

THE SAILOR'S REVENGE.

THE OLD SHIP-DONOR'S STORY.

When I was a young man, just graduated from the medical college, I was employed to make a trip on board the good ship Nautilus, in the capacity of surgeon.

One day, as we were on our passage from the Cape down to St. Helena, with a fair breeze blowing and the sails all set, the man on watch suddenly cried out: "Something on the starboard bow!"

The helm was put starboard, the ship heeled, and the boat was lowered. The object proved to be a man clinging to a hencoop. He was hauled aboard, not being able to help himself in any way, and placed in my charge.

He proved to be in the last stages of starvation, and it was with difficulty that he was restored.

I shall never forget the ghastly horror of the poor fellow's countenance. He was a mere animated skeleton. His eyes glared from the recesses of the sockets, his cheeks were hollowed almost to the yellow skin on his face, his lips were blue, and his shaggy beard added to the general hideousness of his ghastly physiognomy.

It was not until several days had passed that I was able to get any information from him. He had been listening to tales of horrible import from the captain of a British man-of-war whom we had recently picked up in an open boat, and whose ship had mysteriously foundered a few days before.

Be this as it may, I had my duty to perform for the poor wretch in my charge, and I went at it with a will, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing him fall into his bed.

When he awoke I was by his side. He looked wildly around.

"What—where—where am I?" he incoherently inquired. "Is this a ship—the face of heaven I O God?"

"You are on board of a British man-of-war, and I am your surgeon," I replied. "I have seen my poor father, who died when I was a boy, and my friends were laughing me with scorn; you drove them away."

"I feared delirium, and tried to quiet them. He seemed grateful for my kindness, repeatedly pressed my hand to his lips and wept. At length he said: "O sir, my hour has come—I am a murderer."

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