

poles. For two weeks after we had rode out the storm we could not say where we were, and kept a sharp look out in hopes of falling in with some homeward bound West India man, who could tell us something about it; but we saw no vessel until we came within two days sail of the south west end of Ireland, when we fell in with an American ship three days out from Liverpool, on her way home to New England. It being then fair weather we immediately launched out a boat, sent her a-board the ship to learn from her where we were. Two days thereafter we fell in with an Irish smuggler hovering on the coast, waiting for night and a fair wind to land and discharge her cargo; we spoke her, when she told us that from the mast head we could see land, which was very pleasant tidings to us. Nothing particular happened farther for four days, when we landed safe in Greenock, after a tedious passage of forty-one days.

DURING the tiresome days I spent at sea on my passage home, I had time to examine the jottings and memorandums I had picked up in my travels, containing anecdotes of singular persons, which I wrote upon separate pieces of paper, and did not insert them in my journal. Among these the following, selected from a great number, appeared to me so interesting or entertaining, that I thought them

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