, there is a case of misfortune and distress right here in Jericho, and I believe I voice the sentiment of every freeman in this liberty loving community when I say that all will be done that can be. I appear before you to say that the Widder Hopkins is sick and out of wood. I am no speaker, as you all know, but—but the weather is purty near zero, whatever that is, and there should be no unnecessary delay. I should like to hear from Moses Bingham on this matter."

"As for me," said Moses as he got off the head of a sugar barrel and straightened up, "I'm ever ready when the voice of mercy calls, as most of you know, but I don't believe in rushin' things. Seems to me that before pledgin' ourselves to any pettier policy we ought to have all possible information at hand to guide us. We all know that the Widder Hopkins is the relict of Jim Hopkins, chief of our fire department who was fed through a thrashin' machine two years ago and left her with 37 cents to face a cold and cruel world. We know this, but we don't know that she is sick and in want—that is, we don't know it officially, and we won't know it till a committee is appointed to call on her and report. I move that such a committee be appointed, and I should also like to hear from Squar Striker on the subject."

"I can't say that the news strikes me like a thunderbolt," began the squar, who had been looking at the pictures in a family almanac, "but I confess to great surprise. Why did the Widder Hopkins fall sick? What is the nature of her sickness? Why is she out of wood? Is it a genuine case of distress, or is it an unworthy appeal to our sympathies as upholders of the glorious constitution? I don't want to see no widder suffer in our midst, but I don't want to find my sympathies misplaced. Pears to me that this case demands a public meetin' of the taxpayers of this town. But let us hear from Aaron Bradshaw about it."

Aaron was of the opinion that it was a case for the taxpayers to handle, and a notice was at once written out and posted up calling a mass meeting the next evening at the town hall. Next day there was as much excitement in the air as if a new lightning rod man had struck Jericho, and the farmers for three miles around milked their cows an hour earlier than usual so as to be on hand. When the meeting opened, Elder Harmon was made chairman, and he at once called upon the committee of investigation to report. It was reported that Widder Hopkins was down with pneumonia, with no wood for her kitchen stove, and that it seemed a genuine case of distress and one appealing to the sympathies of Jericho. Elder Harmon had begun to wipe his eyes with one hand and feel in his pocket for a cent with the other when Joab Warner, the original discoverer of the case, rose up and said:

"Feller citizens of Jericho, there are some things we know and some things we don't know. We know that there is a Widder Hopkins; we know that she is sick; we know that she wants wood and medicines. What we don't know, but which this large and extensive audience of liberty lovin' people is here to find out, is whether the widder is to be aided from the town fund or by private charity. If it's on the one hand, I am there; if it's on the other hand, I am there just the same. Never shall it be said that Joab Warner went ag'in a

poor widder. I'd like to hear what Squar Striker has to say on the subject."

"What I've got to say is this," replied the squar as he slowly arose. "The poor we allus have with us, or should have, and it's our duty to take care of 'em. A question arises, however. Did the Widder Hopkins catch pneumonia through her careless goin' barefoot or anything, or was it an act of Providence, same as when my wife had the measles? If we was to vote money out of the town fund for people who got sick through their own carelessness, it might be found unconstitutional. Let us be right and then go ahead."

Goodheart Smallman had been itching to make a speech, and he got his chance when the squar sat down. He started off with the discovery of America by Columbus; but, observing the agitation of his audience, he cut it short and came down to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He had dwelt on that event about ten minutes when some one hit him in the back with an apple, and he suddenly wound up by saying that he was willing to contribute to the relief of every distressed widow in America, law or no law. Some one then made a motion that the sum of \$5 be voted from the town fund for the benefit of the Widder Hopkins, but Ezra Bebee got up and said:

"Mr. Chairman and fellow citizens: I'm opposed to that motion. I shall oppose it as long as I have a tongue to speak. In the first place, do you want to bankrupt the town of Jericho? In the next, do you want to pamper the Widder Hopkins till she'll want strawberries and cream all the rest of her days? Chicago dates her downfall from the day she voted \$10 to pamper a sick widder. Buffalo had a sick widder, and voted her oysters and beef tea, and where is Buffalo today? St. Louis had a thousand widders who were all at work and doin' well when she felt it her duty to vote 'em \$5 apiece for shoes and stockin's. Them widders are to-day demandin' sealskins and kid gloves. Let us move, but let us move slowly."

As Ezra sat down Lish Billings came loafing in, and Elder Harmon caught sight of him and asked for his opinion.

"What's the trouble?" asked Lish. "It's whether the town should help the Widder Hopkins or whether we shall make up a private purse."

"How long have you bin talkin' talkin' about it?"

"An hour or so."

"Waal, you needn't waste any more wind," said Lish, as he sat down. "My wife was over to see the widder about two hours ago, and she found her frozen to death." — M. Quad.

Forger Arrested.

Seattle, March 18.—The climax of a careful investigation into a crime, by Detectives Tennant and Barbee, came last evening when the first named officer left for Walla Walla after E. C. Strong, arrested in that place for forgery alleged to have been committed in this city. Strong is said by the police to have executed some of the cleverest forgeries which have ever come to their notice.

Some time ago a couple of well-known local retail firms complained to the police that they had been swindled by false checks. These had been passed on them by a well-dressed stranger. They were signed with the name of a prominent mining man. A verbal description of the passer of the checks was obtained from the stores. Each description corresponded with the other. Barbee and Tennant were given the matter to investigate. Through the description they managed to discover Strong's identity, and finally they were able to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant them in the belief that he had done the work.

Strong meantime had left the city.

The officers learned that he went east of the mountains, and were finally able to locate him at Walla Walla. They immediately notified the chief of police at that place, and Sunday the alleged fugitive was arrested. He was held pending Tennant's arrival.

The Lawyer—You say that you were walking behind this woman, could not distinguish her figure, because of the cape she wore, saw nothing of her face, and yet knew that she was a very pretty woman. How do you account for that?

The Witness—Well? I could see the faces of the men coming towards me.—Life.

Mr. Buggins (reading account of football game)—In the second half

the quarterback lost his head and— Mrs. Buggins (interrupting)—Goodness me! I've heard of them losing their arms and legs, but to lose their heads! What an awful game it must be.—Philadelphia Record.

"Have you ever done anything to better the condition of any part of the human race?" said the very serious man.

"Of course I have," answered the person with the cold gray eye. "Am I not a part of the human race?"—Ex.

Mr. Fussy (rearranging the things in the parlor)—You have wretchedly poor taste, my dear.

Mrs. Fussy (resignedly)—That's what everybody said when I married you, Henry.—Detroit Free Press.

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