

The Family

THE PEOPLE'S ADVENT.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVENT. BY GEORGE MANSEY. 'Tis coming up the steep of time, And this old world is growing brighter;

THE "FRISIAN VROW."

Saturday is a notable day in Amsterdam. It was the same a hundred and fifty years ago. Spinning wheels then like sewing machines now, were put aside for the day, the mood and over-skirt were exchanged for the smooth and yellow petticoat, and women, old and young, rose into full activity with mop and broom.

The Captain and owner of the "Zuyder Zee," in which craft Auke had always sailed, was Jacob Stevenson, who, by carrying cheese and gin to the Baltic towns and salt fish back to Amsterdam, had realized sufficient gains to open a trade with England.

The newly painted ship was a high-pooped, broad-sided bark, of heavy build, but a fair wind carried her under the Zuyder Zee, over the North Sea, and up the Sound so surely and steadily, that Karl got the length of remaining that a season's life was the easiest he knew.

All this the skipper of the Frisian Vrow knew little of. Dutch cheese found a market at Revel; narrow straits had to be threaded; sand banks and sunken bars made the passage dangerous, and Auke understood that the master's eyes must never be closed until sea-room became plenty.

when the vessel was speeding at a rate she had never sailed before, straight up the Finish Gulf. "Geographical knowledge was none of the clearest at that day. Karl had studied the voyages of the Dutch traders. Revel was to him the end of the world. Beyond these gulf and cheese were of no account.

"Heave a rope!" he cried in sound Dutch, as the boat came alongside. As no arms were seen among them, the rope was thrown, the steersman was the first on board. Righting himself as he let go the rope, he seized Auke by both hands and exclaimed, "Welcome to you, good Captain! Welcome to the port of St. Petersburg! The Frisian Vrow is the first bark that ever sailed up the Neva, and henceforth she shall be duty-free, though she carry Swedes for a cargo."

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