

AN OLD SALT'S YARN.

A Treasure Found in a Cleverly-Made Wooden Leg.

The Whale and the Glim-A Jock-like Escape from Death-A Novel Combination of Wine, Collar, Bank and Safety Deposit Vault.

An old man sat on the edge of the string-piece of a South street dock ingeniously spinning a yarn and his companion was a short, black clay pipe, from which he puffed spasmodically clouds of rank plug tobacco smoke with much energy and satisfaction. His age, says the New York Tribune, was about sixty; his hair long and grey, and about his withered but kindly countenance there were many signs of the hardships and privations he had experienced during "a life on the ocean wave."

Yet his appearance was not particularly notable, aside from a well-worn and a few brass buttons which adorned an ancient "reefer." Nor would he have attracted much attention had it not been for the old-fashioned wooden leg which he wore of all external covering below the knee except a coat of white paint. It was, moreover, his right leg, and it was of a shape that for useful member, and consisted seemingly of a straight piece of timber which tapered very awkwardly down from its knee into a thick brass ferrule at the bottom.

There was no crutch beside him, and the reporter was curious to know how he managed to get about the deck of a vessel with such a primitive-looking limb, when he rose from his occupation, and hobbled vigorously over a narrow plank from a necessary substitute for a rickety-looking little schooner, with a remarkable oak-like agility. Then along the deck and down into the cabin Anne's cabin the tall, angular and eccentric figure disappeared for a few moments, returning to his work with a large jack-knife, with which he proceeded to trim off the waste or ragged ends of a neat splice.

"Kinder spy, for an old fellow with a timber leg—ain't it?" he observed, noticing the writer had been watching him. "You are, indeed!" emphatically responded the astonished reporter, taking a snuff by his side.

"Yes, and few on 'em's smarter nor me to this day at sea—as I always says to my oldest son, Bill, who owns part of that there schooner. But, of course, I ain't up to much sealing a riggin' or going aloft nowadays—which was the cause of my losing my right leg, and subsequent adoption of this here apparatus."

"How long have you worn it?" "Thirty—yes, thirty-two years ago last October, I was blown off the spar-deck of Cap'n Hamuel's peerless clipper ship, the Dreadnaught—going to the eastward. There was a gale, and all hands were piped up to reef and shorten sail, when the fact that I knew I kinder lost me footing on the stirrups of the lower foremast yard and was thrown on deck."

"And this here leg that used to be so badly broken that it had to be amputated at the knee the next day by the ship's surgeon, and when we arrived in Liverpool I was taken to the Hoeman's Hospital and laid up for repairs."

"Yes, I continued the ancient manner, after regarding this wooden extremity with much admiration for several moments, "I became acquainted with another crippled sailor who died of consumption. 'Take this, Joe,' says he, pointing to this here leg. 'Ain't much, I know,' says he, 'but may be useful when you get well with that he did.'"

"Did it fit?" "Yes, to a T, and one day I was examining of its wonderful mechanical construction inside, when I found beneath a secret plug in the hollow part of the leg here a wad of bank notes that I had tucked away. Two hundred and fifty pounds as true as I'm Cap'n Joseph Status, of Gloucester."

"What did I do with 'em? Why, bless your heart, put 'em back again and never told no nobody I'd found 'em for fear in a confidential shipper his poor relations'd hear of the discovery and expect me to settle up. Then, after I had been in the hospital two months, Cap'n Hamuel visited me personally, kind and insisted on my returning to his ship and accepting of a job in the galleys. My cruise as assistant cook aboard the old Dreadnaught came mighty near cooling in a watery grave."

"How was that?" "You see we were bound for New York, and just off the bark got into a calm, and I thought I'd try my luck fishing. He took a big cod hook and line and sat on the fore-cast, baiting the hook with a whole clam, and, after tying the line to the wooden appendage for a fishing pole, cast out to starboard for a mile. I sat there for a whole hour and was almost asleep, when all of a sudden there came such a big tug that I went aboard. It was a whale. Just then I expected to be swallowed whole, like Jonah something gave away and I was pulled up to the port side of the ship. The rest of it was there wasn't no man aboard who believed a whale had pulled me aboard."

"You see most of the time, when I was a man who refused to eat my apple dumplings, wasn't extra friendly, and he swore that I was drunk at the time, which was a notion most 'em believed until we arrived off Sandy Hook and discovered a dead whale."

"Another?" "I interrupted the astonished reporter, preparing to hear a fresh whale story. "He interrupted the Captain, with an awful wink, "the same whale that I hooked off the banks."

"That how did you know it?" "Why, by the line that was hanging out of its mouth with this here leg attached to it, of course."

"What you lost your leg, then?" "Yes, for the time being, and I was mighty lucky I had one to lose, for I might have lost my life if I hadn't parted with my leg."

"True! But what killed the whale?" "The elasm," insisted the Cap'n, "which was the biggest and toughest claim I ever saw before since I boarded that hook in the spring of '68 on board the Dreadnaught. But the thought of that whale always makes me dry," concluded the Cap'n, bringing his back against a mooring splice, and twisting his wooden leg until it creaked in a way that was disjunct at the knee. "Then, after pointing into the internal mysteries with one eye shut, as if looking through a telescope, he extricated a bag of coins, which, once tenderly unfolded, contained a large hoard of gold and silver, gazed at with unmistakable reverence, and turning to his amused companion with a sly twinkle in his starboard eye, said: "Great schmon, ain't it? A wine collar bank, and safe deposit vault all in one, and nobody, not even my old woman, able to get at it without my consent. 'Take a little, if you want, but I'll just get the money on it, if it's all the same to you, mister,' replied old Andy, with a grin. 'Hesitation, I kinder want to look 'roun' a little, and I might need it.'"

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