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Their games they to be the think they open.
An old wound in my breast!

But oh, every tone and gesture Of the merry thoughtless band Recalls some trait of the mother, Pass'd to the better land. While the sweet singer Agnes,

Is singing loud and clear,
'Tis not the child's blithe carel—
'Tis the mother's voice I hear! On the bold features of Harry,

As he stands in the suniight near, Death seems to stand triumphant, For his mother's smile they wear. And little Laura chills me

With her eyes of beaming blue, For, lo! in those bright windows
'Tis Death that looketh through. In each fair childish figure

A spirit form I see,
Breathing a pathetic beauty
From which I fain would flee!

For day by day it mocks me With the shadow of joy long fled, Till sometimes—heaven forgive me!-I wish I, too, were dead!

Witerature.

A Night with a Madman.

It was just such a night as a sailor oves—a night of comparative peace, a soft breeze, an easy sea, and the land an indefinite number of miles on the weahad the ghost of a chance that we drew a bee-line upon. Our cruising-ground was the Indian Ocean, it length and breadth, from the cold waves of the far south, to Aden in the sunny north.

rather short of hands, and of heads too, tack of an unseen foe. if officers may be regarded as such; for if officers may be regarded as such; for three of our boats were away on particular and aft, in the ship, for it must have would assuredly kill me. 'If,' I thought, lar service; and, as our engineer was on the sick-list, the fires were out, sail set, tramp of the quarter-master overhead awful knife; which I now firmly beand an unusual quiet reigned throughout had stopped; even cockroaches. after a lieved I had been fated to buy for my the ship. It was past eleven o'clock, supper of corks, biscuit, port wine, and own execution. How soon, too, might and our commander had turned in. I blacking, had gone to roost, and the com. he not, with the sudden impulse common could hear him snoring through the bulk- mander had ceased to snore, from which to such cases, spring up, and attack me! little ward-room, although in no way and deepest sleep. So there wasn't a reading and earnest prayers had been connected therewith. My cabin was the sound to be heard, except the creaking meant only as a preparation for death. only one of those off the ward-room at present occupied, the only other officer wavelets as they rippled past my cabin—

There was thus 'a method in his madwavelets as they rippled past my cabin—

ness.' on board—saving the engineer—being a sound that had so often woord me to the assistant-paymaster, whose cabin was sweetest, dreamless slumber, and seemed outside in the steerage. Into the further even now inviting me to rest. Thinking end of the steerage led the companionladder, so that, in our passage to and from the ward-room to the deck, we had beside my little cot, writing letters home. to cross it. I was standing in my little Presently, 'Doctor,' said my patient. box-like sanctum, preparing to go to bed, when the noise of approaching footsteps n the steerage attracted my attention.-Imagining that some one was sick, I hastily threw on my coat, and emerged again into the ward-room, just as Mr. Travers, our assistant-paymaster entered by the other door. He held right in front of him, so as to be hidden from any one behind, a drawn cutlass, which, from signs and motions he made, I understood he meant me to take charge of and conceal. I quickly did so behind my cabin curtain, and has scarcely accomplished the task, when Mr, Wheeler, the engineer, stood in the doorway; and

the assistant-paymaster, after pretending | time he prayed—silently, indeed, but so to borrow a candle, bade me good night, earnestly that the drops of prespiration and retired. was on the sick-list, and had been so for indeed, he was, when well, not only a weeks. His disease was one of the worst manly, good-hearted fellow, but a wise forms of alcoholic mania; in other words, and well-educated gentleman. Thinking bad case of delirium tiemens. From that his present frame of mind augured one attack he had only recently recover. nothing but good, and that there could ed, being snatched from the very jaws of not possibly be any danger to himself or death. His delusions had been many; me—moreover, feeling tired, I closed my but principally he had the idea that a portfolio, and without undressing, threw as the clock was fastened to a beam over-sky, in which the stars—so differently conspiracy was afoot on board, having myself on my bed, with the intention of head, and on a level with the upper deck. arranged from those in the far northfor its object the harassing of him, Mr. snatching a few hours' repose, if not The bait took. With one frightened were shining more brightly, I think, than Wheeler, in every way, and the final ab-sleep. I should here mention that I had, look at the darkened ward-room around I ever yet had seen them. duction of his body, the binding of the only the day previous, purchased from him, he mounted; and, as quickly as I But I had little inclination to gaze same, hands and feet, and the delivering of it to the deep, to afford food to the sailors usually carry. This knife I had of it to the deep, to afford food to the sailors usually carry. of it to the deep, to amord 100d to the saliois usually carry. This kille I had sharks. He used to sit for hours in his lying on my little table among the books for he was down from his perch in a escaped; and, whether from excitement little mess-room, armed with a knife, yet and other articles. trembling like a new-born fawn at the I could not have been long in bed till MONEY TO LEND ON GOOD FARM slightest noise. Every one, saving my-security, in Sums to suit applicants. of water leaking in through the scupper- front of my door. I am a very light holes were water dashed upon him by sleeper, and used to have continual rows Attorneys, Court St. the maliciousness of the boys; the cur- with my servant for shaking me in the tain waving gently to and fro with the mornings, tell him that all he had to do ship's motion, was stirred by the hand in order to waken me was to enter my of a hidden assassin. The captain him- cabin, and wink once or twice. How self he had averred, was preparing the long I slept I cannot say; I believe it old Wheels; you hurt me man; and I the starlight, then disappeared, and the hammock in which his living body was must have been fully an hour; but when want the whittle just half a minute. | plash alongside told me that the unhappy to be sewed before he was thrown over- I did at last open my eyes, I never felt And I looked him straight in the face as engineer had thrown himself into the board. Then rows of pale beings had more wide awake in all my life, I had I spoke.

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strange face, crouching beneath the table, sion on his face; it was not so much that embracing him in its horrid arms, blow- st was dark and terrible-it was the fur- retire. ing its fetid breath in his face, and using tive listening expression on it that seemed fearful threats of death and judgment! so strange, almost like a cat about to

didn't I see them on deck springing up conquered. I have often had reason to terrible reptiles; and they're all in the like jets of water, and flowing away in be thankful that my wits did not desert plot, and all hate me-all-all!' streams, those white thick worms!' and me in time of danger, and this time my Just then four bells rang out sharp' now they were on him, gnawing his flesh, Corruption | corruption | meribund | with the intention of saving myself, he might enter the ward room, and relieve meribund! he shouted, and fell down in was a strong man, and undoubtedly me of my trying situation. Some footone of the worst sorts of fits I had ever would soon have overpowered me. But steps on the quarter-deck I did hear-it had the pain to witness. From this fit instead of this, I merely said, in as cool was but the relief of the man at the he had glided imperceptibly into a state and peevish a voice as I could command: wheel; they soon ceased and all was silent of lethargy, from which, after many 'Pshaw! Wheeler, man, don't waken a as before. A short time afterwards, the

fellow?'

'Hush!' he whispered; and by the dipsomaniac succeed the stern det very look and gesture, I saw plainly that glance of the would be assassin. the madness was on him again. 'Hush!' and as he spoke he pointed to the steer- thought—he! he! Oh, here is the book. to sleep to-night?" age: they are there, and-ugh!-its all Gook night; sound asleep.' so dark—dark and dreary. I could note lie in my berth forward—they would s kill me; and Travers stole my cutlass, that I might not defend myself."

eating his vitals.

'Come,' said I, 'my good fellow, never mind them. I'll protect you, and fight for you, if need be, to the last .-Come forward with me, and turn in to few moments, I began to simulate rest and fetch a candle. your cot.

blessed sun rises. In the dark, I could now: however I may as well finish those not wrestle with them, and it will be so letters.' With these remarks, I swung very long till morning-Will it burn?' myself to the deck, and reseated myself to it, 'it is waning away fast, and you

he added, pointing to the lamy in my to write. For some time I looked everycabin. pleaded with such eloquence to be all made so intimately acquainted. At last goes out?" he asked as if at himself. lowed to remain near the light, and to I perceived a little bit of its polished sleep before my cabin-door, that I at last | blade peeping out from beneath the matther bow. Our vessel was as tidy a little consented, and spreading a mat and pilcraft as any in the royal navy, and that low for him, bade him lie down. He did thrown himself. 'So, then,' thought I, him at the gathering gloom. is no small boast either. Her name was so, and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either. Her name was so and before morning I had every reatise no small boast either saucy one: when we fought, we always requested me to place beside him a loaded revolver, or at least a bayonet or cut- my aid. My only hope was, that one of them, and gaze furtively and fearfully among the people, 'that the servant may him. away out into the darkness of the steer-not die of want.' I knew too that if I 'Ha!' he exclaimed, 'wretch! would Well, on the present occasion, we were away out into the darkness of the steel and the steel are roused his anger or suspicion, by calling you leave me to face my fate alone?

head, for his cabin was right abaft our I argued he had fallen into his second It was quite evident now that his Bibleit my duty to remain on watch, however. I had not turned in, but sat on a chair

'I thought you had been asleep,'] answered. 'What can I do for you?' 'Give me a Prayer-book, there's a good fellow,' he said, 'and I won't dis-

turb you again.' 'I would, Wheeler, if I had one,' replied I, 'but you know I've the misfortune to have been born Scotch and a Presbyterian; but here is a Bible; and I handed to him the book of book.

He took it, and thanked me, and I went on with my writing. I was not so hopes fell again to zero, all the more much preoccupied, however, as not to perceive that he thrice opened the book. read very attentively, and between each stood in beads on his pale brow. This Now, as I said before, Mr. Wheeler brow of his, too, was a very noble one;

Store, where Stockholders and others may arranged themselves on the opposite side not so far as I knew, been dreaming, yet or about his dress; his legs would sud- By the side of my pillow stood Mr. for old Wheels, that time, Scottie.'

presence of mind saved me from an ugly and clearly in the night air; and for a death. Had I ventured to spring up short time I almost hoped some one weary days and nights of watching, I fellow. You'll get the volume in the lamp in my cabin began to burn more had seen him awake, with pale face little book case. Good night; I've to dimly, and give other indications of an

'He! he!' laughed the madman: 'I

sound sleep you were preparing for me.' | 'I will sleep; and-and you too shall A feeling of anger at that moment took sleep.' possession of me, and I felt I almost hated my unfortunate patient.

I had now very little inclination for lessness; then rubbing my eyes, I sat up, 'Nay, nay,' he whispered impetuously, yawned, and said: 'Hang it, old Wheels, where, but in vain, for the large clasp-I nodded assurance, and then he knife with which I was to have been for assistance or trying to escape, I should

> All the strategy I could summon was now directed to the gaining possession of the knife. First, I asked him to accompany me to the steerage, where the dispensary was, for some medicine I told

him I wanted. He simply sneered, as much as to say Do you think me excessively green?' 'You would be all the better of an opiate, anyhow,' I said For a moment

he seemed to approve of the plan. 'Will you let me help myself to the morphia, then?' he asked; adding, to prevent my suspicion, 'you give so large dose vou know.'

'Certainly,' I said' my hopes rising rapidly; 'you shall help yourself.' He seemed to consider a moment, then concluded he would not budge; and my quently disappeared below the mat where knew he was fumbling for the knife. At length, a happy thought crossed me, and acting thereon, I got up, laid my papers, and pretended to begin to undress.

and see what time it is.

twinkling, and was at me like a cata- or loss of blood, I could not tell, but I mountain. With a fearful imprecation, felt as if about to faint. After leaning he sprang upon and seized me by the two arms; he then dashed me backwards into my cabin, and down against the chest of haste to go to the captain's cabin, to drawers. All the nervous excitability make my report, and get assistance. ot madness aided his powerful arms and

I felt as if in a vice. a deadly terror was at my heart-'tuts! moment on the bulwark between me and

of his room, pointing and gibbering at I awoke with a strange and indescribable his eyes, the ferocity died away, and his cry was re-echoed, fore and aft, from him, and spouting blood on him; the port opened, and slimy screens glided as though a cold, cold shadow had fallen as though a cold, cold shadow had fallen be laughingly released me, saying as he the man at the wheel to where, in the in and hid themselves in the apartment upon or passed over my brain and senses. retired to his mat: 'You were too much stern of the ship, two little brass knobs,

denly be clasped as in a vice, and looking down, beheld an alligator, with a strange, on his. I shall never forget the express want with the knife?'

'Doctor,' he replied seriously, I must

'Retire! What do you mean? I inqured. 'Long hath the night of sorrow Repeated blows with the knife at length dispelled this demon; and then myriads of horrible insects came trooping up over Our eyes met, and for two seconds, will die, or the captain will kill him, the table, and covered the bulk-head all not more, I looked at him, and yet in roll him up in a hammock, and send him around; and 'See!' he had cried to me, those two seconds the devil in him was down among slimy; crawling things and

and glittering eye, just as he now stood in the ward-room before me.

'What!' said I—' not in bed yet, old weapon quickly concealed behind his back with my maniac patient I felt sure I and the foolish simpering smile of the must have, and darkness I knew would dipsomaniac succeed the stern determined hasten that event, and bring on the de-

nouement. 'Wheeler, I said, 'do you not intend

'Ay,' said he solemnly, and starting at 'Yes,' thought I, 'my boy, and a nice my voice like an old lady at a pistol shot,

This was certainly not very soothing

to my nerves. 'Well,' I continued, 'the light is going sleep; and after remaining quiet for a out, so you must go to the dispensary

'What!' cried he in a fierce whisper; out into the dark steerage, to be torn' at the same time holding me back; 'not | couldn't you have got the book yourself, | limb from limb, and my body scattered' now-not now, doctor; wait till the without rousing me? I can't sleep again about the ship by devils. No, no, no!' The lamp began to flicker.
'See!' said I, directing his attention

> know well enough how glad they will be to catch you in the dark.' 'Where does the light go to when it

'You'll soon know.' replied I. He started, looked at the lamp, then

won; and I think, too, had we run away, we should have won the race also; at madman to mount guard on me, I peremptorily refused. An hour slipped what, provided I should be send for. I in order to make a rush for the companionaway, during which time he lay quite was very much in the position of the ladder. It was a most untimely move. peacefully on the mat, semetimes closing position of the doctor of the old carrica- No sooner did he espy my intentions, his eyes, but only to immediately reopen ture, praying Heaven to send a pestilence than all the madman was stirred within

Then seizing me by the breast, he hurled me backwards, and next moment that stood on the table, and—not thrown it at-but smashed it on my brow. Although blinded and almost choked with blood, still, from this very bleeding, perhaps, I was not rendered insensible: indeed, I was fully conscious. Knowing now for certain that he intended to make an end of me, and most likely afterwards of himself, instead of trying to get up, I did as I had seen the cockroaches dofeigned death, and lay all of a heap just as I had fallen. My grateful patient paused for a moment, and looked down at his work; then stooping towards me, he passed both hands over my face, so as to bathe them in blood, and then held

them up to the light. 'Good,' he muttered. 'Red bloodnot blue; but I'll mak siccar, and then,

doctor, I'll follow you.' He then stepped over me, with a light laugh, and re-entered my cabin-for the knife, I knew.

Now was my chance, if ever. His back was scarcely turned, when I bounded to my feet, and made for the steerage. It was a short but exciting race for life. Two seconds took me to the steeragedoor, two more to the foot of the comquickly that for a few minutes after this panion ladder. I sprang up, but had suche was very restless, and his hand fre-ceeded in placing only a few steps behind me, when I slipped and fell to the bottom, while at the same time I heard an oath, and the cutlass flew past, and stuck in the bulk-head, not a yard above me. The madman, seeing I was escaping, had thrown it; and the fall had saved me. 'Oh, botheration,' said I, winding I drew out the cutlass and hurried on up my watch; 'it has stopped at one deck. Seeing that the maniac had now o'clock; just give a peep there, Wheeler, given up the pursuit, I paused for a minute to take breath, and bind a hand-Now, in order to do this, he had to get kerchief around my head. It was a very

against the bulwark for a short time, the cool night-air revived me, and I made This report was never made, for just as I was about to descend, a dark figure 'Tuts!' cried I, forcing a laugh, though glided stealthily past, loomed for one

And once again the devilish look left Man overboard!' I shouted, and the like door-bell handles, told the position

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