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But there was little time to think of themselves. On board the bark the sails were still set. The squall struck the Lady Letty squarely aback. She heeled over upon the instant, then, as the top hamper carried away with a crash, eased back a moment upon an even keel. But her cargo had shifted. The spray and seud and rain Wilbur had a



ing at the lanyards with his ax. The the Lady Letty capsized, going over till her masts were flat with the water and in another second relled bottom up. For a moment her keel and red iron bottom were visible through the mist of driving spoondrift. Suddenly they sank from sight. She was gone.

And then, like the rolling up of a sorell, the squall passed, the sun re-turned, the sky burned back to blue, the raggedness was smoothed from the ocean, and the warmth of the tropics closed around the Bertha Millner,

the ocean. Of the Lady Letty and the drunken beachcombing captain not a trace re-mained. Kitchell had gone down with his prize. The Bertha Miliner's Chiwildly, pointing and looking in a be

wildered fashion over the sides.

Wilbur and Moran were left alone on the open Pacific.

HEN Wilbur came on deck the morning after the ing of the bark he was sur-prised to find the schooner under way again. Whbur and Charlie had berthed forward during that night, Charlie with the hands. Withur in the this change of quarters had been found in a peremptory order from Moran during the dog watch the preceding

evening.
She had looked squarely at Wife from under her scowl and had said briefly and in a fine contraite voice that he had for the first time noted "I berth aft in the cabin; you and the Chinaman forward. Understand?" Moran had only forestalled Wilbur's intention, while after her almost miraculous piece of seamanshin in the

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Chinese crew accorded her a respect that was almost superstitious.

Wilbur met her again at breakfas ed to the knee, but now she wore no en to the knee, but now saw were no hat, and her enormous mane of rye celored hair was braided into long strands near to the thickness of a man's arm. The redness of her face gave a startling effect to her pale blue gave a startling effect to her pale blue eyes and sandy, heavy eyebrows that easily lowered to a frewn. She ate with her knife, and after pushing away her plate Wilbur observed that she drank half a tumbler of whicky

and water.

The conversation between the two was tame enough. There was no common ground upon which they could meet. To her father's death—no doubt an old matter even before her rescue she made no allusion. Her attitude toward Wilbur was one of defiance and suspicion. Only once did she relax. "How did you come to be aboard here with these rat exters? You're no

sailor," she said abruptly.
"Huh!" laughed Wilbur mirthlessly. "Wuh! I was shanghaied."

Moran smote the table with a red fist and shouted with sonerous, bell toned laughter:

"Shanghaied-you? Now, that is really good! And what are you going to do now?" "What are you going to do?"

"Signal the first home bound vessel and be taken into Frisco. I've my insurance to collect (Wilbur had given her the Letty's papers) and the disaster to report.'

"Well, I'm not keen on shark hunting myself," said Wilbur. But Moran showed no interest in his plans.

However, they soon found that they were not to be permitted to signal. At noon the same day the schooner sight-ed a steamship's smoke on the horizon and began to raise her rapidly. Moren immediately bound on the ensign, un-

immediately bound on the ensign, us-ton down, and broke it out at the peak. Charlie, who was at the wheel, spoke a sentence in Chinese, and one of the hands drew his knife seross the hal-yards and brought the distress signal to the deck. Moran turned upon Char-

"No, no!" sang Charlie, closing his eyes and wagging his head. "No! Toe muchee los' time; no can stop. You come down side cabin; you an' one piece boss No. 2 (this was Wilbur) have um chin-chin." The odd conclave assembled about

Kitchell's table—the clubman, the half masculine girl in men's clothes and the Chineman. The conference was an asgry one, Wilbur and Moran ineisting that they be put aboard the steamship, Charlie refusing with calm obstinacy.

"I have um chin-chin with China boys las' nigh'. China boy heap flaid no can stop um steamship; heap flaid tee much talkee-talkee; no stop; go fish now; go fish chop-chop; los' heap time; go fish. I no savvy sail um beat; Chi ma boy no savvy sail um boat. I tink um you savvy sail un boat. I that ran). I tinkum you savvy plenty heap much disa bay. Boss No. 2 no savvy sail um boat, but him savvy plenty many all same."

"And we're to stop on board your dough dish and navigate her for you?" shouted Moran, her face blazing. Charlie nodded blandly. "I tinkum

"And when we get back to port," exclaimed Wilbur, "you think perhaps I— we won't make it interesting for you?" Charlie smiled.

"I tinkum ship company heap rich."
"Well, get along." ordered Moran, as
though the schooner was her property,
"and we'll talk it over."

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"China boy lika you heap pretty big."
said Charlie to Moran as he went out.

"You savvy sall um boat all light;
wanta you fo' captain. But," he added, suddenly dropping his biand passivity as though it were a mask and for an insta allowing the wicked malevolent Cantonese to come to the surface,
"China boy no likee funnee businese,
"China boy no likee funnee businese,
"Savvy?" Then, with the smile of a Savvy?" Then, with the smile of a Talleyrand, he disappeared.

Moran and Wilbur were helpless for

Moran and Wilbur were neipless for the present. They were but two against seven Chinamen. They must stay on board if the coolies wished it, and it they were to stay it was a matter of their own personal safety that the Ber-tha Miliner should be preperly navi-

"I'll captain her," concluded Moras sullenly at the end of their talk. "Ye must act as mate, Mr. Wilbur, And don't get any mistaken idea into your don't get any mistaken idea into your head that because I'm a young girl and alone you are going to run things your way. I don't like funny business any better than Charlia."

"Leek here," sald Wilbur, complaining, "don't think I'm altogether a villain. I think yeu're a ripping fine girl. You're different from any kind of girl

I ever met, of course, but you, by jinge,

you're you're splendid! There in the squall last evening, when you steed at the wheel, with your hair"— "Oh, drep that!" said the girl con-

temptuously, and went up on deck.
Wilbur followed, scratching his ear.

Charlie was called aft and their decision announced. Moran would navigate the Bertha Millner, Wilbur and she taking the watches. Charlie promised that he would answer for the obe lience of the men. .

Their first concern now was to shape

Their first concern now was to shape their course for Magdalena bay. Moran and Wilbur looked ever Kitchell's charts and logbook, but the girl flung them aside disdainfully.

"He's been sailing by the dead reckoning, and his navigation is drivel. Why, a cabin boy would know better, and, to end with, the chronometer is run down. I'll have to get Greenwish time by taking the altitude of a star time by taking the altitude of a stan tonight and figure out our longitude. Did you bring off our sextant?" Wilbur shook his head. "Only the papers," he said.

"There's only an old ebony quadrant here," said Moran, "but it will have to

That night, lying flat on her back on the deck, with the quadrant to her eye, she "got a star and brought it down to the horizon" and sat up under the realing lamp in the cabin nearly the whole ing lamp in the cabin nearly the whole night olphering and ciphering till she had filled up the four sites of the leg slate with her calculations. However, by daylight she had obtained the correct Greenwich time and worked the schooner's longitude.

Two days passed, then a third. Moran set the schooner's course. She kept almost entirely to herself, and when not at the wheel or taking the sun on

almost entirely to nerver, and whose not at the wheel or taking the sun es, writing up the log gloemed over the after rall into the schooner's wate. Wilbur knew not what to think of her. Never in his life had he met with any girl like this. So accustomed had she been to the rough give and take, direct associations of a scafaring life, that she misinterpreted well meant politeness, the only respect he knew how to pay her, to mean insidious advances. She was suspicious of him, distrusted him utterly and openly ridi-



culed his abortive seamanship. Pretty she was not, but she soon began to have a certain amount of attraction for Wilbur. He liked her splendid sones of hair, her heavy contracto voice, her fine animal strength of bone and muscle (admittedly greater than his own) He admired her indomitable courage and self reliance, while her positive genius in the matters of seamanship and navigation filled him with speed used to were clever only in the ernoon call or the formalities of a pa-

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