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It is an episode of ocean life, now a good many years old, but human nature was the same then as it is now, and indeed, the older I grow the more I find human nature the same now as it was then.

Business had carried me to the East Indies. I had visited Madras, whence I had proceeded to Calcutta and from Calcutta I had made my way to Rangoon. I stayed in that place a month, by which time my health had suffered so greatly from the climate that I made up my mind to return to Europe in a sailing ship that I might spend many long weeks among the fresh breezes of the sea and get all the benefit I could out of the incessant changes of climate which a voyage does afford.

Next day I went aboard the Biddy McDaniel to inspect her cabin accommodation. On climbing over the gangway I was received by a tall, rather good-looking man, with a face remarkable for its expression of sternness. His skin was blackened by the sun and weather, and another shade of grey had gained him to pass for a native. His features as he surveyed me, and inquired me, and business on board.

"I am going to England in this ship," I said, "and I have come to see what sort of a cabin I am to sleep in." "Oh, I beg pardon," he exclaimed, "but without relaxing his stern expression, 'I thought' he broke off and muttered behind his teeth.

"Who are you?" said I, "my dear man?" "No sir, I am the captain." "The Biddy?" he asked. "Pray what name?" "The 'Biddy' is my name," he answered. "It is a fine vessel, and she will give you an excellent command to style themselves captain. It is a piece of impudence. The only captain at sea in the Royal Navy. A merchant skipper is a master mate, and I am plain Mr. Wilson, at your service, sir."

"I spoke with the vessel's agent, but I was willing to attribute his temper to the weather, which was certainly very bad. And then, again, his men might be deep as the worries and anxieties of the British skipper. Much is expected of him, and often would the men be glad to cut his throat before the head is out of sight; he has no professional prejudices and who has he but to run his ship as he likes or loses her in a gale of wind or fire and is compelled by a court of inquiry to withdraw from the position which he has assumed, if not adorned, man, there is no other port under his lee for him to go to than the establishment at Belvedere, which is a place of refuge and always convenient for him."

"Three days later I paid a second visit to the ship, and I had been so long where the cases and parcels had been taken. On stepping on board I beheld an immensely stout, red-faced man with a wide straw hat on his head, dressed in white drill, seated in a chair with poles attached to it under the short awning, which sheltered a portion of the quarter-deck. Two or three sailors were lounging in the forepart of the ship. There was no work apparently doing. I looked for Mr. Wilson, the master, and seeing nothing of him I directed my eyes in search of any person who might resemble the mate.

How brief are life's joys, How lasting its sorrows, How soon the golden hours, And soon to-morrow, The gift of paradise worth Given by heaven above, From the early look of pleasure, To the sad look of pain, And we live our lives as though, Unless to suffer and to die, One great purpose had.

Thoughts like these, however, were not in my mind, for I was looking at the mate, who was a man of a fine, open countenance, and I was struck by the way in which he looked at me. He was a man of a fine, open countenance, and I was struck by the way in which he looked at me.

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