



SMMAY TILLEY LOSES HIS HOLD.

GRIP'S SKETCHES

OF BEINGS WHOM EVERYBODY KNOWS.
THE AMATEUR SAILOR.



There's a certain class of beings that one never can mistake, I mean the yachtsmen, amateurs, who cruise about the lake, You may know them by their language you can't mistake their dress;

Wherever you may meet them, if you're not the veriest dunce, You can never make an error in spotting them at once;

And when he 'comes aboard' the car our laughter he may earn By relating 'how he very near came being left astern.'

A mariner like him would say aboard a three ton yacht

If he consults his watch to see what hour the dial tells, It's never eight, or twelve or four o'clock: oh! no, 'eight bells'

Is what the hardy seaman would call it. If you meet Him quite by accident, and stop his progress in the street,

He'll say, "Look here, you land lubber, I don't want any rows, But just be careful how you steer: don't come athwart my bows."

Now, ten to one, this selfsame youth could not, for all he's worth, Tell a halliard or a bowsprit from a turnip in the earth

A few short weeks ago: and why he seems to think it grand To despise and underrate the things he sees upon the land,

And even to forget their names, the silly, half-grown lout, Is a thing that I can't understand, it licks me out and out.

I really cannot understand why anyone takes pride In telling how he feels a pain within his starboard side. Perhaps all day our hero toils with crossed legs; he's a tailor, But behold him in the evening; ain't he every inch a sailor?

Just twig that knowing hitch he gives his trousers in the rear, Tho' why a sailor does this he has not the least idea. This sketch is long enough, and so I'm called upon to stop, And the subject of the sailor—amateur—I gladly drop.

To be continued.

ARTHUR'S MARTHA.

Young Arthur looked up from the album of photos, "Please Martha, play something," he plaintively sighed, "And what shall I play for you?" fair Martha answered, "Oh! something operatic," the bank clerk replied.

A musical lady of quiet demeanor Looked round on the youth with a whimsical gaze, And laughingly said, "be it gladsome or solemn, "I will be operatic whatever she plays."

The youth, where he sat on a red velvet sofa, Rolled his eyes in surprise and enquired, "Why so?" "Because," said the lady of quiet demeanor, "I will be a selection from 'Martha,' you know."

MARY, St. Thomas.

HE COMES.

And now that day is drawing near, That day so sad, so fateful, When in our sanctum will appear That individual hateful. He'll come, as sure as Judgment day, And in the doorway bobbin', He'll smile, "I've just dropt in to say I've seen the first spring robin."

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