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ness, might I ask what your plans are for vourself?"

I was obliged to answer that I had no definite plans as yet, having been so absorbed in the hunt for Gordon that I had had no time to think of myself, but now I would certainly look out for an opening.

"As to that," said he, "there is a desk at vour disposal in the house of Macdonald, Mactavish and Macintosh—good Scotch names, all of them, you will observe—any time you may feel inclined to begin work. The emoluments will be sufficient to enable you to live pending the finding of something better should you not take kindly to banking."

"I have had some knowledge of Highlanders," put in Mr. Matheson, one of the merchant princes to whom I had a letter of introduction. "I have had some knowledge of Highlanders, and I hardly ever saw one of them feel at home at a desk. Put a gun, or a sword, or a tarry rope, or anything else that means fresh air and activity in their hands, and they're as much at home as a rabbit in a sand hill. But that's not saying that Mr.

much at home as a rabbit in a sand hill. But that's not saying that Mr. Kilgour would not take kindly to banking. If he's after rupees, he will," and Mr. Matheson cast a glance of intelligence at his friend. of intelligence at his friend.

I hastened to say that I was very grateful to Mr. Macdonald for his generous offer, and that, with his permission, I would keep it under consideration for a day or two. erous offer, and that, with his permission, I would keep it under consideration for a day or twa,

"Quite right, Mr. Kilgour, quite right," said Mr. Macdonald, cordially.
"Look well before you leap, especially in this land of deceits, though, to tell you the truth and never flatter, you have done so well in this Gordon business that I should like to catch you. However, I say again, you are quite right to avoid a rash decision. A false step involves a change, and though the proverb says that changes are lightsome it adds that only fools are fond of them. I am not one of those who pin their faith to proverbs, good or bad. If a rolling stone does not gather moss, it often gathers what is a great deal better than moss—an auriferous coating that we are all glad to admire. So don't decide hastily. It's a poor business getting out of the trying-pan lipto the fire and back again from the fire into the frying pan. Avoid it."

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I thanked Mr. Matheson as I had thanked Mr. Macdonald, saying that as the ship was not sailing imme-diately I would think the matter over.

The street of the considerable with the new of the considerable with the considerable wi DISENCHANTMENT AND DESPAIR

had probably never known what it is a saile out of pure good nature or innocent hilarity, for their features were fixed in a perpetual scowl which nothing could soften. Toward each other, as toward their officers, they had the sulky, defiant demeanour of caged beasts of prey, and no doubt they had a sense of imprisonment. Off duty or on, they indulged in no freedom of joility of intercourse. No stories were told: no songs were sung. The spirit was that of a chain gang working at the point of the bayonet or the muzzle of the rifle, Misfortune, failure in hazardous and bloody enterprise, had brought them together, and as yet they were not able to fraterrize.

The officers matched the crew. Though Captain Holden was an Englishman, and Mr. Malcolm, the mate, Scotch, there was nothing gracious or prepossessing in either of them. The captain was short and broad, square rigged, with a tremendous breadth of beam, as a sailor would say, and his squat, burly frame had in it the muscular strength and energy of the tiger. His face, hairy as a Skye terrier's, showed no feature in particular, save the huge nose, which, owing to a long course of grog, had assumed the appearance of a purple knob, and bulging eyebrows that hung over small, deep-set eyes, as a cliff overhangs a cavern. His wisage was truculent, and his temper and voice were in harmony, His most caressing tones were the growl of the thunder; his anger was the fury of a flend. His natural qualities, too, had been well cultivated. The broadside of oaths he poured upon his men when anything went amiss was an achievement in profanity to be remembered with a greepy shudder for a lifetime, and the gleam of his eyes and the way in which he fingered his pistols under the stress of passion showed that he was not of those who value human life.

As might be expected, his career had been eventful. His experiences startvalue human life.

As might be expected, his career had been eventful, his experiences startling and varied. He boasted—and I am sure truthfully—that he could show more sword cuts and bullet scars than any other man of his size then living. "A man with a greater extent of hide might beat me," he would somotimes say." but to the then living. "A man with a greater extent of hide might beat me," he would somotimes say, but to the square inch show me him who equals me. By Jupiter, if I was to preach on that kind of tattooing, a week would be too short for my sermon!" And you immediately assented.

The mate could not be described as being of a milder natural disposition, but only as being less fearfully developed. His name for cruelty was less eminent than his chief's, but he was training excellently and gave high promise of brutality. Meanwhile he swore, took his grog, and practised assiduously on the crew. The first day out he knocked a salior down with a magnin spike under the very eyes of the captain, who was too indifferenteven to curse approvingly. A little even to curse approvingly. A little later he sent another head foremost into the hold without so much as casting a downward glance to see whether

Alately I would think the matter over, But the suggestion pleased me; whereas, though sincerely grateful to Mr. Macdonald, I was not in love with the idea of perching on a stool.

The upshot was that I declined Mr. Macdonald's offer, and decided to visit Arabia in Mr. Matheson's ship. The kindly banker would not, however, take a final answer, but said that the post should be kept open till my return, as ships and tarry sailors might by that time have lost their attraction. If he has kept his word, there has been a vacant desk in that establishment for a very long time.

Such, in brief, were my shipmates, and it will be eaisly understood how quickly and completely my dreams of a holiday voyage vanished.

It enhanced the discomforts of the situation that I fancied myself regarded by the captain and mate as an in-temperature as you with the sharks outside, But on that ime have lost their attraction. If he has kept his word, there has been a vacant desk in that establishment for a very long time. the has kept his word, there has been a vacant desk in that establishment for a very long time.

The decision made, my next piece of business was to write home a longletter to Kilburnie and another to The Elms. The Kilburnie letter was out of hand with no effort, but the one to Sir Thomas was a different matter entirely. I felt a great pity for the poor gentleman, which I durst not express lest he should die of heartbreak, so that my communication had to be somewhat of the nature of a diplomatic despatch. Unhappliy the task of composing it called for gifts with which I was but scantily endowed. I wrote the letter and rewrote it, and again wrote it; then took it to bed to dream over, undoing the whole thing on the morrow, and going through such again over, undoing the whole thing on the me envy the life of an author.

On the third day my patience was exhausted, and the clumsy essay in diplomacy was posted. It tried to make out that there was abundant hope for the future, while there was also a sufficient reason for abandoning the search at present, but I fancy it ould not have imposed on anybody. To put the better face on the thing, I fabricated a little fiction about the severe heat telling on my health and being advised to take a short trip, I

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was certainly not the worse read man of the two.

"This roving, free and easy life, Mr. Kilgour," he said one day, "has a tendency, as Burns says, to 'harden a' within and petrify the feeling,' but I try to keep a fresh sweet corner in my affections for the thoughts and fancies of choice souls. After all, a good book is better than their riotous games at ninepins with virtue and character, and to read about a pretty girl is better than to go about carousing with an ugly and debauched one. As Sancho Panza. says about sleep, 'God bless the man who invented books.'"

Books, however, were the subjects of our bytalk only. Oftenest our conversation was about India. Arabia, and our companions. sation was about India. Arabia, and our companions.

"Just look at them, Mr. Kilgour," he said once. "Aren't they a pretty set? Haven't they the look of having been bern, bred, trained, educated for the special purpose of wallowing in crime? Without ocular evidence could you imagine that so much rascality could be condensed within a few skins? They are the very essence of villains, sir, or rather the dregs, with not an honest or honorable instinct among them. I verily believe eld Nick would be ashamed of them, for he, if reports be true, is an artist and a gentleman, but they than

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