YOUNG FOLKS

ON THE OLD WHARF.

For a boy who lives most of the year away from the sea, the little town of Bayhead is a fine place to spend the summer. There is always something to do there. When it is pleasant, you can dig clams or go crabbing, or fish off the end of the old wharf. When it rains, you can go up into Captain Billy's sail-loft and watch him sew with a funny big thimble held in the palm of his hand; or you can sit in Captain Benny's boat-shop and see him build dories while he tells stories.

To Walter Manly the rainy days were almost as happy as the pleasant ones, for he liked both Captain Billy and Captain Benny, and was always glad to be with them. The two old men were brothers. Both had been sailors all their lives, and for many years had hunted whales in the south seas. Captain Billy had only one leg, and had to use a crutch when he walked.

Walter had wondered a good many times how Captain Billy had lost his leg, but of course he did not like to ask him. But knowing that he and Captain Benny were brothers, he felt that he might ask Captain Benny. So one rainy day, when he and Thornton Hadley were in the boat-shop, he put the question.

"How did Captain Billy lose his leg?" the captain repeated after Walter. "Why, the bight of a rope took it off."

"The bite of a rope!" cried Walter. "How could a rope bite a man's leg off? I guess you are making fun of me, captain."

"No, no, my boy. It was the bight of a rope, but not the kind you are thinking of."

"But what is it?" asked the boys.

"A bight is a loop, and it is a thing a sailor is always afraid of, and a whaler, especially."

And then the captain took a rope and showed them what he meant. He told them about the hunting of whales; how the small boats leave the ship, and the men row quietly up to the whale until they are near enough for the man in the bow to throw the harpoon into the whale. He showed them a harpoon, which is a short iron spear with a long, fine rope fastened to it; and he told them how careful the men must be to see that the rope is coiled just right in the tub at the bow of the boat, because when the whale feels the harpoon, he usually dives and goes down so fast that the rope sometimes makes the edge of the tub smoke. If the rope is not coiled just right, it may catch when it runs out, and the whole boat be dragged under the water. And if a man happens to get his foot or his leg caught in a loop of the rope, he may be pulled overboard, or his leg cut off.

That was what had happened to Captain Billy. A careless sailor had let the rope get kinked, and a loop had caught round Captain Billy's leg and pulled him over.

He was carried down, down, down, and might never have come up if Captain Benny, who was in the same boat, had not grabbed a hatchet quickly and cut the rope. Captain Billy rose to the top of the water at last, and the men got him into the boat; but his leg was so badly cut that it had to be taken off.

Both Walter and Thornton thought they would remember the captain's story, but a week later, when they were fishing from the end of the old wharf, something happened that made them forget.

They were fishing for flounders with Ned Pierce, who lives all the year in Bayhead. The captain had helped them bait their hooks, and was watching them, when Walter suddenly had a great tug on his line—so hard that he nearly lost his hold on it. When he pulled, the head of a big fish came to the top of the water. "Oh, what is it? What is it?" cried the boys.

"It's a dogfish!" shouted the captain. "Hold hard, now! There must be a school of them."

Walter had been lying flat on the wharf, but in his eagerness to land his big fish, he stood up and stepped nearer the edge, giving a hard pull. This pull must have sunk the hook deeper in the fish's mouth, for he, too, gave a great pull to get away. Walter stepped ahead one step more, without seeing where he put his foot. The next moment he felt himself falling. Something had pulled his right leg out from under him, and in another instant he went with a great splash into the water.

The next he knew his head was just above the water, while something sharp and cold was gripping him through his clothes, between the shoulders. It was the captain's boat-hook, and by the long pole which made the handle of it the captain was holding him up. Ned and Thornton ran down the steps and pushed out in a boat, and in a few minutes had him on board, a good deal frightened.

"There, my boy," said Captain Benny, when Walter was safe on land again, "you see now what I meant when I told you to look out for the bight of a line. You stepped in the bight of your fish-line, and your fish pulled you off your feet. If it had been a whale, we should not have got you so easily. Next time you must be more careful with your line."—Youth's Companion.

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A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Tamer Savagely Attacked and Badly Mauled by a Tiger.

A circus performance at Soriano, Portugal, was brought to an abrupt termination amid a scene of terror.

Capt. Andrickson, a well-known animal tamer, was performing with his 10 magnificent Bengal tigers. Profiting by a moment's inattention on the part of the tamer, one of the tigers made a tremendous spring upon the captain and brought him to the ground. There was at once a scene of great confusion among the audience, several ladies fainting and others screaming, while all gazed on a fierce fight for life.

The circus attendants, though armed with red hot irons, had the greatest difficulty in preventing the other tigers attacking the tamer. The animal which had sprung upon Capt. Andrickson seized one of his legs, and the bones could be heard cracking. At last the tamer managed to draw his revolver, and with the utmost coolness he placed the barrel in the corner of the animal's mouth and fired. The wounded beast rolled over, and Andrickson was dragged out in a terribly mangled condition. This is the fourth time that the same tiger has attacked him.

When you meet a stranger get busy and tell your troubles first.

"That will do," said an irate lady to her Irish "general"; "you will leave now, and you needn't bother me about a recommendation." "Faith," replied the girl. "Oi has no intintion o' givin' ye a recommendation. Oi'll tell the truth about ye to ivery girl thot axes me."

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WOMEN AS SOLDIERS.

Were Once Reckoned Among Fighting Strength.

From the nature of things women soldiers can only be found as a class among barbarians—up to this time at any rate. The Dahomey Amazons made a poor show against the French, but Barton had been much impressed with them forty years earlier—and he was a judge. The discipline was terribly severe in his time; he did not doubt they were very formidable troops. Relaxation of discipline ruined them, says the Pall Mall Gazette.

The mythical Amazons claim a word, since Prof. Sayce adduced such striking evidence to suggest that they were the warrior priestesses of Hittite invaders. Of the American Amazons it may be recalled that Humboldt thought the legend not impossible; and he had studied the original records. Very few who have written on the subject are thus qualified probably, but Mr. Alfred Wallace has shown us lately that Spruce, the great botanist, looked into the evidence carefully and formed a strong opinion that it was trustworthy.

Much more interesting are the shield maidens of the Vikings. Would that we knew more about them personally. The historical sagas allude to them, but always, so far as I remember, in a matter of fact way, as to male personages. One of the very grandest poetic sagas is that of the Shield Maiden Hervor, but even this takes for granted nearly everything we particularly want to know. She dressed as a man and joined the Vikings. Presently she gained the command of her party—and the story opens, true in the main probably.

The circumstantial account of the battle of Bravoll between Sigurd of Denmark and Harold Hilditoun of Norway mentions several shield maidens who commanded troops. One even bore Harald's standard. All fought like heroes, or demons, and I think all died on the field; but it seems that they were only women who rose to command by daring and military genius. Is there any authority for the legends of Viking bands wholly feminine?

The old Irish "Book of Lecan" says casually "for men and women went alike to battle in those days"; and the record of tribal obligations called "Hosting" reckoned women among the fighting strength. Moreover, the life of Abbot Adamnan of Iona tells how he, hearing of this dreadful practice, went to Ireland, called an assembly of chiefs and bishops and persuaded them to pass a law, still extant, entitled "Lex innocentium," which forgade the summoning of women to war. It seems likely, however, that they still turned out of their own free will—indeed the practice is not yet extinct, by all accounts.

At the present day, in Europe, the Montenegrins and their hereditary foes of Albania include the women among their fighting force—or did at any rate a very few years ago— before Prince Nicholas had organized his army. All departments of supply were left to the wives and daughters; also the recovery and transport of the wounded. But when the fighting line was seriously pressed the women reenforced it. Assuredly they would have followed the old custom, in spite of the Prince's reforms, had Austria advanced into the Black Mountain the other day.

DISMISSED BY A QUEEN.

English Nurses Forced to Leave Greek Hospital.

The Greek newspapers report that Queen Olga has dismissed the English matron and three nurses at the military hospital in Athens.

Queen Olga, for somewhat narrow patriotic motives, desired the Crown Princess, who was patroness of the instution, to employ only Greek nurses. But the Princess, who is half English, being the daughter of the late Empress Frederick, declined to agree, as it was generally recognized that the English nurses were better trained than the Greek nurses, and also that the matron was doing much to improve the training of nurses in the country.

Political influences were, however, brought into play, and the Crown Princess finally decided to resign her position as patroness. The Queen succeeded her, and immediately dismissed the English nurses and matron. It is said that they will bring an action for breach of contract, as the term of their engagement has not expired.

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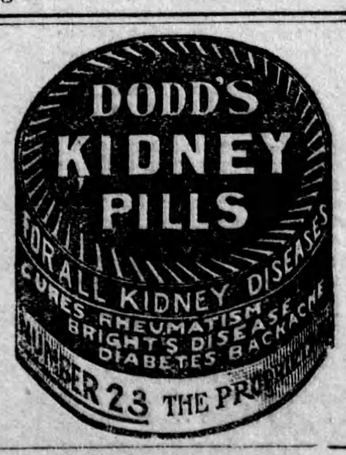

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