

THE UNION JACK AND MAPLE LEAF.

The Union Jack and Maple Leaf. Blending in one the young and old; Embellished on our new-born flag...

The Union Jack and Maple Leaf. Britain and Canada combined; On one strong flag, our pride and boast...

The Union Jack and Maple Leaf. Token of honor and of might; The standard of the good and true...

The Union Jack and Maple Leaf. Tells to the nations near and far Glad tidings: That men brothers be...

GEO. W. ARMSTRONG. Villa-Irwell, London, Ont., July, 1895.

Four Boys' in Blue

Lying off Spithead, H. M. S. Nautilus, was being got ready for sea with all despatch.

Breezy and fresh looked the blue, restless waves as they came rolling up the Channel. The Isle of Wight was fair to look upon in the dancing sunlight...

At about nine o'clock in the morning the Captain came on board, and soon afterwards confusion was converted into discipline and order; the friends of the crew who had come to see the last of them were hustled off the decks...

Three midshipmen were grouped on deck, chatting about the coming voyage, and all busily engaged in surmising as to whereabouts they were going, and in what length of time they might reasonably hope to see the white cliffs of old England again...

But now they were bound on a much more serious business, one which gave promise of actual fighting. The love of adventure is inborn with British boys, for which the nation at large has every reason to feel grateful...

H. M. S. Nautilus was bound, first, for the West Coast of Africa, with instructions to spare no pains in putting down the iniquitous traffic in human lives, then going on almost without interruption...

And now we will introduce the three friends by name, and give a short history of their career up to the time when we find the Nautilus ploughing her way from the English coast with them on board.

Henry Dover was the son of a Post-Captain in the Royal Navy who had served his country honourably and well for forty years before retiring...

ful quiet boy, but thoroughly manly in all his ways, as fond of fun as most boys of his age, but not taking it boisterously...

Mike O'Connor was of a very different disposition. A merry bright-witted lad, it was said by all the ship's company that if Mike wasn't laughing at somebody else, he was surely laughing at himself...

Young Montague was not intended by his parents to continue long at sea. He was heir to a fine property in the North of England, and it was thought that a few years at sea would be good for his health...

Unlike as they were in most respects, the three young fellows were the greatest friends. "Those youngsters will make smart seamen, some day or other," laughed Captain Smart to the First Lieutenant one day, after he had been informed by the irate and fat old Purser that "somebody"—he could not say who, but he suspected Messrs. Dover, O'Connor and Montague—and kept him their for nearly an hour that morning...

They had been barely a day and a half off Spithead when it came on to blow as it only can in the Bay of Biscay. The ship behaved well, though being built more for speed than weather—which, by the way, was the reason she had been chosen for the special duty of slaver-chasing...

Montague was presently joined by Mike O'Connor. The two boys watched the scene in silence for a time, and then Montague said to his companion, "Doesn't a scene like this, when the sea and wind seem to be fighting for the mastery, and between the two, the ship has to do her best to keep afloat, always make you think of the time when..."

"I know just what you mean, Johnny! I feel that way exactly myself at such times. What you were going to say is, that when it's blowing as hard as this, you always wonder what the time is and how long you'll be before you get your dinner. Ah I know that was what you wanted to say, wasn't it?"

Montague looked at his Irish chum. "Oh, I say, Mike; I'm afraid you have not got a poetical mind!" But you'll find I've a very practical one," retorted Mike; "there's the blessed sound of eight bells being struck, and I'm off below to get something to sustain the inner man, or maybe I should say the inner boy," and, with a grin, Mr. O'Connor disappeared as rapidly as possible down the stairs, receiving an icy shower of spray round the back of his neck as he went.

(To be continued.)

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He was fond of singing revival hymns, and his wife named him baby Fort, so that he would want to hold it.

THE NEW BABY.

There came to port, last Sunday night, The queerest little craft, Without an inch of wriggling on;

It seemed so curious that she Should cross the unknown water, And moor herself right in my room—

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