



### AT SEA.

The mighty sea is full of interest to all young folks. Those who live on its shores learn to love it as a friend and share in all its moods till it seems to become a part of their very natures. They love to watch it in its calm moods as the waves come rolling in on the beach, washing the white sand, or beating gently against the rocks, and find a wild delight in listening to its angry roar as it lashes the shore and unites with wind and rain in a furious uproar. Even the boys and girls who have never seen the sea, love to imagine what it is like, and picture it to themselves as they have seen it described in books. But the fortunate youth who lives on the sea is the envy of all young people. Day by day surrounded by the great stretch of blue water, only once in a while catching a glimpse of land, and experiencing hair-breadth escapes from shipwreck and drowning in its treacherous waves, is a life after the danger-loving boy's own heart. To be able to see a live whale sporting in the water, great floating icebergs, and to stop at far-away shores where strange people are to be seen—what a privilege! Nowadays, when the great ships cross the ocean in a few days and when a journey round the world is accomplished in a comparatively short time, our young folks think with regret of the good

old days, when the slow little sail-boats took eight or nine weeks to cross from England to America. In those days a voyage across the ocean was a thing you might be excused for talking about all the rest of your life. But the great ships now built seem themselves indifferent to the merciless waves, as if they were conscious that with their wonderful size and strength they were masters of the sea. How gracefully the boats shown in our cut are sailing over the calm sea, their sails unfurled, hurried along by the fresh sea breeze!

### NATIVES OF HAWAII.

When Lady Brassey, the noted traveller, reached the Sandwich Islands, she and her party visited the volcano of Kilauea, where they spent Christmas Day. The crater is a lake of fire a mile across, boiling like Acheron. "Dashing against the cliffs with a noise like the roar of a stormy ocean, waves of blood-red fiery lava tossed their spray high in the air." Returning over the lava bed, she continues: "Once I slipped, and my foot sank through the thin crust. Sparks issued from the ground, and the stick on which I leaned caught fire before I could fairly recover myself." Soon after a river of lava overflowed the ground on which they had just walked. The natives of Hawaii seem almost amphibious. On a narrow board mere boys will ride upon the wildest surf or rapids; and, for the amusement of the tourists, two natives leaped from a cliff, a hundred feet high, into the sea at its base.

### HOW ARE YOUR SAILS SET?

Is our reader surprised that we should ask this question? Well, you will not be when you have read a little farther on.

Did it ever occur to you that you are a sailor? Not one of those who live upon a canal or river-boat or a great ocean steamer, and whose business it is to go from one city and country to another and help in carrying forward the commerce of the world. No, not in this sense are you a sailor, but you are one in a much more important sense. You are a mariner upon the great sea of life. God has placed you in charge of a more costly ship and a more precious cargo than was ever committed to the captain of the finest merchant vessel

that ever crossed the Atlantic. This ship is your own self, and this cargo is whatever this self possesses that is of real value and interest. Whether you are travelling to the good or the bad, whether you make shipwreck or enter, after life's voyage is over, into the calm and peaceful harbor of rest, depends upon the proper use of your sails.

Do you know that the same winds may carry different vessels in almost directly opposite directions, the course pursued by the vessels depending upon the angle at which the sails are set? Just so it is that the same set of circumstances, the same trials and temptations to do wrong, may blow upon one boy and he may go in the right direction because he has determined to be master of the ship; while another boy, facing the same winds, may go in the wrong direction because he has either set his sails wrong or refused to use them at all and is content to drift.

The wise sailor uses the favorable breezes when they come, and takes advantage of those unfavorable by the adjustment of the sails of his ship. By this means adverse and contrary winds are made to speed him on his journey. So all wise young persons use all favorable circumstances to increase in knowledge, goodness and usefulness: while he so adjusts himself to the unfavorable that, instead of doing him harm, they really furnish the opportunity for the development of strength and the attainment of wisdom and experience which he would not otherwise acquire.

Our advice to all is: Instead of complaining that yours is a hard lot and that you have not as good a chance in life as others, so adjust yourselves to your surroundings and so determinedly go forward in the pathway of right as that you shall reach the high and the good despite the drawbacks of whatsoever kind.

### DADDY'S GIRL.

Who'll make a bid for Daddy's own girl?  
What will you give for each golden curl?  
What for her smile, so sweet and so wise?  
What for her beautiful bright blue eyes?

"A golden guinea I'll give," I said.  
"For each soft curl on her golden head,  
And I'll give, besides, a priceless pearl,  
Pure as the heart of this 'Daddy's girl.'"

Daddy's girl smiled as she answered, "No,  
The price you offer is much too low—  
A chest full of love with a kiss for a key,  
Daddy will pay—so I'm his, you see."

Young folks like a change. Even where change is not an improvement, it may be a relief. Never take a step backward for the sake of change, but try a step forward.