

A CHOLERA FIGHT

(Continued)

"What are you going to do?" said I. "Do?" he cried. "Why, sink that three-plague out of it, so as to give us the chance of a breeze. Ain't this his delight! What's a-goin' to blow us clear whilst he keeps watch?" And he nodded with a fierce, drunken gesture toward the raft. "You'll have to handle the body to sink it," said I. "You're well men now; keep well, won't you? The two who are going may be the last taken."

The three of them roared out drunkenly together, so muddling their speech with oaths that I did not understand them. I walked aft, not liking their savage looks. Shouting and cursing plentifully, they lowered the boat, got into her by descending the falls, and shoved off for the raft. They drew alongside the bamboo contrivance, and I looked to see the boat capsized, so wildly did they sway her in their wrath and drink as they fastened the weight to the foot of the body, sank it, and, with the loom of their oars, hammered at the raft till the bamboos were shattered like a staff of walking sticks out adrift. They then returned to the bark, clamored aboard and hoisted the boat.

The two sick men in the fore-cabin were at this time looked after by a seaman named Archer. I have said it was the fifth day of the calm of the ship's company the boatswain and five men were living, but two were dying and that, not counting me, left three as yet well and able to get about.

This man Archer, when the boatswain and his companion went forward, came out of the fore-cabin and drank at the scuttle-butt in the waist. He walked unsteadily, with that effort after staidness which is peculiar to tipsy sailors; his eyes wandered and he found some difficulty in hitting the bung-hole with the dipper. Yet he was a civil sort of man when sober; I had occasionally chatted with him during his tricks at the wheel, and, feeling the need of some one to talk to about our frightful situation, I walked up to him and asked how the sick man did.

"Dying fast," he answered, steadying himself by leaning against the scuttle-butt, "and a ravin' like screech owl."

"What's to be done, Archer?"

"Oh, God alone he know," answered the man, and here he put his knuckles into his eyes and began to cry and so.

"Is it possible that this can last much longer?"

"It may be six weeks," he answered, whimpering. "Down here, when the wind's drawn away by the sun, it may take six weeks before it comes on to blow. Six weeks of calm here ain't thought nothin' of," and here he burst out fibbering again.

"Where do you get your liquor from?" said I.

"Oh, don't talk of it, don't talk of it!" he replied, with a maudlin shake of the head.

"Drinking'll not help you," said I; "you'll all be the likelier to catch the malady for drinking. This is a sort of time, I should think, when a man most wants his senses. A breeze may come, and we ought to decide where to steer the bark to. The vessel's under all plain sail, too, and here we are, four men and a useless passenger, should it come on to blow suddenly."

"We didn't sign on under you," he interrupted, with a tipsy scowl, "and as ye ain't no zood either as sailor or doctor, ye



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I had now not only to fear the cholera, but to dread the men. My mental distress was beyond all power of words to convey. I wonder it did not quickly drive me crazy and hurry me overboard. I lurked in the cabin to be out of sight of the fellows, and all the while my imagination was tormenting me with the first pangs of the cholera, and every minute I was believing I had the mortal malady. Sometimes I would creep up the companion steps and cautiously peep around, and always I beheld the same dead, faint blue surface of sea stretching like an ocean in a dream into the faint indefinite distances. But stooping as that cabin was to me I very well knew there was nothing wonderful or preternatural in it. Our fore-foot five days before had struck the equatorial zone called the Doldrums, and at a period of the year when a fortnight or even a month of atmospheric lifelessness might be as confidently looked for as the rising and setting of the sun.

At 9 o'clock that night I was sitting at the cabin table with biscuit and a little weak brandy and water before me, when I was hailed by some one at the open skylight above. It was a black night, though the sky was glorious with stars; the moon did not rise till after 11. I had lighted the cabin lamp, and the sheen of it was upon the face of Archer.

"The two men are dead and gone," said he, "and now the bo'sun and Bill are down. There's Jim dead drunk in his hammock. I can't stand the cries of sick men. What with liquor and pain, the air below suffocates me. Let me come aft, sir, and keep along with you. I'm sober now. Oh, Christ, have mercy upon me! It's my turn next, ain't it?"

I passed a glass of brandy to him through the skylight, then joined him on deck and told him that the two dead bodies must be thrown overboard and the sickness looked to. For some time he refused to go forward with me, saying that he was already poisoned and deadly sick and a dying man, and I had no right to expect that one dying man should sit upon another. However, I was determined to turn the dead out of the ship in any case, for in freeing the vessel of the remains of the victims might lie our salvation. He consented to help me at last, and we went into the fore-cabin and between us got the bodies out of their bunks and dropped them, weighted, over the rail. The boatswain and the other men lay groaning and writhing and crying for water, cursing at intervals. A coil of black smoke went up from the lamp-flame to the blackened beam under which the light was burning. The atmosphere was horrible. I bade Archer help me carry a couple of mattresses on to the fore-cabin, and we got the sick men through the hatch, and they lay there in the coolness with plenty of cold water beside them and a heaven of stars above, instead of a low-pitched ceiling of grimy beam and plank dark with processions of cockroaches and dim with the smoke of the stinky slush heap.

All this occupied us until about 10.30. When I went aft I was seized with nausea, and, sinking upon the skylight, dabbled my brow in the dew betwixt the lifted lids for the refreshment of the moisture. I believed that my time had come.

In about half an hour's time the sensation of sickness passed. I went below for some brandy, swallowed half a glass, and returned with a dram for Archer, but the man had either swooned or fallen asleep, and I let him lie. I had my senses perfectly, but felt shockingly weak in body, and I could think of nothing consolatory to diminish my exquisite distress of mind. Indeed, the capacity of realization grew unendurably poignant.

By and by the moon rose, and I sat watching it. In half an hour she was a bright light in the east, and the shaft of silver that slept under her stretched to the bark's side. It was just then that one of the two sick men on the fore-cabin sent up a yell. The dreadful note rang through the vessel and dropped back to the deck in an echo from the canvas. A moment after I saw a figure get on to the fore-cabin rail and spring overboard. I heard the splash of his body, and, bounding over to Archer, who lay on the deck, I pulled and hauled at him, roaring out that one of the sick men had jumped overboard, and then rushed forward and looked over into the water in the place where the man had leaped, but saw nothing, not even a ripple.

I turned and peered close at the man who lay on the fore-cabin, and discovered that the fellow who had jumped was the boatswain. I went again to the rail to look, and lifted a coil of rope from a pin, ready to fling the fakes to the man should he rise. The moonlight was streaming along the ocean on this side of the ship, and now, when I leaned over the rail for the second time, I saw a figure close under the bows. I stared a minute or two; the color of the body blended with the gloom, yet the moonlight was upon him, too, and then it was that, after looking awhile and observing the thing to lie motionless, I perceived that it was the body that had been upon the raft! No doubt the extreme horror raised in me by the sight of the poisonous thing beheld in that light and under such conditions crazed me. I have a recollection of laughing wildly, and of defying the dark floating shape in insane language. I remember that I shook my fist and spat at it, and that I turned to seek for something to hurl at the body, and it may have been that in the instant of turning my senses left me, for after this I can recall no more.

The sequel to this tragic and extraordinary experience will be found in the following statement made by the people of the ship Fortarshire, from Calcutta to Liverpool: "August 29, 1857.—When in latitude 2 degrees 15 minutes north and longitude 97 degrees and 40 minutes east we sighted a bark under all plain sail apparently abandoned. The breeze was very scanty, and though we shifted our helm for her on judging that she was in distress it took us all the morning to approach her within hailing distance. Everything looked right with her aloft, but the wheel was deserted, and there were no signs of anything living in her. We sent a boat in charge of the second officer, who returned and told us that the bark was the Justitia of London. We knew that she was from Calcutta, for we had seen her lying in the river. The second officer stated that there were three dead bodies aboard—one in a hammock in the fore-cabin, a second on a mattress on the fore-cabin, and a third against the coamings of the main hatch; there was also a fourth man lying at the heel of the port cat-head—he did not seem to be dead. On this Dr. Davison was requested to visit the bark.

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and he was put aboard by the second officer. He returned quickly with one of the men, whom he instantly ordered to be stripped and put into a warm bath, and his clothes thrown overboard. He said that the dead showed unmistakable signs of having died from cholera. We proceeded, not deeming it prudent to have anything further to do with the ill-fated craft. The person we had rescued remained insensible for two days, his recovery was then slow but sure, thanks to the skillful treatment of Dr. Davison. He informed us that his name was Thomas Barron, and he was a passenger on board the Justitia for Cape Town. He was the travelling representative of a large Birmingham firm. The bark had on the preceding Friday week fallen in with a raft bearing a dead body.

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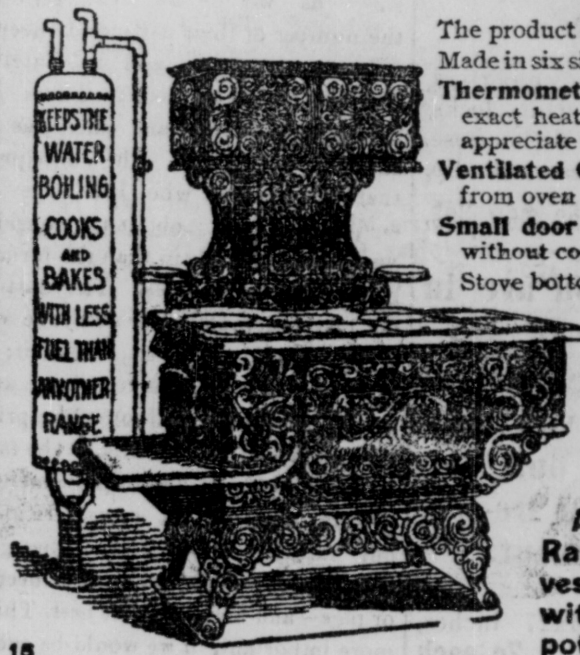
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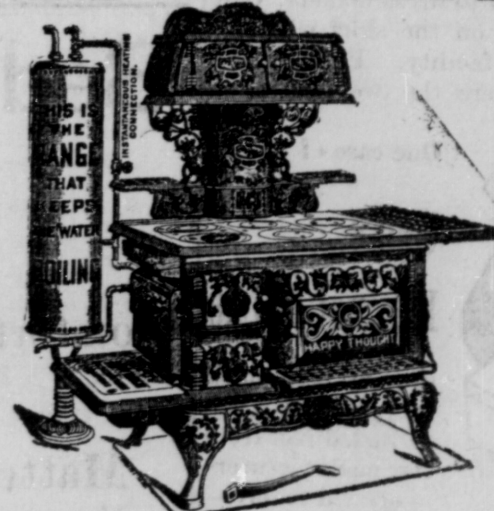
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