

manœuvre to sever her fair daughters from the handsome mid, but often in vain. Few partners are so acceptable to the lassies as a good-looking little middy—the dear young *saltees* are so full of fun and frolic, so gallant, so frank, and yet so polished when in ladies' society. Salt water and French polish differ essentially, and the gun-room is by no means noted for the elegance of its intercourse; yet who of either sex, whether young or old, has associated with its occupants ashore, and not been delighted? the young scamps are always welcome companions, more especially to ladies of their own age; they are indeed generally

" Variable as the shade,
By the light quivering aspen made,"

in their *liaisons*, which, though too often entered on with the sole intention of spending the passing hour, sometimes are for the moment sincere as they are brief. We know not in which of these classes to place a flame on which Annesley's shipmates quizzed him—its object was certainly well calculated to excite the latter—whilst the actual cautery which she

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