

vomited forth whizzing balls, like shooting stars, red from the fiery furnace.

24 Notwithstanding, the haughty captains of the ships of Britain would send in their boats to rob the market-men and the fishermen: howbeit, they were sometimes entrapped.

25 For it came to pass, upon a certain day, that the Poitiers, a mighty ship of the king, lying at a place called Sandy-Hook, sent out one of her tenders, even the Eagle, in search of this kind of plunder:

26 Whereupon, a fishing boat of Columbia, called the Yankee, under the direction of a chief captain called Lewis,* prepared herself with a number of men to entrap the Eagle.

27 So they took a fatted calf, a bleating lamb, and a noisy goose, and placed them upon the deck of the boat; and when the servants of the king came nigh the Yankee, thinking they were about to be treated handsomely with the good things of the land of Columbia, their hearts were rejoiced;

28 And they commanded the vessel called the Yankee to follow after them, towards the ship of the king, their master; but at this moment the men of Columbia arose up from their hiding-places in the hold of the boat, and shot into the vessel of Britain.

29 At the sound of which they were so astonished, that they forgot to put the match to the black dust of

* Commodore Lewis, commander of the flotilla in the harbor of New York—Sailing-master Percival gallantly conducted this expedition.

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