

## THE HULAN AND HIS CHARGER.

Stand, my good charger! steady stand!  
In thy thick mane I wreath the my hand,  
As bounding from the yellow sand,  
We go to fight for Fatherland!

Hurrah! my steed, hurrah!

Let others pant the prize to gain,  
In rival race on festal plain,  
Be ours to join the martial train,  
Where warrior's blood flows fast as rain!

Hurrah! my steed, hurrah!

Hark! 'tis the clarion's clanging bray,  
'Tis answered by the joyous neigh.  
Forth to the battle's mad'ning fray,  
Glory or death, for us to-day!

Hurrah! my steed, hurrah!

The sabre gleams, the cuirass clanks,  
Now side by side in charging ranks,  
Like Danube when he bursts his banks,  
We dash upon the foeman's ranks!

Hurrah! my steed, hurrah!

## A TALE OF THE SEA.

In the year 18—, said Capt. M—, I was bound in a fine ship of about 400 tons burthen from the port of P— to Liverpool. The ship had a valuable cargo on board, and about ninety thousand dollars in specie. I had been prevented, by other urgent business, from giving much of my attention to the vessel while loading and equipping for the voyage, but was very particular in my directions to the chief mate, in whom I had great confidence, he having sailed with me some years, to avoid entering, if possible, any but native American seamen. When we were about to sail he informed me that he had not been able to comply with my directions entirely in this particular; but had shipped two foreigners as seamen, one a native of Germany, and the other a Frenchman from Brittany. I was pleased, however, with the appearance of the crew generally, and particularly with the foreigners. They were both stout and able-bodied men, and were particularly alert and attentive to orders.

The passage commenced auspiciously, and promised to be a speedy one, as we took a fine steady westerly wind soon after we lost soundings. To my great sorrow and uneasiness, I soon discovered in the foreigners a change of conduct for the worse. They became insolent to the mates, and appeared to be frequently under the excitement of liquor, and had evidently acquired an undue influence with the rest of the men. Their intemperance soon became intolerable, and as it was evident that they had brought liquor on board with them, I determined upon searching the fore-castle and depriving them of it. An order to this effect was given to the mates, and they were directed to go about the execution mildly and firmly, taking no arms with them as they seemed inclined to do, but to give every chest, berth and locker in the fore-castle a thorough examination, and bring ast to the cabin any spirits they might find.

It was not without much anxiety that I sent them forward upon this duty. I remained upon the quarter-deck myself, ready to go to

their aid, should it be necessary. In a few moments a loud and angry dispute was succeeded by a sharp scuffle around the fore-castle companion way. The steward, at my call, handed my loaded pistols from the cabin, and with them I hastened forward.—The Frenchman had grappled the second mate, who was a mere lad, by the throat, thrown him across the heel of the bowsprit, and was apparently determined to strangle him to death. The chief mate was calling for assistance from below, where he was struggling with the Guernsey man. The rest of the crew were indifferent spectators, but rather encouraging the foreigners than otherwise. I presented a pistol at the head of the Frenchman, and ordered him to release the second mate, which he instantly did. I then ordered him into the foretop, and the others, who were near, into the maintop; none to come down under pain of death, until ordered.—The steward had by this time brought another pair of pistols, with which I armed the second mate, directing him to remain on deck, and went below into the fore-castle myself. I found that the chief mate had been slightly wounded in two places by the knife of his antagonist, who, however, ceased to resist as I made my appearance, and we immediately secured him in irons. The search was now made, and a quantity of liquor found and taken to the cabin. The rest of the men were then called down from the tops, and the Frenchman, was made the companion of his coadjutor's confinement. I then expostulated, at some length, with the others upon their improper and insubordinate conduct, and upon the readiness with which they had suffered themselves to be drawn into such courses by two rascally foreigners, and expressed hopes that I should have no reason for further complaint during the rest of the voyage. This remonstrance I thought had effect, as they appeared contrite and promised amendment. They were then dismissed, and order was restored.

The next day the foreigners strongly solicited pardon, with the most solemn promises of future good conduct; and as the rest of the crew joined in their request, I ordered that their irons should be taken off. For several days the duties of the ship were performed to my entire satisfaction; but I could discover in the countenances of the foreigners, expressions of deep and rancorous animosity to the chief mate, who was a prompt, energetic seaman, requiring from the sailor, at all times, ready and implicit, obedience to his orders.

A week had passed over in this way, when one night, in the mid watch, all hands were called to shorten sail. Ordinarily upon occasions of this kind, the duty was not conducted by the mate, but I now went upon deck