Selected Story.

(*From Chambers' Journal.*)

A Cast of the Net.

THE STORY OF A DETECTIVE OFFICER.

CHAPTER II.—CONTINUED.

Just as we pushed up to the hard (that's the landing-place,) he says to me: "Do you often cross here?"

"Not often," I said, "at anyrate, not yet. I generally cross a little higher up." (That was very true; about Westminister Bridge was my place; if he liked to think I meant somewhere about Tooley Street or Billingsgate, of course I could not help it.) "But I have left my old quarters, and so I shall often go this way."

"Ah," he says "you live at the "Yarmouth Smack," don t you?"

"The what?" I said. "Where's that?"

"The 'Yarmouth Smack,'" he says again, pointing to the side we had come from.

I knew where the 'Yarmouth Smack' was well enough; but I shook my head, and said: "No, I live on this side of the water; but I shall live anywhere where I can get work."

He didn t say any more; I did not suppose he would; but there was something uncommonly suspicious in his talking about the "Yarmouth Smack," something more than I could believe came from chance.

In the lane, just as I was about to turn into the side door of the *Anchor*, I met the foreign-looking captain, who must have crossed the river before me, as I had seen him on the other side. He knew me, I could tell well enough, and I knew him; but I was not going to let him see where I was going; so I passed the door of the "*Anchor*," limping on till he was clear; then I hurried in, went up-stairs at once, and was out in the old ruined arbors I have spoken of in a minute. These overhung the river at high-water (it was nearly high-tide now) and the landing-place of the ferry was close to them. The ferryman and the captain were talking, as I expected they would be, while the boat was waiting for passengers; and by standing in the corner box, I could have heard every word they said, if they had spoken out as honest people should speak. But they were that artful and suspicious, although they could not have known there was anybody listening, that they talked almost in whisper, and I only caught the last bit from the ferryman.

"No," he says; "he's not the party; but I'll go to the "smack" to-night and make sure of the man."

Ah! as I thought; they were both in it somehow. But what a most extraordinary fuss and gun-powder plot sort of business there was about stealing a few bits of metal. I actually should have felt ashamed of the East-enders, who are really some of the sharpest folks I ever came across, if I had not felt there was something behind, and that, by a lucky accident, I seemed upon the point of finding it out.

The night—my first night in the east too—was not to pass without an adventure, and I had not seen the last of my new acquaintance, the captain. I got very tired of the company in the "*Anchor*"—not that I mind who I mix with, and if there had been any of the factory hands about the place, I would have sat with them until the house closed; but they only came there at meal-times it seemed, or on their road home. So I walked about the neighborhood a bit; not because it was pleasant, for it was a wet night; and what with the rain and the mud and the drunken sailors and the fried fish shops and the quarrelling there was going on, it was anything but agreeable. The fact is, I like to know every court and alley in my district, and there were some pretty courts and alleys here. However, nobody thought me worth robbing, and because I am always civil, so I never get interfered with. It's a capital rule; the best I know; and costs nothing.

When I was coming back, and had got pretty nearly to the "*Anchor and Five Mermaids*" again (it is very absurd to give such long signs to public-houses) I saw a very pretty girl whom I had noticed before, standing at a corner out of the rain; but it was not raining very much now. She wasn't—well, I won't say what she was not, or what she was. She was very pretty, I say, and was doing no harm there; but two or three fellows coming by at the moment, one of them took hold of her roughly, and finished by almost pushing her down. She got away from him, and drew a door or two off; but his companion laughed at him for being bested by a woman, he followed her, and on her pushing him from her, gave her a back-handed smack in the face. There were several men loitering about, smoking and so forth, and I heard one or two of them say it was a shame; but none of them interfered; and I, being a little way off, and not wanting to get into a row, might have passed this over; but she called him a brute and a coward. She ran across the road to where I stood, to avoid him, and he followed her. Then I saw it was my acquaintance, the captain.

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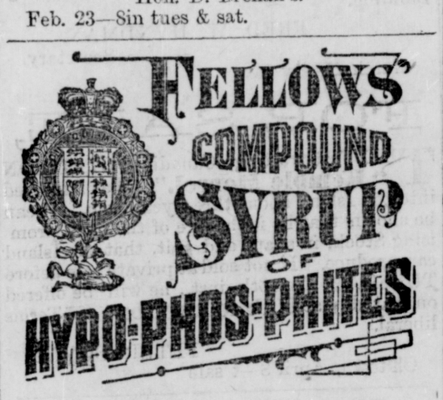

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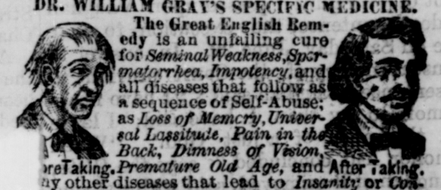

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