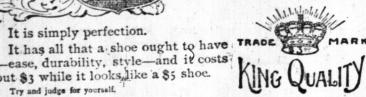


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Pillows soft and white and fair, Help to answer mother's prayer That her men rest snug and sound While the wheels of night go round.

went up there, years ago, Every night, I loved it so. And I wish I knew the way Up there still at close of day. -Norman C. Schlichter, in Youth's

PHANTOM OF THE SHROUDS.

I was stopping a few weeks in Liverpool, in the spring of the year, and ! For hours I was wrapped in ecstatic eing robbed on three successive days, was finally obliged to seek employment to repletish my purse. While cosing secund for a position, I had he pleasure of falling in with the capain of an American vessel, who wisned as he emphatically asserted, to engage few young sailors to accompany him on a trading expedition to the Indies. Af er a few hours' conversation with gentlemanly captain, I agreed to and one hour later found me upon e ship, carefully studying the varius phases and customs of a sailor's i.c. I soon formed the acquaintance of my companions; and they being a merry band, I thought that I should them extremenly well.

The day before we sailed an Italian ame on board and requested to see he captain. We took him below, and company us on the voyage. He was one of the most terrible and malignant-looking men I ever beheld. His eyes shone with a fiendish fire, and murder was plainly written therein. He would use the most horrible oaths I ever heard: curse this one and that, and would boast of having perpetrated the most shocking crimes ever conceived. In fact, he was an evil man. We all disliked him, and some of the boys even feared him. The vessel sailed, and everything passed off pleasantly, until the day after passing the straits of Gibraltar, and while the ship was becalmed off the Algeria ful nights I ever witnessed, and even scribable magnificence come back to charm me. Pale Luna cast her glowing light upon the pearl-gemmed crest of the waves, and the very atmosphere seemed studded with diamonds the most superb. The fleecy clouds slowly faded from off the evening sky, sweetly bathed in ether blue, and tinged with pure rays of silver lining; and as the calm hours of midnight approached dreamy Fancy began to weave the gorgeous threads of happiness in the dim future. Oh, happy hours, come back once more, and lift from off my bleeding heart these strange feelings of

We began to fear that all was not right, as our captain had scarcely appeared on deck for the last three days. and one of the mates had secretly hinted that we were bound for the African coast; but as we were in the captain's power and could not fathom the secret. we were obliged to remain silent and anxiously await coming events. It was my turn to watch on deck, and as the night was very beautiful—the stars shining with pure and Oriental brilliancy-I cheerfully took my place at the helm, engaged in the sweetest meditations. An hour passed away, and uddenly a strange sound, like the fluttering of unseen wings, came from above. I was startled, but hastfly recovered my composure, and in a seeming trance, awaited a continuation of the mysterious sounds. Again the strange noise was heard, followed by one of the most piercing laughs I ever neard-it was so hollow and sepulchral, The ringing laugh was repeated three times, and then followed painful and death-like groans. I was perfectly wild with terror; for there was no breeze to ruffle the canvas, and I knew that the frightful mystery was a terrible reality. Again that laugh, more flerce and awful than the others, was repeated, and in the frenzy of the moment, I almost longed for death. Immediately after a deep, terrible voice, in ghastly tones, came from

"Stand from under!" This is the sailor's warning when he is about to throw something to the deck; and quickly stepping aside, I loudly cried in a broken voice:

That fiendish laugh, with cruel mock-ery, burst forth. Then all was silent as the grave-not a sound was heard! I gazed around-nothing could be seen; but that unearthly laugh still rang in my ears, causing the most painful agi-

The hours passed slowly away, and rosy morning dawned. Never had I greater joy in beholding the first gray streaks of dawning day, and as the

chilly zephyrs of night gave way to the more genial breezes of merning. I tried to indulge the thought that the norrid scene I had witnessed had been conjured up by imaginiation—the effect of an overtaxed brain. But vain was any attempt to believe it aught but a living reality. The power of conscience could not be questioned.

The crew laughed heartily to behold my agitation when relating my adventure, and declared that it was only a "phantom of the brain." But I did not fail to notice that underneath the merriment they tried to exhibit a smoldering fire of curiosity was perceptible. Guiseppe Valedro, the dark-browned Italian, listened attentively to my story, and a cloud seemed to overshadow his brow, but he fiercely laughed, and declared that I was a perfect fool to make so much ado over a little harmless imagination! I felt angry that the villain should so abuse me; but deemed it prudent to remain silent, and, if possible, keep out of trouble. The next night, Tom Legar, who had never turned his back on mortal foe, was sent to the helm; and feeling somewhat anxious to witness the proceedings, I wrapped myself in a large cloak, and went noiselessly upon deck. I seated myself in a little recess, out of Tom's sight, the better to get a fair view of the shrouds, and seek to unravel the painful mystery. The night was clear and beautiful, and the myriad stars cast a gorgeous light over earth, while the moon seemed swimming in a silver flood. I had witnessed such loveliness before, and in mute astonishment I gazed upon the superb panorama so ravishly spread out to my

bliss-the most delicious wonderment; and it must have been nearly midnight, when I was awakened from my reverie by a heart-rending shrick, which nearly froze the blood in my veins. Again the horrid groans I had heard the previous evening were repeated, and the death-like tones seemed to pierce the deepest recess of my heart. Like muttering thunder that awful sentence was horne to my ear:

"Stand from under!"

Oh, what a dreadful feeling those words inspired! What terrible agony pierced my bleeding heart! Tom could not speak; he was completely overpowered with fear, and ere he had recovered his composure, the mysterious being, with a mournful laugh, and passed away, as I could easily tell by the rustling of the shrouds. I gazed above, but could discern nothing. I carefully searched the deck; but not a living soul, except Tom and myself, could be seen. The boys laughed heartily, as they had previously done, when told of the horrid event; and expressed a strong desire to behold the phenomena themselves. But their desire would soon be gratified, and each secretly shuddered as he thought of the approaching moment. Night followed night-different boys were placed at the helm, and each time the phantom appeared, and uttered the same pierc-

ing groans. Great excitement prevailed among the crew, and many tried to solve the painful mystery, but to no avail. At coast. It was one of the most beauti- | length my desire to know the secret became so great that I was resolved to this distant day, visions of its inde to gain some information, or die in the attempt. I told Tom of my intention He quickly assented, and wanted to join me. I accepted his services, and together we formed our plans. Night came on, and we took our places at the helm. We had each a revolver, and had concluded to fire into the shrouds. if the least noise was heard. Hours passed away-one o'clock came, and the same unearthly laugh was heard. We were almost paralyzed, and hesitated a moment. Shriek after shriek came from the shrouds, interspersed with terrific laughter. Instantaneous ly our reason returned. We raised our revolvers and fired. A moment passed. and a heavy body fell to the deck. An instant, and we were bending over the inanimate form. Horror of horrors: We had murdered one of our companions—the villainous Italian! crew headed by the captain, came upon deck; and after a careful examination of the fallen man, our surgeon concluded that he must have been laboring under a kind of nightmare. Among his

> ten in his own hand, confessing a murder he had fiendishly perpetrated many vears before. He was employed on an English vessel, and one stormy night the captain sent him aloft with one of the crew to take in sail. A quarrel arose between them, of minor importance; but Guiseppe's companion called him a liar. This raised the Italian's ire, and in a moment of mad passion, he seized the other and hurled him beneath the treacherous waves of the sea. He was never seen again; but he continued to haunt his murderer, and each night the Italian was filled with the most exernciating agony. There was never a night passed, no matter in what company Guiseppe might be, but that pale, ghostly form appeared.

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That dark, terrible man still haunts me, and I have no hopes of ever 'emoving him from memory's page. But time, 'tis said, makes all things right, and his hoary hand may restore my peace and happiness of mind.

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