

SHIPWRECKED AND SAVED BY A PLAGUE-SHIP.

A true story which vies with the weird-est fancy of Poe is narrated below:— "When the health officers at the Hospital Ship in the lower bay went aboard the brig F. T. Merryman, which arrived at New York last week, they beheld a scene of dire confusion, and were told a tale of almost unparalleled combination of disaster and suffering from storm and sickness. Looking haggard and pale, Captain Hoppchild greeted the officers excitedly and then took them below decks into the presence of two emaciated men, who were all that were left of the vessel's original crew.

"What do you mean by saying these are all that is left of the brig's crew?" asked one of the officers as the captain began his recital. "Here you are yourself, and here are at least a score of other men."

Eleven tanned, but worn-out-looking sailors, stood grouped around the captain and the officers, and to explain their presence as well as his own, the vessel the captain said that they had picked up the brig at sea. The captain and crew of eleven were from the bark Frederica Scavia, owned at Stettin, and last seen in New York in May, 1883. She sailed from Stettin on July 11, with a cargo of salt for Charleston, S. C. On September 12, while in latitude 29 deg. N., and longitude 54 deg. W., the Scavia encountered a hurricane which tore every sail into ribbons, and finally wrenched every spar from its fastenings and swept them away. Thus disabled the good ship was at the mercy of the gale. Under bare poles, however, she was steered before the wind and kept from further injury. But the storm had not abated when the awful news was received from the carpenter that a leak had been discovered. Although tired out from their exertions to keep the vessel righted, all hands that could be spared were placed at the pumps. Working night and day soon exhausted the men, and it seemed that they would perish. The water gained inch by inch day by day.

When all hope was abandoned, on September 21, the cry was raised that a sail had been sighted. Filled with a new life the men made a desperate effort at the pumps and kept afloat until the sail was close at hand. They raised signals of distress, but they received no reply. Mystified at not being recognized, but yet determined not to be passed unnoticed, Captain Hoppchild with several of his most trusty men put off in a boat. Coming up with the newly discovered vessel, they discovered her to be the brig F. J. Merryman. Hailing the vessel, they were again astonished at receiving no answer. Not a man was to be seen on deck. A man had stood at the wheel, but he disappeared on beholding the approaching boat's crew.

Grappling a rope that hung over the side of the brig Captain Hoppchild drew his boat close to the vessel. Followed by all his men except one, whom he left behind to look after the boat, the captain clambered on deck. Everything was in disorder. The man who had stood at the wheel had swooned. A pail of water was dashed into his face and he revived only to tell that the vessel was a floating charnel house, and then to fall back dead.

Hastily searching through the crew of the brig, the captain and his men discovered that out of the crew of the brig only two men remained. The others had died of fever. Filled with horror at having come into such a danger, the long-tried seamen almost despaired. Behind them was death from drowning, or slow starvation by taking to their open boats. Before them, seemingly, was even a worse fate. They accepted the chances of the latter. Sending his men back to the bark after their companions, Captain Hoppchild then lent his attention to the two surviving men, whom he had discovered, and after a few minutes' treatment he laid them on their feet. They were the steward and a seaman, who had been exhausted from overwork and short rations. When the crew of the bark reached the brig they were sent back for all the provisions they could obtain, and the bark was then abandoned. The bark sank on the following day.

The Merryman was owned by R. A. Robertson & Co., of No. 9 Old Slip, New York City. She left Boston in charge of Captain G. G. Nickerson on May 11th for Sierra Leone, on the West coast of Africa, arriving there on June 14th. She then sailed for Bathurst, whence she departed on August 20th with a cargo of hides consigned to John S. Brooks of Boston. Besides the captain she carried two mates and five men before the mast. Soon after leaving Bathurst fever broke out among the crew which soon decimated their numbers to such an extent that they had to do double duty in order to manage her. When the captain and mates died they were without a navigator, and sailed aimlessly about until only three were left. Strange to say, two men lingered until the newly found captain and crew brought the brig into the New York bay.

"As tragic as this story appears," said a shipping man, "it is yet not without its humorous phase. Notwithstanding that if Captain Hoppchild had not found the crewless brig he would have certainly never been heard from, he has now entered a libel in the United States Court for salvage against R. A. Robertson & Co. for picking up the brig."

Loss of Flesh and Strength, with poor appetite, and perhaps slight cough in morning, or on first lying down at night, should be looked to in time. Persons afflicted with consumption are proverbially unconscious of their real state. Most cases commence with disordered liver, leading to bad digestion, and imperfect assimilation of food—hence the emaciation, or wasting of the flesh. It is a form of scrofulous disease, and is curable by the use of that greatest of all blood-cleansing, anti-bilious and invigorating compounds, known as Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery."

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Panacea for Trouble.

Life is filled with trouble, as a writer in Our Homes has said, and we must shoulder our share with the best grace we can. We may only seek to make them as light as we can, since to avoid them is impossible.

There is one sovereign panacea for this. It is work. Brooding over trouble is like surrounding one's self with a fog. It magnifies all objects seen through it. Occupation of the mind prevents this; hard work, manual work even, gives the mind other matters of concern, tires the body so that sleep will come.

Very few suicides occur when men are actively employed. When out of work they think of their other troubles, and the despondency arising from this added one throws the mind from its balance, and the fatal deed is done. Many a man would have committed suicide if he had the time. Work of any kind, especially work for others, is the great panacea for a troubled mind.

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HIS HEAD WAS LEVEL.—A wealthy New York gentleman advertised for a coachman. Among those who applied for the position was one who answered all the requirements. "I will hire you for a year at fifty dollars a month." "The salary is all right, but—" "But what?" "I would like to ask you a question."

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ON THE ROAD.

New York Freeman's Journal.

It is not a pleasant thing to be the travelling agent representing any publication. It is still less pleasant when the subscribers to that publication are scattered over a large area. An agent, to perform his duty thoroughly, must be very much in earnest; he must have the enterprise of a Wall street broker, the patience of an editor, and the perseverance of a book agent. If Providence had given him the fur of a polar bear and the legs of those tall water birds that wade in swamps, he would be a happier man. If the travelling agents of the Freeman's Journal had all these qualities and gifts, probably we should not have to put in a word for them. But, as they are generally human beings, without polar fur or high stilts, we are moved to draw the attention of some of our readers to their position.

If our agent, after stopping at some remote station and walking a few miles, is not petrified by the frosty glare of the priest's housekeeper, he falls into the hands of the sexton, who perhaps sees a "funeral" in him, and "sours on him"—we quote this horrible bit of slang from a letter before us—when he discovers there is nobody to bury.

It is hard work, rushing for trains and rushing out of them, wading through mud to the house of the admiring reader, who sends "his love to the veteran editor," but tells the agent to "call again." Call again! When he has only two hours to stay in the place and some miles to walk before train time. Call again! When travelling agents die—they generally die young—that phrase is found written on their hearts. The reader thinks that if he keeps back the sun due for his subscription, it will make no difference. But when a hundred or so subscribers in one district adopt this opinion it does make a great difference—especially to the agent, whose manner of travelling will depend very much on the percentage he makes.

Our travelling agents are very sensitive to kind treatment, and they like to tell readers anything left out of the Freeman. They are willing to converse on the future of Ireland, to give the "true inwardness" of metropolitan politics, to converse for a suitable length of time on Roman affairs; but it ought to have struck some of our readers that a man talks best when he is free from anxiety, and the agent is never free from anxiety until he is paid. With the amount of his bill in his hand, the agent becomes a new man. His eloquence can only be checked by inexorable time; his flow of language has been even known to soften the stony heart of the priest's housekeeper when, in answer to his announcement, "I've called again," she replies with that severity always shown to any benefactor of the rectory: "His reverence left the money." Charming words! There be those who not only pay the agent, but who show him the kindest welcome, and kill the fatted chicken, and send him away laden with good wishes—and new names. Heaven bless them! May their tribe increase! They do not believe in words only, but in deeds.

Happy the travelling man whose path crosses theirs! Who that has seen him, sitting in a front row on Sunday, while the praises of his beloved sheet sound from the steps of the altar, can forget his proud bearing and his look of bliss! There are moments in a travelling man's life that seem forestates of that halcyon day when an influential country paper will give him a half column notice, and the leading inhabitants shall bring in new names unsolicited. We have described one of these.

Look at him! Mad-battered, care-worn, with the clay of a dozen districts on his boots, he has dashed into a car, nearly a second too late. He sleeps, with his battered hat against the pane. He dreams of a land where the heart of the priest's housekeeper has been softened by adversity, of a land whose chief annual product is "worms" of a kind which his sermons are preached only on the merits of his journal. But he awakes. He rashes from the train. The illusion is over. Hence these tears.

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