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### THE SAILOR'S WIFE--A FACT.

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**I**N the month of June, 1834, the line ship *Fame* arrived in this port from Liverpool, and was moored at one of the North River docks. Her Commander Captain George Jones, whom I shall pass over with few remarks, was an Englishman, rough, boorish in his manners, but withal a thorough bred seaman, and as far as qualifications went, perfectly competent to command any vessel that ever floated.

The first officer, Charles Best, was the only and cherished son of a wealthy southern planter, (then deceased,) and as such, no pains or expense had been spared to afford him every possible advantage in acquiring an education, and his progress was, in every thing rapid and satisfactory. While at college, he acquired a passion for the sea, which

grew with his growth, and strengthened with his strength, and finding all applications to his father for permission to indulge it, vain, he determined to go to sea, *coule qui coule*. He was of a noble, high spirited nature, very handsome, brave and generous to a fault, and withal, his whole existence seemed to be made up of romance. He was never so happy, never so contented, as when engaged in some enterprise which called forth all his energies.

He disappeared suddenly from college and after roving about the world for three or four years, (his parents mourning him as dead,) he returned home in time to receive his father's forgiveness and blessing, and take possession of the estate, thus disappointing many hungry expectants. His passion for the sea, however, clung to him, and having been offered the berth of chief mate of the *Fame*, then lying at Charles-