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e over in his neok in the corner always occupied, was cheery, old " Uncle Jack" the boys sometimes in, or sametimes "Sailor Jack"ever tired of telling us yarns of his on land and sea, and we were wally von may be sureto lend him distention.

touched the ice very gently. lack tell us a 'tory" " A story ! A we all shouted. This combined was too much for him and he surren-

t matter much anyway.

We were bound for the land of the Mid-. Sun and to me it seemed that the

the bow.

Now, I am not a gambling man, but I will all afternoon. you ten dollars that the man was not | carch on to new ideas.

is and now that we could handle animal was comparatively harmless. bat to his satisfaction he sighed for

is, thus saving the trouble of having to | no honor for so doing. Hodily in order to step it or vice-versa. sech hundred feet of line; half a dozen of refreshments was a caution. ke and boat-bailer.

suppose that I was just for convenience' Jack.'

Besides Tom Cooper, the third mate, there heharpooner, and the four oarsmen were are rding to the position they occude after er stroke car.

the line day while we were cruising later.) What's the matter ?" gra large held of broken ice, we were was soon given to lower man as you'd care to meet." in parsuit. There was very die warrant our see, my young friends,

district mighty steam engine.

and not see us, but for some unknown a headed directly for us. I was sitting laward gurwhale of the boat, hold- young, old, or middle-aged, who find themthe sheet of the sail in my hand, though selves nervous, weak and exhausted, who

ating a piece of wire.

4 so to suit my fancy.

n, thirty-thre linguist. He humerous to mention.

playful flourishes with his flukes and LUBON, 50 Front Street East, Toronto, made a bee-line for the ice pack and at Ont.

a rate that would have put to shame the locomotive of a cannon-ball train. Indeed, he went so fast that our boat sent the water seething and foaming at least a foot higher than the gunwale, though that is nothing unusual, for I know that the whales in the South Pacific often tow boats so rapidly that the crew are all supplied with hammers to drive back the nails which are started by

"I was on the wrong side of the boat and somehow couldn't rake up enough courage to cross over. There was a blue smoke from one end of the boat to the other caused by the friction of the line as it passed around the the echo of a funeral knell or the logger headaft and thence forward through the chocks. I was paralyzed with fear, but when Tom elevated the long tiller over my head and threatened to caress me with it I saw at once that the sooner I obeyed the less danger there would be of his spoiling that nice oak tiller, so I made a frantic effort and managed to keep cool.

"Meanwhile the whale was dragging us toward the ice at lightning speed and dall sat thus for some time, no one that we should be dragged under it or else all seeming to wish to drink in the smashed to splinters seemed inevitable, but by holding water with the oars and allowing the rope to run out without restraint, we

"Just then Tom told me to get him a thick piece of canvas known as a nipper and used to hold on to the line. I get down on my knees and was groping for one when, Well! How shall I begin? Once upon to my horror, I saw the line as it All right. Once upon a time I came from the after tub, neatly throw a myself, on a whaler-in the capacity of marlinspike hitch around my ankle. I was helpless to clear it away, and I bellowed to dear little fellow I was, but that Tom, and goodness only knows how he man- or not. aged, but he cleared it away and beyond a doubt saved my life.

"Then the second mate arrived on the scene would never arrive at the place with his boot and was going to bend his line thing different," is the cry of the century, and festive pelar bears dance on to ours, but there was so much excitement, and to meet this demand for something ever However, after that the scheme failed and though outward- new is the study of all business men, to a Alentian Islands the atmosphere | ly I appeared sorrowful enough I witnessed | greater or lesser extent. It would seem imto make me think that the Arctic was with a glad heart the end of the line as it disappeared with a swish and a snap over new," but we believe that the Greenwood

of the men ferward were, like myself, he ordered us to pull to the ship. We little invention? It is, as its name implies, recall that sort of thing. Now I was went aboard and after replacing our empty adjustable or Convertible, and can be

with the usual amount of boyish im- in the open water, with all of our boats doing Fruit Basket, Card Receiver, Egg Boiler, their best to overhaul him. A breeze sprung Iron Stand, Water Heater, etc., etc., in fact neverything that was going on, and up and we were now able to make good there seems to be no limit to its adaptabilaptain (kind-hearted old barnacle time. Soon we saw the sail of the second ity, so that it is always "something new." that he was humored me in this mate's boat taken in and we knew that he Agents say that it is ahead of any Novelty, that appointing me to the dignified sta- had succeeded in overhauling the monster and as they judge by their sales they should stroke carsman in the third officer's who was now tired out with hauling eight- be authorities. een-hundred feet of line through the water

"The other two boats were soon up with of this wonder. who could have followed with any him and all lent an eager hand in finishing e el success the frantic and artistic the whale. The sight was one not easily ments I went through during my first forgotten. The clear sky overhead; tle cience with a sixteen foot oar, in a manner lofty and many-shaped icebergs all around beautiful to behold, for the third mate us; the bright blue sea now rippled by a requently to light up my powers of fine breeze; the ship approaching under a standing with a hempen candle, and a cloud of canvas, and the great whale in the send is always a good thing to enable a centre slashing and churning the water suds with his flukes and fins, now rearing his is des his ability in this line of forcing great body one half out of the water; now edge upon us, he had always at hand rolling in agonized frenzy and continually her selection of 'quotations, -not spouting blood, while all the three beats seriocanal. I fear-with which he kept at respectful distances, their peaked to be the sunlight our sluggish dis- oars shining like silver in the sunlight; their officers trying their skill at long darts However, living all jokes aside, he soon with the lances and the brawny crews edilled as well as the crew of a man- looking on and enjoying it all new that the

"Ten minutes after we arrived the great The whale-boat, which we used, was thirty- brute gave up the ghost and lay still. All hands immediately gave three rousing Total long and about eight feet extreme | cheers for the third mate, for in whaling, re egar to go and tad had beard. She carried a very large the spoil belongs to the first man to strike sie the most being rigged to ship into the whale. Fifty boats may come and help binge arranged to one of the forward him finish off his game, but they can claim

"Soon the ship came up and we went Then there were six oars and the same aboard. I was just a trifle hungrier than et of paddles ; two line tubs containing half-starved wolf and the way I got outside

your and lances; a lantern keg; and a "Now I have finished the description of my first day's whaling and I hope that I have Now comes her crew, six men in all. Oh made it interesting to you, and when you I forgot, that I was, not a man, but think of it remember your old friend 'Old

Commendable Caution.

Mrs. Dolliver (to the New Girl)-"Nothe boat viz., bow, tub, two midship reena, throw this water out of the window; but be sure you look out. (Ten minutes

Norcena-"I looked out, Mum, and I water go all over as fine a gentle-

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net so brave as most that you cannot afford to neglect that caof being, and is often tarch? Don't you know that it may lead to trivial a sound as the consumption, to insanity, to death? Don't you know that it can be easily cured? on out about an hour we you know that while the thousand and one to be ded by the capsizing nostrums you have tried have utterly failed that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is a certain morale liably near us, and a few cure? It has stood the test of years, and whale appeared and there are hundreds of thousands of grateful was the heaviest breath- men and women in all parts of the country heard, and reminded me of the who can testify to its efficacy. All druggists.

All Men,

and had left us and the boat lay per- are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symphave not the language to describe the toms : Mental depression, premature old which filled my bosom as I marked age, loss of vitality, loss of memory; bad approach of the marine monster. I do dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the ther that my heart seemed to come up heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the believed while each hair on my head kidneys, headache, pimples on the face or ating to outdo its neighbor in body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, How I longed for my sunny home in specks before the eyes, twitching of the and the protecting wing of the muscles, eye lids and elsewhere, bashfulness; that better half of the good old home deposits in the urine, loss of will power, Vain sighing. The harpooner stood tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and as coolly as a snowslide; planted one flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be himly in the hubbers chock and raised rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of which he held poised till the order hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, ex-Strike should be given He had not long citability of temper, sunken eyes surroundwet for that whale was very close—too ed with LEADEN CIRCLE, oily looking skin, etc.. are all symptoms of nervous debility New thing I knew. Tom roared out: Give that lead to insanity and death unless cured. de l'and there was a flash and a The spring or vital force having lost its the bright harpoon flew through the tension every function wanes in consequence tension every function wanes in consequence the hear destination in the mass of Those who through abuse committed in Send thot ten feet from the bows of our ignorance may be permanently cured. Send your address for book on all dieases peculair to man. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front to man. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front to man. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front to man. Joe yelled out, 'All fast, sir,' and St. E., Toronto, On. Books sent free scaled. mast and orders such as "Get | Heart disease, the symptoms of which are faint mast and sail stowed!" Out oars, what spells, purple lips, numbness, palpitation, In staring at, you bulkhead? and others skip beats, hot flashes, rush of blood to the head, dull pain in the heart with beats strong, What was his whaleship doing all this rapid and irregular, the second heart beat Well, to tell you the truth, he was quicker than the first, pain about the breast quicker than the first, pain about the breast making 'Rome howl,' and us think bone, etc., can positively be cured. No cure, all hands the hook Address M. V. playful a. He gave a no pay. Send for book. Address M. V.

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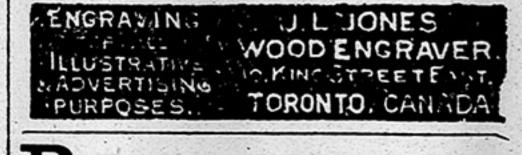
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