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A MIRACULOUS MARITIME EXPEDITION.

An account of certain English people, who, in the year 1569, making a voyage to the East-Indies, were cast away, and wrecked upon an uninhabited island, near the coast of Terra Australis Incognita, and all drowned except one man and four women.—Given by Cornelius Van Sloetten, Captain of a Dutch ship, which was driven in there by foul weather, in the year 1667, who found their posterity (speaking good English) to the amount of twelve thousand souls.

CERTAIN English merchants encouraged by the great advantages arising from the eastern commodities, in the year 1569, having obtained Queen Elizabeth's royal licence, furnished out for the East-Indies four ships, of which ——— English was chosen factor; who embarked on the 3d of April, O. S. with his wife and family, consisting of a son of twelve years old, a daughter of fourteen, two maid servants, a female negro slave, and George Pine, his book-keeper, on board one of the said ships, called the East-India Merchant, of 450 tons, being provided with all manner of necessaries and conveniences, in order to settle a factory there.

By the 14th of May they were in sight of the Canaries; and soon after arrived at the Cape de Verd Islands, where they took in some provisions for their voyage, and steering their course south and a point east, about the first of August came to the Island of St. Helena; and having taken in some fresh water, set forward for the Cape of Good Hope, where they, by God's blessing, arrived safe, having hitherto met with no tempestuous or disagreeable sailing weather.

But it pleased God, when they were almost in sight of St. Laurence (said to be one of the largest islands in the world,) they were overtaken by a great storm of wind, which separated them from the rest of the ships, and continued with such violence for many days, that being driven out of their knowledge, they lost all hopes of safety.

The first of October, about break of day, the sea continuing very stormy