Say an Encouraging Word. BY FRANCIS S. SMITH, of a secouraging word to the weary, whom life seems all darksome and me indirection their sad hearts may light-

or spile of love their existence may brighten. or an encouraging word to the erring, the basted, hunted down, crushed and despairwhen vice his worst form is revealing, when when vice and may wake better feeling.

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ran encouraging word to all classes, heart-lightner that nothing surpasses; then 'tis 10 easy and pleasant to use it, can one be sur.y enough to refuse it?

Inree years ago I shipped on board the Captain Phillips. Our veyage was Hilo, Sandwich Islands, and back to het Seund, whence we sailed. The cap-Americans and West Indiamen; but as other hand was wanted besides myself, persuaded Jack Chester, an Englishman whom I had become friendly to fill the vacancy. Jack was a fine looking low, a jovial companion, and had lots of form tion, which he knew how to use: talthough he dressed and looked like a ior, he had not been long on board ship fore it became plain that he had net been

right up a ealt. Or captain was a Tartar and no mistake ; as he had the eye of a hawk, no fault maltted by man or boy escaped him. is was especially unfortunate for my Engshipmate. He had shipped on ablewages; but his deficiencies were many and glaring, that our captain, who ened to watch his movements more care-If than those of the rest of the crew, inflicted upon him punishments painto witness. I had a strong attachment Chester, and stood his friend whenever wold, by taking some of his duties along the my own ; but I was not always at ed to help him, so he fell oftener than there beneath the captain's displeasure.

be night, when I was at the wheel, the priso into a gale. The capitain came an odd usein Bru deck and set all hands to reef the topaft the rays can The men were manning the halyards which sets a fall haist away, when poor Chester, instead rn, starts machine letting go the reef tackle, let go the weaer fore topsail brace, and away went the wifere and aft. By luffing up smartly, brary, London, we managed to get it checked than 12,000 i thout carrying anything away. But Cap. arson's high-sps in Phillips, frothing at the mouth, swore would tan the foolish lubbar's hide who made to work widone so clumsy a thing. Saying which, is constantly win the act of raising it aga n, all hands be in a dangerous condition. ay yet come wh s old will exclude treated out, "Hold your hand !"

ne of eighty yes Inevoice was wonderfully loud and clear, eningly coming from the maintop. The pe-writer dates apain fell back, and looking up cried, in e Henry Mill (matrage: "Aloft there !" tent for a dev "Halloa!" was the answer back.

naracters, one a "Come down upon the deck," was the ier." Bat it v thin's imperieus order. improved so as "Come up here and see how you will like was the contemptuous response.

"()me down, I say, upon the deck," on become extin

"Come up and fetch me," returned the mes from aloft. "Who is up there, Mr. Rassom?" cried

emptain appealing to the first officer. "No one, sir," was the reply, "as far as mee. All seem present on deck." he captain's rage was now terrible to

"All seem present, Mr. Rassom? dide you mean by that, sir? I ask you who is up there?"

such was the case. But the second mate,

mont awaiting orders, sprang up the rigand looked ever the top-rim, then made dreuit of it, looking all round the athead, and then reported himself alone. "Inen the ship must be haunted!" cried echief mate.

fellow-countryman escaped further punment that night.

at the celebra the upon whom to vent his spleen, I had ditch, and rep distortune to feel his wrath. He orderto make a knot in the end of an eld and rope to be used for a lashing. In a sculpture, while I returned, saying that I had scenes in the

Well," said he, "if that's your best, mire w much of a lubber as your friend Bat I'll dock you both to ordinary tope was too much worn to make a neat of work of it. "Indsed," I said, " it

adly fagged."
"Fagged is it?' cried he scornfully; then I'll finish it over your lubberly back." to discover the speaker.

ath, adding: "Let me know who it is, I'll thrash him within an inch of his

"Will you! hah! hah! hah!" was the maintop, dropping seemingly from

I was broad daylight when this took so everyone could see that there was up there. I was as much startled mystified by the occurrence as was the but neither he nor I, nor any of saved. to whom he appealed, could throw and the words, my purpose was served, Chester's on a previous occasion. The

fear than rage, throwing behind him, as he stepped upon the cabin Midder, the rope's-

end which had so vexed him. Sallors in general are superstitions beings. Whatever cannot be easily made out or accounted for on natural principles is laid to the account of the supernatural, Our captain was no better in this respect than his crew, for he was as illiterate as they except in the matter of navigation and as rough his ship was haunted, and that a spirit from the vasty deep had a mind to terment him by its interferences. On retiring to rest, at the end of his evening's watch, his slumbers were aroused by a loud and fearful cry which seemed to enter the cabin by the side-light which was left open for ventilation. The cry was heard by the second officer, who was on the quarter-deck, and by Chester who was at the wheel; neither of whom could throw light upon the incident to the captain, who had rushed on to the deck in a state of terror, and demanded in vain for the production of the offender.

From that day it was clear to us all that

Captain Paillips was tormented by appre-

hensions of coming disaster. An idea was fixed in his mind that his ship was visited by a spirit from the invisible world, who preferred to make itself heard rather than seen. And this idea was strengthened by the fact that when he was on deck, and became angry at the conduct of any of the men; especially when his anger was made manifest in oaths and blows; the unseen | told us that he would held an imaginary but ever-vigilant visitor from afar wouldperched apparently en the top of the mainmast—utter the insolent laugh or the delorous warning. On these cossions the poor man would rush off to his cabin, with blanch. ed cheek and tottering limb, and there abide until the gale in his moral sensibilities should subside. That it was angry with no one else but the captain was clear, frem the fact that it never took any notice of the conduct of any other person. The mate or the boatswain might act as they liked, or the men jibs and chaff each other; no matter—the voice was not heard—neither laugh nor moan fell upon our ears. But most of those who lived in the forecastle were far from being happy, many of them shared the fears of the ekipper; and I saw they would much rather have braved his wrath than be tormented as they were by the '. voices of the night" or the "day." Myself and Chester were exceptions. What his opinions were he would not say : he met all my questions by adroit evasions. As for myself, I had no explanation to give, neither

zs well as before, Thus matters went on until we were within two days' sail of the Islands. All the while our poor captain had been kept from tyranny by his fears of the voice; but now, exasperated by some fault in seamanship on the part of Chester, and being the worse for liquor, he hurled a belaying pin at him, which struck him on the head. Clapping both hands thereon, with a yell he rushed into the forecastle. It was evident the skipper expected to hear the voice, for he looked nervously aloft; but when all was silent in that direction, his courage returned, and he desired the second officer to call Chester back to the deck. Getting no steam as it combed at Chester with a piece of ratline, answer to his call, the mate went below, tin he brought down upon his neck and when he found the poor fellow delirious. Vews asserts the miders, giving them a tearful out. He Returning to the deck, he reported him to

had I any fear, for I ate, slept and worked

This filled the captain with fiar. He ordered that every attention should be paid him, which was done. That night it became necessary to have all hands on deck to reef, and while we were on the yards an awful cry, like that of a maniac, arose from the baws of the vessel, and next moment several of us saw a human form on the rail near the fore-swifter, and then a loud splash was heard in the water under our lee.

The captain and chief officers who were on deck rushed to the side. A hat was seen for a moment bobbing on the crest of a wave; the maniacal scream was repeated, when Captain Phillips, himself uttering a cry, fell senseless on the deck. The mate then hailed us who were on the topsail yard-"Come down from aloft! clear away the small boat!" We thought he was as near beside himself as was the captain : and so he was for the moment, for by the time we had gained the deck he was "No one known to me, sir," returned the ready to countermand the order. Every-"All are present. All are on deck, thing was awful beyond expression, the wind and the water were raging wild; it was impossible for a small boat to live in so rough a sea ; so, making a virtue of necessity, the search for the poor maddened fellow was abandoned, amid vows of vengeance against the captain and tears for our lost massmate.

Forty-eight hours after this we entered the captain hereupon dropped the rope s- the port of Hilo. A vast change had come which he had held in his hand and went over the crew. The captain, knowing their It was evident that he was strange. peculiarities, had supplied them with money lutected by what had occurred. And so and copious libations of whiskey; so, instead of reporting him to the Consul, as they had declared they would, they were at in a few days our skipper had forgot- ready to shout his praises all day long. In fears, and looking out for another this, however, I did not agree; but unable te bring the tyrant to justice single handed, I resolved to quit the Niger.

I did so. After hiding in the woods several days, I was caught and brought back to the ship. As my adventures as a the best job I could of a rope which fugitive are not essential to the unfolding of my story, I pass them by, and take up the thread of my narrative.

We set sail on our return voyage. Captain Phillips was an altered man. He abwages." I tried to show him that stained from spirits, he controlled his temper, and this, with the addition of a fine steady breeze, made our lives on board happy. Bat, alas! we were doomed to a sad ending-up of the voyage. Keeping too near the land, and a squall laying hold on No yeu won't," roared out a voice from the leng boat. The captain rushed was just after midnight when we struck, and the direction of the sound, but he fail-The was that? he coled in a storm of out of my hammook, I ran on deck. cried out to my shipmates, but got no answer. It was not possible to reach the after part of the vessel where the life-belts were kept, so, acting on the impulse of the moment, I leapt into the sea. Catching hold of a friendly reck, I was saved. Daylight came after a weary waiting. The first thing I saw was the dead body

We made our way to Portland, where we thereon. But, wheever or whatever were paid off. Thence I proceeded to San Francisco. I had often asked myself whence came those strange voices and fear-Captain went below filled more with ful words, which had so alarmed our cap- | yeath.

of poor Captain Phillips, and not far from

it that of our Chinese cook. The rest were

tain and put meet of the crew in terror, saved me from the vengeance of the captain. But it was beyond my power to answer the enquiry, neither could the mate ner any of the survivors throw light thereupon. Had we known what ventrilequism was, we might have had therein a solution of the mystery; but I had never heard an adept in that art, neither had any of my and untutored. He evidently believed that | shipmates, otherwise I judged such fact would have been mentioned and the voices accounted for on that ground. Poor Chester, when with us our most intelligent shipmate, seemed to be as much in the dark as the rest of us, but he was not in the least put out of the way by the occurrences, though he foreshowed in others the super-

natural idea. Strelling along the streets of San Francisco one night, about a year after the wreck, ready for anything in the way of amusement that might turn up, my eye caught a large poster which announced the wonderful doings of Professor Meredith -"the unrivalled and world-renowned ventriloquist."

"This," thought I, "shall be the source of my evening's enjoyment." Turning my face in the direction of the " Hall of Science and Emporium of Amusement," I was soon seated in a snug corner of the body of the building, and was not long in baing carried away by the wenderful sayings and doings of the Professor. At last he conversation with a person up the chimney. He did so. When in the midst of a dialogue, the person up the flue gave a derisive "hah, hah, hah!" I was startled. I sprang from my seat. "Surely," said I, half aloud, "that is the voice, and tone, and words which more than once came from the maintop of the Niger." And while I was staring at the Professor, with eyes ready to leap out of their sockets, he came to the front of the stage to perform his part. Then, in spite of his flowing beard and other decorations, I saw in Professor Meredith the identical Jack Chester, who, over twelve months before, was believed to have leaped in a fit of madness into the sea, and was drewned.

"Chester!' I cried out, in my excite-

"Sit down!" cried one; "put him out," said some others. In the meanwhile I had come to myself, and resumed my seat, but not before I had get from the Prefesser a sign of recognition.

When the performance was over, my old shipmate, for it was he, beckoned me to him, and taking me to his private room, he grasped my hand in all the fervency of dent friendship. "Sit down, Henry, my boy," he said, "and you shall have a solution of the mystery which hangs over me and the past."

"How came you to be saved from a watery grave on that awful night when you plunged into the raging sea?" I impatiently asked,

"I did not jump overboard," replied Chester, laughing; "neither was I any less sane than I am at this moment. The entire affair was a trick of my own invention to frighten the captain, and then get away from his clutches. My madness was a sham, and the man overboard was simply a bundle of old togs, topped by my old hat, which I had just put together. The moment I pitchea them over the rail I slipped down into the fore-peak where I lay hid until the night after the ship entered the port, when I stole out and went on shore. I had taken care to lay up plenty of junk, and I managed to avoid detection until the Niger sailed. The cries which you heard from the main-top, from behind the long-boat, and in the cabin I need not now explain."

"No," said I, " all is made clear by the doings of this night."

"Exactly so," said he. And then he continued-"I had performed as a ventrilequist in most large cities and towns in Europe before you knew me ; but beer ming somewhat restless in my habits, and having squandered all my earnings, in a fit of recklessness I took to the sea, and in the capacity of a sailor found my way to Paget Sound. But I had not in me the stuff of which sailors are made, so after my adventures on board the Niger I went back to my old profession, in which I have done well. My wild eats are all sown, I hope, and having learnt wisdom by bitter experience, I shall stick to that line of life for which I have capacity; a better thing than splicing old ropes, or taking in topsail reefs on a blowing night.

"I should think so," I said "But you nearly killed the captain with fright, whilst you caused us many a heartache at your

supposed loss." "For the latter I am very serry, returned Chester. "But I cannot say that I pitied the captain. His cruelty to me was terrible, and he would possibly have eaded by killing me, but for my fortunate gift of vantriloquism. All's well that en is

"True," I returned. "And I rejoice that you are alive to sav so. You kept your secret famously, for neither Captain Phillips nor any of his orew ever suspected that incapable Jack Chester was the ghost that haunted the Niger."

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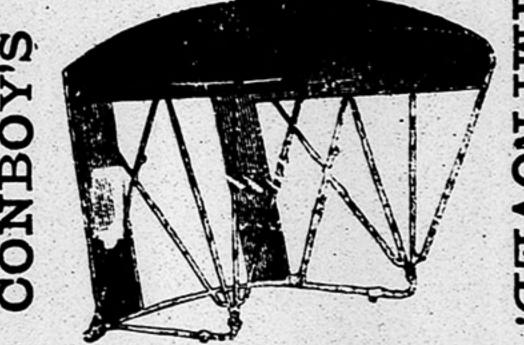
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