BRAVE FAMOUS DIEPPE.

(From Chatterbox.)

M. de Crosne, Intendant of Rouen, informed the Minister of Finance, M. Necker, of Boussard's brave action; M. Necker acquainted the king (the good Louis XVI.) with the fact; and Majesty's orders, wrote himself the following letter to the Pilot of Dieppe:-

"BRAVE MAN,

through M. l'Intendant, of the courageous action which you performed on the 31st August last, and yesterday I informed the king of it, who commanded me to testify to you his satisfaction for the same, and to announce to you from him that he makes you a present of 1,000 francs, and grants you a pension of 300 francs. Continue to help others whenever you can, and pray for your good king who loves brave men and rewards them.

"NECKER,

"General Director of Finance.

"Paris, 20th Dec., 1777."

The contents of this letter soon became public at Dieppe. To the brave pilot it caused great joy, and he took care that it should be preserved as a precious heirloom in h is family. The money which he received from all sides he employed to clothe his children better than his former needy circumstances had allowed him to do;

ropes and cords to save ships brave as I am." lost; I was then quite afraid to Dieppe. The king had appointed son was among the six shipwreck- Since that day Boussard's

replace them."

Paris to present himself to Louis was in danger. XVI., to express his gratitude to His Majesty.

"I only heard yesterday, only saw in the deed he had them to the shore.

BOUSSARD, THE meet those who had lent them him overseer of the lighthouse, ed men. He was skilful enough PILOT OF to me, because I had no money to and, besides, had caused a little to get hold of a rope which would house to be built for him close quickly have helped him to the His fellow-townsmen came to to the harbor, from which he pier, but perceiving by his side congratulate him on the king's had a view over the sea, and an unfortunate lad of fourteen, favor, and urged him to go to could at once perceive if a ship whose strength was already

At the least appearance of a himself to be borne away by the storm, or of any vessel in distress, waves, as a worthy son of the Boussard at last yielded to Boussard, provided with ropes, brave man he resolved, at the their wishes. He went to would dash into the waves, and risk of his own life, to save him immediately, on receiving His Versailles, where the king re- then steer the vessel into the har- from danger. To succeed in ceived him with great kindness, bor. If the fury of the sea was too this with greater certainty he and repeated, with deep feeling, great to allow him to steer the passed the end of the rope under

"There is a brave man! really a ship into safety, he seized the the lad's arms and then round brave man!" Boussard, who sailors or passengers and bore his own thighs. This double burden caused it to break. A cry from the man on the pier who held the

> sard the elder of this accident; he promptly threw out another rope, which his son

> rope warned Bous-

seized.

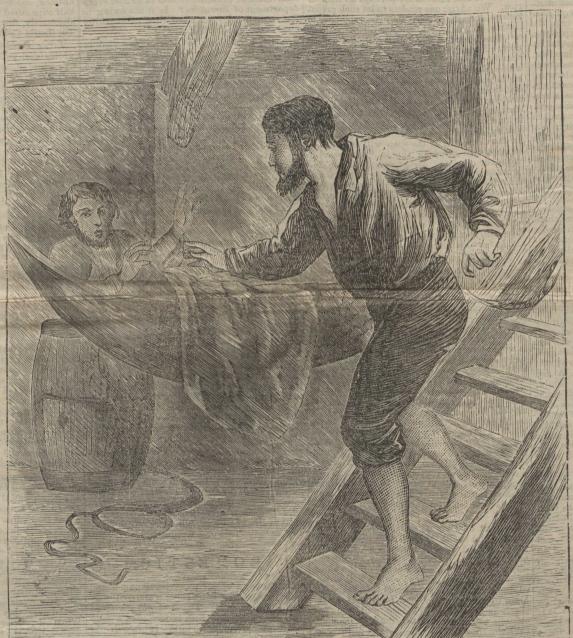
exhausted, and who was allowing

This intrepid young man was determined not to abandon the boy whom he had taken under his protection; he tied him again with a second rope, and was fortunate enough by the aid of his father in being able, thus bound as he was, to climb up to the jetty, more than eighteen feet above the sea.

Three others were at the same time rescued from the waves by the aid of Boussard's ropes.

Let us not omit to mention one of the fine traits of the sensitive soul of the brave man. Boussard thought less on this occasion of the rescue of the five shipwrecked men, among whom was his own son, than of the death of the sixth; and his friend had a deal of trouble to console him for a loss for which in

This was not the first noble



moreover, he took two little performed the duty of one man In the course of the autumn of some way he reproached himself. orphan nieces into his house, and towards others, was astoished at 1786, brave Boussard perceived, educated them with his own children. Another good use which he
made of his money is best shown
by quoting his by quoting his own words: "Dur-like this one; I don't know why ed by the cries of the unhappy in the lives of four shipwrecked men greatest grief that I could not buy noise. My comrades, too, are as waves, he threw ropes to them, M. de Crosne, Intendant of

they were sometimes broken or watch the harbor and piers of who were in danger. Boussard's given a gold one to his father.

and called to his help all those Rouen, sent him a reward of which were in danger. I always The brave man, faithful to who were within hearing on the 400 francs, and the Chamber of found a difficulty in borrowing the duties which he had imposed shore. The darkness was so Commerce added to it a silver them from others. In such cases upon himself, continued still to great that he could not see those medal, as they had previously