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was empty. She had slept in her bed, but saw no signs of the young lady. that was certain. The clothes were tosson one side, as though she had reeased herself quickly.

for some moments. Then the little tkip- her?" per puffed out: "Where is she? Where's the young lady? She's in the ship, of course. Mr. Matthews, see if she's on deck or for-

ward, or if she has found her way into the steerage. The mate, with a face of consterna parts of the ship he had explored. tion, rushed out.

Mrs. Peacock in a half screaming voice, face.

the people at the door. please," said the captain. "There is

mit them to quit the scene just then. Mr. and Mrs. Dent whispered together, Mrs. Holroyd went to her daughter, at once for Sydney, as everything was midnight till six bells of the morning thrilling voice, "that you believe these to listen. tain they'd never sight England.

quarter deck. The ten-Mr. Mark Day- sort of whisper. "It's just that, and pocket and looking at it earnestly as enire was now one—came on to the that job of the arms chest is a piece of though he would talk to it as Dana's enire was now one—came on to the that job of the arms chest is a piece of though he would talk to it as Dana's poop. Everywhere you saw motions of it, and that fellow on the jib boom end Finn talked to the bottle of rum. humming of talkers.

CHAPTER XIL

BENSON CALLS A COUNCIL

"At about half past 9, I think it was,

The surgeon, at the captain's side, was in the habit of wearing was in the up-

The apparel she had removed on the her?" previous night lay neatly folded on a

"Mrs. Storr," said the captain. That lady hurriedly left Mrs. Pea-

"Mrs. Storr," said the surgeon, "do you think you will be able to tell us by looking round you if the young lady was dressed when she left her cabin?" Mrs. Storr very carefully viewed the me a reason, sir, for Miss Mansel being interior. She examined the dresses and said, pointing to one, that it was a "I have not heard that she is not light summer gown—the girl had worn it since the stormy weather. That being so, she considered that Miss Mansel would have put on that particular dress again this day; then, after looking about her a bit farther, at the hat in the upper bunk and the clothes folded upon the chair, she gave it as her opinion that the girl had not left her cabin dressed for the deck, although," she added, "I a flannel petticoat from those clothes

> A short silence followed this. The lady's statement seemed to convince the

dersteward, certain directions, whisper- ship forward by performing the antics you, said the mate, going to the door. was no light to know their faces by,

steel Spectacles which I will sell at a very low price. I guarantee first-class naterial and make a gloomy face heavily and slowly to look. free test of your eyesight.

Opinion on that head. There ought to you people doing the cud-why?'

Mr. Caldwell, still seated, turned his might not reach the people in the cud-why?'

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Caldw Mr. Matthews jumped up.

"There's no Miss Mausel here," was worth your while observing Centain chair. Benson, that Miss Mansel must have "I agree with the doctor, sir," said some days, exchanged minds middling and in an instant the great figure of quitted the cabin of her own free will. Mr. Matthews, whose plain, homely, freely with some of them, and never Davenire sprang up the ladder. The appearance of the place warrants weather stained face wore a shocked till just now got hold of a suspicion—I A chill, sick thrill of herror

services. It is nevertheless my duty, will. acting on your commands, captain, that

"Go, sir, quickly, if you please," "In what way?" said the doctor. gasped Captain Benson. "Perhaps his cabin's empty."

pipes on the quarter deck under the re. solemnly. lady passenger with the fine eyes had cause of the young lady's disappear- were screwing at the sun. mysteriously disappeared was got for ance?" asked the captain. ward, and by putting your head out of "It will be thickening the business castle little more was talked of than the Miss Mansel's cabin door you might too much," answered the doctor girl's disappearance.

cipline of the vessel. panion steps, and when he had gained "There is mischief hatching in this drowned," said Bill. "You'll find it the top of the hatch he stood with his ship, sir." hand upon the hood, laboring somewhat "It must be smothered, then, sir, and they tarm it. These here young ladies

Benson, with a tinge of gray sifting into sengers, 'continued the captain. 'But danger, at least at sea. They get messhis complexion and speaking somewhat I am at a loss to know how to deal with ing about on the rail, peering over the brokenly. "When did you last observe them. I can prove nothing. I can take side to dream of their sweethearts,

member seeing her in the cuddy, nor do I was never in a law court in my life. minute over they go." I recall her as having been up here." "Where have you looked?"

Mr. Matthews named the severa. The captain called Poole to him. Dis-"Miss Mansel disappeared!" cried may was fixed upon this young man'.

"Yes, sir," answers Poole.

selin your watch?" nothing left to look at. The cabin is Bensun. "Because, in all probability, she rd when the plot's deep and the rogues and I'll tell him so if he likes to come nothing left to look at. The cabin is Bensun. "Because, in all probability, she rd when the plot's deep and the rogues and I'll tell him so if he likes to come

Caldwell and Trollope lounged off. came on deck when you were forward know their business?"

e others stood apart. Their excite-The others stood apart. Their excite- she may, for all you know, have tum- slow minded mate. the wheel in the first two hours of your intentions of these men," cried the cap- everything forrads, so as the decks ment and dismay were too deep to per- bled overboard, while you— Who had "Send him aft. Send aft the man his carpeted plank.

men who were at the belm from exclaimed the doctor in a rather low, peated the man who had stopped eating All the ship now, on a sudden, seem- ship?"

agitation—a ceaseless dance of figures— last night another. I can't fit in the and the light wind was filled with the young lady-I can't fit in"- He stop-

The captain stepped to where Poole breathless, "for I may be mistaken. stood watching the ship and said in a low voice: "Go and see if the chief officer's asleep in his berth, sir. If he is not, my compliments, and I desire him

ardent skips up the weather ladder. putting his hand upon his sextant case, from truck to main tack as pale as foan Mr. Matthews, sir, was now going to as though to keep himself in memory of in moonshine. Just when he had walk the captain's cabin, and the surgeon, his object in entering the cabin, "that ed out his first hour the man at the sir, was already there.

Captain Berson. "I do not know what never heard in all my going a-fishing of ship that is shredding the dark waters is wrong with me, but it is strange that the passengers of a ship rising and seiz- of the night at a little less than nine "Did you call her, d'you say, this I, who have followed the sea all my ing her feloniously." termination at-at-this time of day," ant company," said the doctor. tinge, as though he sat under colored 8 this morning, as usual, sir; thought he added, somewhat hysterically. "I "A few of them I don't like the looks Many a league can be wasted on such a glass. His coal black heir and heard 8 this morning, as usual, sir; thought he added, somewhat hysterically. "I "A few of them I don't like the looks Many a league can be wasted on such a glass. His coal black heir and heard to be added, somewhat hysterically." "I "A few of them I don't like the looks Many a league can be wasted on such a glass. His coal black heir and heard to be added, somewhat hysterically are the matter of the saturation of the glass. His coal black hair and beard the young lady was in a sound sleep, as the round lade. It is torrible to be up, would skin his father for a guine. I many a league can be wasted on such a glass. His coal black hair and beard the young lady was in a sound sleep, as the round lade. It is torrible to be up, would skin his father for a guine. I

"There it is," gasped the captain. bosses it." "Things of the most extraordinary kind "It's an extraordinary state of affairs of the wheel he had writhed at the chair. The surgeon's solemn eye wan- happen in this vessel, and you can't certainly," said the doctor. "But the spokes in many attitudes of pain.

"We are a rich ship, and I fear the intentions of these men."

look, a strained expression of anxiety. mean of the captain's sort." "I should hope she did, sir," grum- "Could she have been murdered with- They left the cabin. The mate took a revolver in the grasp of the n Benson, coming from the head of the bled the little skipper, thunderstruck out noise? How was it done? With a his sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much table "Wice Mangella not in her borth" bled the little skipper, thunderstruck out noise? How was it done? With a his sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much table "I should not in her borth" bled the little skipper, thunderstruck out noise? How was it done? With a his sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on deck, and the doctor went revolver of the old pattern, but much her borth in the steerest to be a sextant on the sextant on the sextant on the sextant on the sextant of the sextant on the sextant of the by the subtle, dark significance of the knife? There are no traces of blood, sir. below to his berth in the steerage to in use at that age, easily visible to the By strangulation? The cabin don't sug- meditate over the above conversation second mate by reason of it- bulk of six "A third chair was empty this morn- gest it, sir. The bedclothes are turned with a pipe in his mouth, the fumes barrels as it swung at the dreadful fist

"I want to match the lady's disap- crib by scores of dirty bottles on shelves. Poole.

chest," said the captain. stole the arms?" exclaimed the captain. There had even gone a whisper of mur- "Jump and secure them in the sel's cabin in conversation with Mrs. could be to 'em, for I'll kiss the crucifix pair of eyes belonging to this group as the shadows of birds flying down Storr, her husband, and the Dents. A in Mr. Poole's berth on this, that she's would go to Mr. Davenire, but more the wind the five on the quarter deck Storr, her husband, and the Dents. A in Mr. Poole's berth on this, that starboard particularly to Mr. Caldwell, as those sped, three to port and two to starboard two gentlemen walked the lee side of into the forward darkness all about the "What, sir, is your opinion as to the the deck, while the captain and mate

ished and frightened by the report from nary case of suicide." below to give heed just then to the dis. The little captain gazed sternly and asked by the skipper to protect him from gloomily at the cabin deck. After some the passengers.' The captain went slowly up the com. silence he looked at the mate and said, "I don't allow myself that she was

with his breath. The mate came up the the sooner the better, if you will give get romantic notions. They come up on lee ladder and approached slowly. He me your instructions," replied the mate, | deck, when they ought to be below, to saluted with a flourish of his thumb, with a half glance at the doctor, which look at the steears and to watch how said he had searched in all directions, was like questioning the commander's beautiful the white sails pull the wessel perfect sanity.

"I can't say that I took any notice of fy. There are ten of them, sir—ten sev- and valentines in the fire that burns in eral suits at law. I hate the law, sir. the water passing along, till all in a I have worked hard and am advancing "Her time was up," croaked Tom. the old fellow fairly broke down, crimsoning till be looked throttled.

said the doctor. "We are six men aft-- board, as 'Arry here thinks." nay, count Mr. Storr and Mr. Dent,

"What do you fear, sir?" said the though they'd got a rat in their guts? to her course. "We are a rich ship, and I fear the noise for? My notion is it was to bring

ning to roll and blow over a few feet of was meant to be done?" "You don't mean to say, captain," that there notion of yourn, 'Arry?" re- \$7,000 a year by the changes naile.

Sailors ran aft to hear the news on the whipped out the captain in a choking ing a piece of pipe out of his breeches Collom.

But not a syllable of this," he went on after a short silence, during which his companions had eyed him, almost

CHAPTER XIII.

THE PIRACY. Captain Benson carried his sextant on to come to my cabin; also send the sur- to the poop. Mr. Matthews and the doc- midnight and walked the deck of the tor walked leisurely down the cuddy. Mr. Poole showed himself in three "I'm rather hoping," said the mate, ed onward, a bulky, leaning phantom

life, should find myself wanting in de- "All these ten men are not very pleas- vas to the royal yards needs a surer grip

able to form a conclusion as to how she dare say Mr. Davenire's big head blabs helm would be indicated by the curves met with her end. If we could think of more to his pillow than he would like of the wake, and now that the Queen her as murdered"- He stopped and the world to know. But Burn, Masters, had a fair wind and a good wind it was Weston, seem to me at times to have the to be a bee line with her keel or it "I don't think that, captain; really I making of what they call good fellows wouldn't be Mr. Poole's fault, don't," said the doctor. "What con- in them. I think this," said he a little Thus thinking, he advanced to the ceivable object would any living crea- eagerly, outstretching his forefinger, 'if rail at the break of the poop and hailed

shown a degree of irritability of late cuddy by the first chance I get.

"You're right in that," said the mate, though in terture. The second mate ran glancing at his watch and then remov- to meet him. ing the sextant. "It's a life to kink the "What d'you think?" gasped the seaspine of an elephant. Going to sea is a man in a voice hoarse and horrit new birth, and many a young daisy with suffering and surprise. "The cudcomes back to his mother with the with- dy's full of men!" ered face of the monkey."

"What advice," said the doctor, a swift glance at the skylight without "should one be able to offer to the com- moving. mander of a ship under such circumstances as these?" "There it is," said the mate.

"I believe a nerve tonic," explained the doctor, "would extinguish a very looked over. He saw six men groupe large part of this amazing suspicion." close and seemingly waiting. The and he gave Trickle and John, the un. the head of a gentleman to terrify the "Well, I have got what I want from were just under the cuddy front. There of a baboon on my flying jib boom end? "I have observed his irritability, and but he recognized some of them by their "Until we know," exclaimed the If the young lady committed suicide, my place as chief officer should not stop shapes and stature, and at once called others who were on the move to a halt. doctor in a low tone, that his words what was her reason? If murdered, me from very privately seeking your out, "I say, Mr. Davenire, what are all

ed by the surgeon and mate. A small ing," said the doctor. "Mr. Mark Day- over in a way that must convince us from which somewhat disguised the dist. enire evidently does not require my she got out of her bunk of her own gusting smell of drugs breathed into the "Be quiet and I'll not hart you," ex-I should look in upon him to see how pearance with the plunder of my arms The ladies and Mr. Dent and Mr. "Help! Murder! They're seizing the horrified in various degrees by Miss voice went to pieces in echoes aloft. "Is she in league with the people who Mansel's mysterious disappearance. rang forward like a boatswain's pipe "If so, I don't see of what use she der among them, and more than one fok'sle," thundered Davenire, and swif

All through dinner time in the fore-

have seen through the cuddy windows thoughtfully, "to assume that she, too, "Seems as if the fok'sle had got into the whole strength of the ship's com- was walking in her sleep, and so some- the cuddy this bout," said a hairy faced to pany gathered in a heap about the how fell overboard. No. We must sur- man called John, sawing at a piece of windlass end. Indeed Mr. Poole on the render that, though I might have held pork upon a biscuit, which he used as a poop conversing with Captain Trollope to the notion but for Mr. Shannon. I'm trencher. "By the noble Joseph, mates, l'arn that the crew of a vessel had been you?" he said. He shifted his arm and and Mr. Caldwell was too much aston. afraid it must work out as just an ordibut it 'ud be good news for sailors to

along. They'd holler and run if they "You had the first watch, sir," said "I distrust every one of those ten pas- saw a rat, but don't onderstand proper no steps which I might afterward justi- while they see nosegays and love knots

in years and am not to be sold up and "Her soul was under orders to sail. professionally ruined by-hy''- Here What does it matter how the call was obeyed? Whether she fell overboard or So speaking, Davenire thrust the sec "You are 11 men forward, captain," jumped overboard or was chucked over- ond mate headlong down the compa-

said 'Arry, who though a Dane by birth ceive him. and we are eight men aft. Nineteen to shipped always under an English name, He left the companion doors epen. ten-nearly double." He shrugged his while he spoke the tongue much more Bill had not grasped the wheel; the Suently than most of his English mates. ship was coming to; her wake was an "But don't you know, sir," burst out "What did that man come out to the srch, and in a minute or less she the captain, shrill with temper, "that jib boom for last night? He said he walk- te aback, canvas hammering, spars No sir. And why?" thundered old on board ship odds are not to be reckon- ed in his sleep. He's a blooming liar, 'training, the light ones going. Dave-What did he want to make all that tain, bouncing off his seat and begin- might be clear aft all ready for what

"Have you spoken to the mate about

The moon was dark that night, but the sea line ran firm and black against a sort of faintness like the lunar dawn itself in the clear—obscure low down and the stars were many, and some or them splendid. The wind poured in a steady hum out of the cloudless dusk sparkling to windward, and the mate, when they have the log a little before

eight bells, made the speed 81/4 knots. Mr. Poole relieved Mr. Matthews at darkened ship watching her as she rush the captain's fears are unfounded. I wheel called to him and said that he "I wish to confer with you," began have used the sea for many years, but felt unwell and asked to be relieved. A knots under the heavy impulse of canthan a sick hand can hold her with.

ture in this ship have in murdering there's any conspiracy it's been brought the forecastle. A man came aft and about since the ship sailed, and Trollope took the wheel from Bill. Bill com plained of spasms, and before he let go

find motives for them. Why was my more I think the more I fancy there's "Go forward and turn in," said the arms chest robbed? What puts it into less danger than fear. 'Twixt you and good natured second mate. "I'll send me, Mr. Matthews, the captain has you a drop of brandy along out of the that-that-well, it's not a good sign, The man bent nearly double, walked and I say it as the medical man of this slowly toward the lee poop ladder, down ship. He's in the sixtieth year of his which he disappeared, but he had not age and has led a very hard life. For been out of sight a minute when Poole, many years he's been burdened with who remained aft conning the fresh the responsibilities of command, and I helm, saw a head and shoulders at the think you will find that he is outstay- brink of the lee deck, and Bill, still ing the period when most men are bowed, returned in as great a hurry as forced to give up by age or illness. Six- his posture of anguish would admit of, ty at sea corresponds with 80 on shore." while he dumbly waved his hand as

"Eh?" said the second mate, sending

"There's some of 'em on the quarter

deck. Mind your eye, sir. They're arm Mr. Poole rushed to the ladder and

"Help! They're seizing the ship! shricked the second mate afresh, and the young heart of cak fell a-wrestling like a demon with his giant opporent For some moments his strength of fear and rage staggered Davenire, who total tered to the very edge of his fall.

"You'll yell, you screech owl, will brain the man. No, the intention was ped him, choking, by the throat and was hauling him helpless as a child to the The seaman had gone right lift, and

side the helmsman. "Hold this wheel, Bill," said the fellow, letting go the spokes. "Back! If you move one little ste eried Davenire, keeping his hold of the

second mate and pointing his revolved at the approaching seaman. The fellow stopped, shrunk, recoile some paces. The eye of a loaded revol er cows the man as the eye of a min subdues the beast. "Down you go, and keep quiet wh

"I think it, and I'll tell you why," shout to others who were below to a

ganization of the Department of In nan Affairs and expects to save about

Consumption can be cured by the ten men intend to rise and seize the "No, 'tain't for me to interfere. If use of Shiloh's Cure. This great Cough they wants advice, they knows where Core is the only known remedy for that For mercy's take, silence, sir!" to come for it," answered 'Arry, pull- tarribledisease. For sale by J. H. Mc.



him strenuously. The eyes were bloodshot and dim. Upon his swarthy, gypsy morning?" were a little wild, too-shaggy, un- I got no answer." kempt or disordered, as of purpose—an effect which was assuredly remote from gazing round him with a very grave the desires of that man's soul. Some- face. Everything seemed in its place. times he'd glance at Trollope or Shan- Dresses swung from pegs upon the bulk- glared at Mr. Matthews. non, but rarely at the others. He drank head. The hat the young lady had been thirstily of ale and feigued to eat. Mas-"What's the matter with Caldwell?" per bunk, along with a bandbox or two, ters, sitting beside Burn, whispered:

"I guess," oozed Burn, "he's afraid a parasol, an umbrella and the like. of the moment when Miss Mausel will step forth and proclaim our secret." "Warily now," says the other, whis-pering and looking down while he plied exclaimed:

"Oh," sputtered Masters, "consider where you are!" It was just then that Captain Benson exclaimed, "Is not Miss Mansel well?" And raising his voice, "Can you give absent from the breakfast table?"

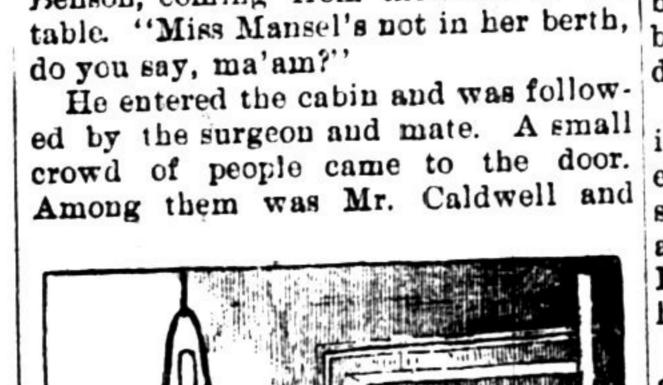
"Trollope's answer this morning

well," answered the doctor, looking round at the steward. "Has she asked to have some break China Ware, Etc., Etc., fast taken to her?" said the captain. "No, sir," replied the steward. "She was sleeping when I knocked, an hour

> There was nothing so uncommon in a passenger, particularly a female passenger, continuing to rest beyond the regu- don't see her dressing gown, and I miss lar time of meals as to excite notice. Presently Mrs. Holroyd left the table. She was about to enter her cabin, when, turning to the captain, she said: "Shall I look in on Miss Mansel and

"If you please, madam," says oh Benson, who was standing up. The table was thinning, when a cry ing them.
from Mrs. Holroyd brought him and all Mr. Matthews jumped up.

Mrs. Holroyd's exclamation. She stood in the doorway and addressed the captain, and her face was white, with sudden astonishment and alarm.







Amazement held the beholders silent

rowding in. "What's become of her?" "You have the middle watch, sir? "Where's the steward?" cried the says Benson. "Here, sir," answered Trickle outside | "Did you see anything of Miss Man- round shoulders.

