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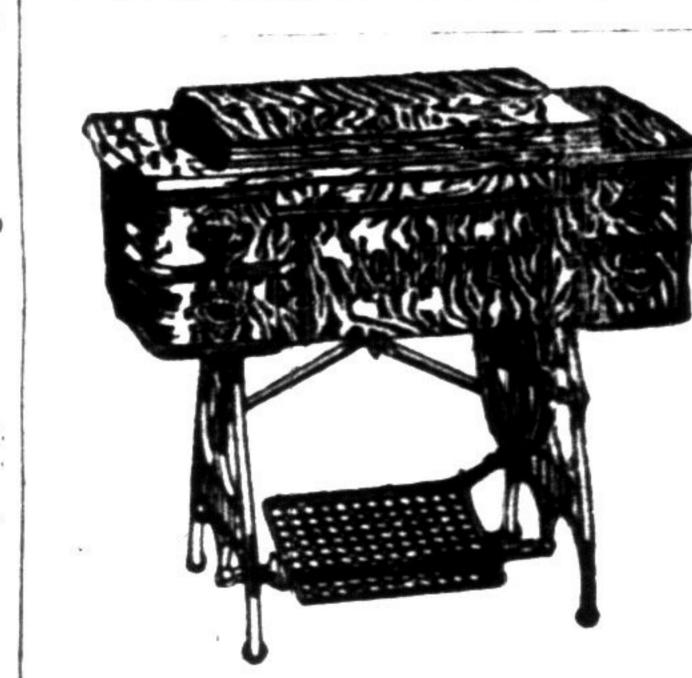
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"And you would actually have me speak with you as of your own classa free man, worthy to claim your

friendship in life?" "Yes," frankly, her face uplifted. "Why should it be otherwise? No man could have done more, or proved himself more stanch and true. We are in compared with what I have escaped. I to turn to and make the craft ship- know what the danger is. Will you feel that your skill and courage will bring us safely to land. I am no longer afraid, for I have learned to trust you. You possess my entire confi-

"But do you understand fully?" I questioned anxiously. "All I have done for you would have been done for any other woman under the same conditions of danger. Such service to another would have been a duty, and no more. But to be with you, aiding and protecting, has been a delight, a joy. I have served Dorothy Fairfax for her own sake-not as I would any other." "Did you not suppose I knew?"

Her glance flashed into mine through the star-gleam, with a sudden message of revealment.

"You knew-that-that it was you personally I served?" "Of course I knew. A woman is never unaware of such things. Now, if ever, I must tell you the truth. know you care for me, and have cared fateful has led me to seek your ac-The Double Track Route quaintance, and give you my aid. Surely it is not unmaidenly for me to confess this when we face the chance o death together?"

"But," I stammered, "I can scarcely believe you realize your words. I-I love you Dorothy." "And is it not also possible for me

"You-you mean, you love me?"

"I love you—are you sorry?" "Sorry! I am mad with the joy o. Full information from all Grand it; yet stricken dumb. Dorothy Fairdear girl, do you forget who I am?

What my future?" "I forget nothing," she said, proudly. "It is because I know what you are that my heart responds. Nor is your future so clouded. You are today a free man if we escape these perils, for whether Roger Fairfax be alive, or dead, he will never seek you again to hold in servitude. If alive he will join his efforts with mine to obtain a pardon because of these services, and we have influence in England. Yet, should such effort fail, you are a sailor, and the seas of the world are free. It is not necessary that your vessel fly the English flag."

"You give me hope—a wonderful "And courage," her hands firmly clasping mine. "Courage to fight on in faith. I would have that my gift to you, Geoffry. We are in peril still. great peril, but you will face it beside me, knowing that whether we live or the we are together. I am not afraid

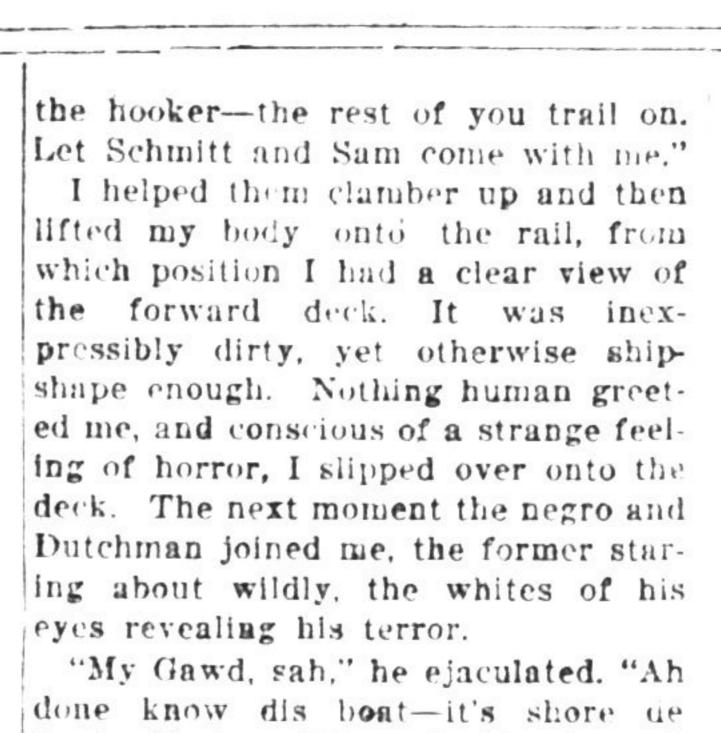
CHAPTER XXVI. A Floating Coffin.

The laboring boat rested so low in the water it was only as we were thrown upward on the crest of a wave through the pallid light of the dawn. plunging quarter-boat against the force you know?" Main St. West. It was all a desolate, restless waste of the wind. A man forward on his knees growled out a curse.

he yelled. "Did yer ever see a boat yaw like that, afore? Damn me, if 1 believe they got a hand at the wheel." my mind. The schooner was headed to pass us on the port quarter, yet you." perceive no sign of life aboard, no signal that we had been seen. The sight

"Stand by, all hands," I cried desperately. "We'll board whether they easy man, don't let her strike us. Lay hold quick, lads, and hang on for your Give me that end of ropeready now, all of you; I'll make the leap. Now then-hold hard!"

chase the tossing boat, but I made it hand desperately gripping shroud, until I gained balance and was flung inboard by a sharp plunge of the grip of the men should be torn loose. This done, I glanced back into the up-



done know dis boat-it's shore de Santa Marie. Ah's cooked in dat gal-She was a slaver, sah." He sniffed the air. "A kin smell dem niggers right now, suh. Ah sunh reckon dars a bunch o' ded ones under dem hatches right dis minute." Schmitt's hand fell heavily on my

was the food and water. I crept for- sleeve and I glanced into his stolid ward cautiously and soon had Sam face. "I just bet I know vat wus der trou-

> "What, man?" "Cholera," he whispered; "ve hat boarded a death ship."

> > CHAPTER XXVII.

determined to deal out the provisions On Board the Slaver. sparingly, saving every crumb pos-The terror of the two men as this ness of the ration, yet munched away thought dawned upon them in all its contentedly enough, once corvinced horror was apparent enough. Nothing. not even fire, was more to be dreaded "All right, lads," I said cheerfully. than a visitation of this awful nature "Now we understand each other and on shipboard. Charnel ship though can get at work. We'll divide into this might be, it was safer by far than watches first of all-two men aft here the cockleshell towing alongside. "Let's find out the truth first, men." and one at the bow. Watkins and I will take it watch and watch, but I said quietly. "Hold your tongues. there is enough right now for all hands. There is no use giving up until we

shape. Two of you ball out that water come with me?" till she's dry, and the others get out ' The terror in Sam's eyes caused me that extra sail forward and rig up a to laugh and my own courage cam

jib. She'll ride easier and make better back with a rush. progress with more canvas showing." "Afraid of dead men, are you? Then the width of water constantly increas night I met you on dock, we a you The men gradually knocked off work we'll face them together, my lads, and ing. and lay down, and finally I yielded to have it over with. Come on, now, both "Now, bullies, jump fer it if yer had become the property o Roger Dorothy's pleadings and fell into a of you. Buckle up; there is nothing want tergo. All right then, my hearties, Fairfax? I loved you then, hough sound sleep. It seemed as though I to fear, if you do what I tell you let's hunt up something to work with I scarcely acknowledged the trail even scarcely lost consciousness, yet I must this isn't the first cholera ship I've and scrub this deck. That's the way to myself. We are all alike, the Fair-

have slept for an hour or more, my been aboard." head pillowed on her lap. When I It was no pleasant job confronting He led the way and they followed laugh at the world. That is my and awoke Schmitt was again at the steer- us, although we had less dead men to him, grumbling and cursing, but obe- swer. Geoffry Carlyle; I give and less dead men to him, grumbling and cursing, but obeing paddle, and both he and Dorothy handle than I anticipated. Indeed, we dient. I added a word of encourage- for love." were staring across me out over the found only five bodies on board. There ment, and in a few minutes the whole would ask an opportunity denied "What is it?" I asked eagerly, but black negro, and a gray-bearded white up the mess forward, their first fears among men. I would not be a hamed before the words were entirely uttered man, his face pitted with smallpox. evidently forgotten in action. Watkins before Dorothy Fairfax." a hoarse voice forward bawled out ex- Determined on what was to be done, I kept after them like a slave driver. "There you see it; straight out agin two sailors hung back, terrorized at for the lads to do, making the neg- You wrong yourself, even as you have "Ay," boomed another, "an' headin' the job and handled them alone, drag- new course I decided upon. Sam it be properly presented to the second I reached my feet, clinging to the launching them over the low rail into pared a hot meal, singing as he launching them over the low rail into pared a hot meal, singing as he launching them over the low rail into

mast to keep erect and, as the boat the sea. I ordered Schmitt to cut the worked, and before noon I had as what are your plans with-with this was again flung upward, gained clearly lashings and take charge of the wheel. cheerful a ship's crew forward as any schooner?" "Ay, you're right, lads!" I exclaimed. Schmitt. I am in love with that girl and I glanced over the log, but gained "It's a schooner, headed to clear us by in the boat. Do you suppose I would little information. As the sun reached a hundred fathoms. Port your helm, ever have her come on this deck if I the meridian I ventured again into the Schmitt-hard down, man. Now, Sam, believed she might contract cholera? cabin and returned with the necessary off with that red shirt; tie it on the You do as I say and you are perfectly instruments to determine our position. safe. Now, Schmitt, remain at the With these and the pricked chart, I There will be a dead nigger aboard our location, and choosing the most

unless you jump when I speak." He trotted close at my heels as I flung open the door leading into the cabin. The air seemed fresh enough and I noted two of the ports wide an ugly scar down one cheek, lay out- noon to disturb the routine work stretched on a divan at the foot of the aboard or to cause me any uneasiness. after mast, his very posture proclaim- Sunset brought clouds, and by the time ing him dead. His face was the color it was really dark the entire sky was of parchment, wrinkled with age.

stared at the upturned face. after post and heard it splash into rope, and we fell into conversation. fellows, with long Indian hair. I never other alone. ering, and once satisfied that both frightened last night. I cannot hold men were beyond help, I was content you to what you said to me then." there. God! it was a relief to return I was not frightened." once more to the open deck and breathe in the fresh air. I hailed the boat tow- then? You said, 'I love you.' " ing below.

"Come aboard, Watkins," I called sharply. "Pass the lady up first, and ought not to listen to them, or believe. turn the boat adrift."

"Why was the vessel abandoned?" cide?" she questioned archly. "I make straining their muscles to held the she asked. "What has happened? Do Quietly I told her the truth and assured her that if we staid on deck and used our own bedding and provisions

"How can I help you?"

"Tell the men just what I have told you," I said gravely. "They will be ashamed to show less courage than We turned and faced them together

the rail. Hallin was first to speak. "Vot vas eet you say 'bout dis sheep? Eet haf cholera-hey?" Dorothy took a step forward, and confronted them, her cheeks flushed. "You are sailors," she said, speaking swiftly, "and ought net to be afraid if a girl isn't. It is true this vessed was

as they formed a little group against

ravaged by cholera, and the crew died; but the bodies have been flung overboard-Captain Carlyle risked his life to do that before he asked us aboard. Now there is no danger so long as we remain on deck. I have no fear." The Swede shook his head, grumbling something, but before the revolt

could spread Watkins broke in. "An' that's right, miss. I wus on the My head was at a level with Bombay Castle when she took cholera, We lost sixteen o' the crew, but not a man among us who stayed on deck got sick. Anyhow, these blokes are goin' "Hand in slowly, lads; yes, let go, ter try their luck aboard yere, er else

He grinned cheerfully, letting slip the end of the painter, the released quar-

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ter-boat gliding gently away astern, a confession now. You remember the

to clean out cholera."

were only two on deck, a giant, coal- gang was busily engaged in cleaning me-to stand once more in honor

wasted no time with either body. The It was not difficult finding plently impetuously, her hands pressing mine. the mere thought of touching these lected schooner shipshape, and adjust- been wronged. You have already done victims of plague. I steeled myself to ing the spread of canvas aloft to the that which shall win you free out if ging the bodies across the deck and started a fire in the galley and pre-"See here. Sam. and you too, man could possibly ask for. Dorothy

direct course toward the coast.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

A New Plan of Escape. Nothing occurred during the after The negro crept up behind me and paratively calm and the wind steady. The same plea can be made for you, It was a pleasant night in spite of Geoffry, only you were there in an ef-

"My Gaud, sah, he wus de ol' cap- the darkness, the air soft and refresh- fort to save me. It is a service which tain. Paradilla, sah; damn his soul!" ing. The locker was filled with flags, ought to win you freedom. If the gov. In what was evidently the captain's representing almost every nation on ernor fail me, I will bear my story to room I discovered a pricked chart and earth. I dragged these out and spread the feet of the king. I am a Fairfax. log-book, with no entry in it for three them on the deck abaft the cabin, thus days. Without waiting to examine forming a very comfortable bed, and powerful friends." hese I stowed them away in my pock- at last induced the girl to lie down, Between us we forced the stiffened wrapping her in a blanket. Finally form of the captain through the open found a seat beside her on a coil of the sea astern. There were two dead This was the first opportunity we seamen in the forecastle, both swarthy had enjoyed to actually talk with each "Dorothy," I said humbly, "you were

"You mean you do not wish to? But "And you still repeat what you said

"Yes, I can repeat that-I love you." "Those are dear, dear words; but I I am not free to ask a pledge of you, or I caught Dorothy's hands and aided to beg you to trust me in marriage." me, for I am not really one of "Is not that rather for me to de-

were a prisoner, and told you at you faxes: we choose for ourselves, and

To beach it somewhere along shore, escape. The men insist on it will goo reason. They have been pirate, and might be hung if caught.

"And yet to my mind." she isted gerous. I am a girl, but if I comand ed here, do you know what I would do: I would sail this vessel straigh to the Chesapeake and surrender it the authorities. The men have no ag to fear with me aboard and ready fy in their behalf. The govern wil | accept my word without a d' tion

and we have friends in England, strong. "I am convinced," I admitted after one, but fear the opposition men. They will never go wil gly. "There is an argument whi

overcome their fear. I mean dity. Each sailor aboard has an inter-tin the salvage of this vessel English law. Also there must aboard-perhaps treasure als the crew dream that dream will need no whip to drive : an English port." "Full pardon, and possibly

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in the midst of which we tossed, while above hung masses of dark clouds obscuring the sky. We were but a hurand the gray below. The first thing needing my attention

straight cross our course astern." the glimpse I sought. boat hook and let fly. They can't help seeing us if there is any watch on We swept about in a wide circle, headed straight across the bows of the

busily engaged in passing out the vari-

believed we would have to cover be-

fore attaining land. But the nature of

that unknown coast was so doubtful I

that we all shared alike.

We Swept By in a Large Circle. on-coming vessel. All eyes stared out watchfully, Sam's shirt flapping above her over the rail. us, and both Watkins and Schmitt

turned faces below.

the rope will hold, and the boat ride safely through. Let a couple of men ome up till we see what's wrong with