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A CONTEST FOR SUPREMACY IN SPEED.

By H. F. SHORTIS.

Those of us who lived in the sixties of the past century have had the privilege of witnessing our great fleet of sailing vessels at its zenith. Not alone were scores of the sailing vessels employed in prosecuting the great industry of the seal-fishery, but our own fleet of foreign-going vessels could be counted by the score also, and could hold their own with regard to sailing qualities, strength and durability in the class of poorness, as well as the capabilities and seamanship of the crews. In fact, the Newfoundland seaman would take precedence to any other nationality in the mercantile marine of the United States or British ports. Besides their agility and thorough knowledge of their avocation, the majority of them could repair sails as well as the sailmaker himself, and in emergency could perform the work usually allotted to carpenters, in such a manner as to meet all requirements. It was no unusual occurrence for some of the crews to remain six or eight weeks with the one master in the same ship, and I often look back to those days with pleasure, though not without regret that I did not take down and preserve many of those interesting adventures, deeds of daring and hair-breadth escapes as they were recounted by the weather-beaten mariners over the time-honored dog-irons in the glorious days of the misty past. It is true, for the past thirty-five years or more, I have endeavored to

preserve some of the narratives of those heroes of old, many of which have been handed down to me by tradition, and others that I have listened to with spell-bound attention as they were told by the participants in the events, as we sat round the great sparkling fire in the days of our youth. It was an established custom for the master mariners, the members of their families and a few privileged friends to attend these gatherings, and the fund of information to be derived from such instructive discourses would be of incalculable benefit to historians generally, did they possess a copy at the present day. It was in such gatherings that was to be heard and handed down the true and interesting history of our country, but, unfortunately, our hardy and daring sea-faring population of the past century took their rest and ease, and as a result, matters of every-day life in pursuit of their perilous avocations, and recounted them around the kitchen or parlor fire-places for the edification of their audience, who, unfortunately took no care to preserve them in writing. Hence it is, that literary tramps from the outside world come in amongst us, procure a smattering of our past history, and manage to twist and turn it by their own phraseology in such a manner as to make it a burlesque or an insult to the people and the country.

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subject of conversation was on the table, it would generally veer round to the sailing qualities of the ships—the capabilities of the captains, or the experience and agility of the crews. Perhaps nothing formed such an important subject in the social circle as an ocean race between two or more famous ships in our mercantile marine, and the greatest interest was manifested by old and young, rich and poor, until the result was known, and upon the return to port the captain and crew of the winning ship received quite an ovation, which generally wound up in a hot supper, supplemented with choice spirituous cordials in which the health of the winning crew—the losers—the builder—the owners and every other individual connected with the event was drunk amidst rounds of applause and great rhetorical effusions. It is just such an event that I am now about to describe. Although the same interest is not manifested in our mercantile marine, as was some thirty or forty years ago, yet, I find a very large portion of our people take the greatest delight in listening to and reading about these events of the long ago, when our great fleet of vessels could compare favorably with that of any other on this side of the Atlantic, and when our sea-faring men obtained and maintained the reputation of being the most competent, hardy and fearless mariners in the world.

On a beautiful evening in the summer of 1861, two clipper brigs passed out of the Narrows side by side, oil laden, on a voyage across the Atlantic. Both ships were of a class, now unknown; and were as fine specimens of marine architecture as could be found on either side of the Atlantic. The Balclutha, owned by the firm of Messrs. J. & W. Stewart, was a noted flyer and had many a record run to her credit. The other brig, the Mercury, was owned by W. & H. Thomas & Co. and was not less successful than her noted rival. The anchors were soon cast; every stitch of sail, from skysails down, spread to the breeze, courses given, and away for the Old Head or Kinsale in Old Ireland. As the long July evening closed in, the bold coast of our native land appeared as a bank of clouds in the distant west. At eight bells the watches were set, and everything was going along as well as could be expected on a ship just after leaving port.

The ships were almost side by side, gliding through the water which was smooth, and by log were running seven knots per hour. The mate's watch on the Mercury went below at eight o'clock, and was called again at midnight. As my informant stated: "I was on deck first, having to relieve the wheel, and never shall I forget the sight I witnessed. The wind had hauled round about W.S.W., freshened, and the Mercury was running about nine knots through the sea which was one blaze of phosphorescent splendour and luminosity. The Balclutha, with everything still on her, was a little in advance and looked a thing of beauty. The moon shining on her snow-white canvas had a beautiful effect, and as she rose and fell in the sea, ten millions of jewels flashed from under her bows, along her sides, and beneath her counter. Her copper gleamed like burnished gold and her wake was a revelation. The Mercury was in it evidently to stay, and was holding her own proudly, and not going to give up the race without a strong kick. The next day it was almost calm, and the ships were in sight of each other. Thus day after day passed. The captain of the Mercury left orders for a man to be sent aloft to the royal yard every morning to try and sight the Balclutha. On the eleventh day out the wind changed and blew lightly from the eastward. That night the crew of the Mercury lost sight of the Balclutha. On the thirteenth day the ship was beating in to make Cape Clear amid a large fleet of vessels of all nations, bound to English ports. Here was the stately Indianman—the tea ship from China—the Dutch galley—the Melbourne Clipper—the Black Ball Liner—the loyal West Indianman with the bluff bows and heavy counters, and the tidy little Newfoundland brig the Mercury. Last, though not least, when it came to a test of speed.

When night fell, it was dangerous sailing, and orders were given to tack ship every two hours, and the captain had to be very careful, as the nights were now dark and no moon visible, and hundreds of lights were passing and re-passing. All hands had to be on the qui vive. One night, just after four bells, a light was seen approaching on the opposite tack, and the captain shouted to the man at the wheel, "Luff, my lad, and give him a berth." Just after a black brig passed close aboard, and the captain of the Mercury sang out, "Is that you Captain Hart?" "Aye, aye," said Hart, "didn't you get in yet?" "No," said Captain Boyce, "did you?"

The ships did not meet again, but the captain and crew of the Mercury were satisfied with the result of the race, as they were the victors, having passed the Old Head of Kinsale four hours and eleven minutes ahead of the Balclutha, which was not so bad on a seventeen hundred mile race across the Atlantic.

At one time St. John's had twenty-one barques and one full-rigged ship (the Hermione) belonging to Bowring Brothers. The Fleetwing, Oberon, Tasso, Emily, Midas, Prospero, Miranda, Olinda, Meteor, and the Rothsay of Harbor Grace were the principal flyers. The clipper brigs were the James Stewart, Titania, Balclutha, Mercury, and the dandy of the lot, the Seamew, belonging to R. Alsop & Co. The crews in those days were larger than at present, as no vessel carried less than eight hands, and some of the larger barques had fifteen men. All told, there were as many as eight or nine hundred men who manned the foreign fleet, which is a sad contrast to the present day, when not more than, probably, two hundred and fifty men sail on foreign voyages. Many of the fore-and-aft schooners now crossing the Atlantic in all seasons do not carry more than six men, and I have known some of them to sail with four hands.

To some cause or other our foreign fleet has been dwindling down and growing less for the past ten or fifteen years, and as the vessels are lost they are not replaced. A few years ago we had a fleet of fifty vessels, to-day, probably, we have not more than twenty-five.

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Church and Theatre.

"What do people mean when they say that the drama is unchristian?" asks "J. B.," writing in the Christian World on "Church and Theatre." "They might as well say that literature is unchristian. Are there not bad books, worse in their suggestions, in their immoral tendency, than anything that has been produced on the stage? And yet does anybody propose to lay an embargo on reading?"

"What Christian people have to do now is to discriminate between the good play and the bad one. The theatre is here, a great and growing fact, enshrined in the affections of the people. And the business of the Church is to recognise the fact; to take its good and make it better; and to use its utmost power to purge the evil that still clings."

Have You Been Stung?

Some people have recently been badly "stung" by getting substitutes for Zam-Buk. When they have asked for a box of Zam-Buk, the dealer has produced some line on which he makes more profit, and talked about "Just as good and cheaper," or "One of my own, and I know what's in it," or "Really, the same thing at half the price," etc., etc. When tested, this cheap substitute has, of course, failed to do anything like what Zam-Buk does, but the buyer has, nevertheless, parted with his money! You will have to get Zam-Buk eventually! Don't waste money on useless substitutes. The name "Zam-Buk" is protected by law. See it on every package before paying. If your dealer should be out of stock, write "Zam-Buk, St. John's, Newfoundland." We will mail it by return.

Household Notes.

Bamboo furniture is best cleaned with a damp cloth.

Dry cake may be used for bread pudding in place of the bread.

Wild flowers will not wilt if put in to a paper bag as soon as picked.

Moths will rarely bother woollens which are aired and perfectly clean.

In choosing table china the simplest designs are always the safest.

The water rice is cooked in makes an excellent foundation for soup.

A stiff paste brush will get dust out of cracks better than a duster will.

If a year-old baby refuses milk, try giving it broths, eggs and cereals.

Rew a small brass ring on garden gloves and hang them up when not in use.

Beets can be baked for table just as potatoes are, and they are delicious.

Keep a box on the back porch for rubbish, and the yard will be much cleaner.

Sleepy pillows can be filled with clover and hops, as well as with pine needles.

In laying a table the sharp edges of all knives should be turned toward the plate.

For cleaning windows a new dish mop, kept for the purpose, will be found useful.

A new medicine dropper should be used for measuring extracts in the kitchen.

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