

him with me ; and with a fearful pledge, and an eye of awful import, he swore that self-destruction was inevitable if he was left behind ; " preferring," as he said, " death and eternal torture to encountering the pure partner of his couch and his spotless children."

I yielded to his entreaties, procured sanction for his embarkation, and with difficulty got him lifted on a stretcher over the side of the ship, from which he was doomed never to depart a living man. The foulness of his body prevented him mingling with the other mass of disease on board : he had to be placed in a cow-shed on the upper deck ; and there, while every other poor sufferer, with an anxious face and a failing heart, would daily watch my lips for some slight ray of hopeful promise that they would ever live to see the fond ones of their heart and their native villages, on his emaciated countenance alone was stamped a perfect apathy to the world around, and a fixed look of resigned termination to deliver up his immortal remains to the hands of the devil.

It was a lovely morning in the month of July, as we lay becalmed off the Western Islands. The winds were hushed ; the sails were motionless ; the cloudless canopy of heaven illuminated the chrystal depths of a sea of glass, whose smooth surface was rippled only by the portentous fin of a solitary shark as he glided slowly in the ship's wake ;—all was calm and solitude around ; nothing was heard but the measured tramp of the captain as he paced the cuddy deck. The outer world seemed hushed in peaceful slumber. But what a violent hurricane raged in the frame of the wretched

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