

hero was sent to England, and soon after his arrival there was put on board an Indiaman, and transported with eighty-two other Americans to the East Indies, where he was compelled first to do duty as a soldier, and then to work in the pepper gardens belonging to the East India Company. He eventually, with great risk and after great suffering, effected his escape, and ultimately reached Guadaloupe, one of the West India Islands, where he took passage for Philadelphia; but misfortune again befell him, for while on his way thither, he was captured by the enemy, taken to New York, and put on board the prison ship "Jersey." After remaining in this wretched hulk about a week, he was sent in a cartel to France, whence in course of time he returned home, after an absence of almost six years, having, during his long imprisonment, endured the severest hardships and privations, experienced the most barbarous treatment from the hands of the British, and made several narrow escapes from death, not only from the bayonet, but from hunger and disease, and likewise from the attack of savage beasts of prey.

Soon after his return, he married Anna, the daughter of Nehemiah Grover, a farmer by occupation, and a respectable landholder. Mr. Blatchford resumed the avocation of a fisherman, which he followed for a short time, and then took