## PITCHERY-BIDGERY.

The Turning of the Long, Long

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CHAPTER XXI.

THE DIVING BUSINESS. In a litile street that runs from Broadway, not far from Wall street, there was a low doorway with dingy panes of glass, ever which was a sign which bore the following letters, somewhat faded:

BROOKET & CO., CONTRACTORS.

About a month after his arrival at New York Brandon entered this place and walked up to the deek, where a stout, thick see man was sitting, with his chin on his hands and his his elbows on the desk before him.

"Mr. Brocket?" said Brandon, inquiringly.
"Yes, sir," answered the other, descending from his stool and stepping forward toward Brandon, behind a low table which stood by the desk "I am told that you undertake contracts

for raising aunken vessels? We are in that line of business."

"You have to make use of diving appar

" Yes." "I understand you have gone into this business to a larger extent than any one in America ? '

"Yes, sir," said Brocket, modestly. "I think we do the leading business in that

"I will tell you frankly my object in calling upon you. I have just come from the East Indies for the purpose of organizing a sys-tematic plan for the pearl fishtematic plan for the pearl fisheries. You are aware that out there they still cling to the fashion of diving, which was begun three thousand years ago. I wish to see if I cannot bring science to bear upon it, so as to raise the pearl oysters in larger quantities" That's s good idea of yours," remarked

Mr. Brocket, thoughtfully.

"I came to see if you could inform me whether it would be practicable or not."

Perfectly so," said Brocket. " Do you work with the diving-bell in your business or with armor?" "With both. We use the diving-bell for

stationary purposes; but when it is necessary to move about we employ armor." ' Is the armor adapted to give a man any

freedom of movement?" The armor is far better than the bell The armor is so perfect now that a practica hand can move about under water with a freedom that is surprising. My men go down to examine sunken sh ps. They go in and out and all through them. Sometimes this is the most profitable part of our business."

" Why so ?" "Why, because there is often money or valuable articles on board, and these always are ours. See," said Brocket, opening a drawer and taking out some silver coin. " here is some money that we found in an old Dutch vessel that was sunk up the Hudson a huu dred years ago. Our men walked about the bed of the river till they found her, and in her cabin they obtained a sum of money that

would surprise you—all old coin." "An old Dutch vessel! Do you often find vessels that have been sunk so long ago?" "Not often But we are always on the look out for them," said Brocket, who had now grown quite communicative. "You see, old ships always carried ready cash they didn't use bank notes and bills of exchange. So if you can only find one you're sure of money."

Then this would be a good thing to bear in mind in our pearl enterprises?"
"Of course I thould think that out there some reefs must be full of sunken ships They've been sinking about those coasts ever since the first ship was built."

How far down can a diver go in armor?" " Oh, any reasonable depth, when the prese sure of the water is not too great. Some pain in the ears is felt at first from the compressed air, but that is tem orary. Men can rasily go down as far as fifteen or sixteen fathoms. ' dow long can they stay down?"

"In the bells, you know, they go down and are pulled up only in the middle of the day and in the evening, when their work is

' How with the men in armor ?" "Oh, they can stand it almost as well. They come up oftener, though. There is one advantage in the armor; a min can fling off his weight and come up whenever he

" Have you ever been down yourself?" "Oh yes -oftener than any of my men. I'm the oldest diver in the country I think. But I don't go down often now. It's hard work, and I'm getting old."

Is it much harder than other work?" Well, you see, it's unnatural sort of work and is hard on the lungs. Still, I always was healthy. The real reason why I stopped was a circumstance that happened two years ago."
"What was that?"

Brecket drew a long breath, looked for a moment meditatively at the floor, and then

Well, there happened to be a wreck of a steamer called the Saladin down off the North Carolina coast, and I thought I would try her as a speculation, for I supposed that there might he considerable money on board one way or another. It was a very singular affair. Only two men had escaped; it was so sudden. They said the vessel struck a rock at night when the water was perfectly still, and went down in a few minutes, before the passengers could even be awakened. It may seem horrid to you, but you must know that a ship-load of passengers is very profitable, for they all carry money. Besides, there are their trunks, and the clerk's desk, and so on. So, this time, I went down myself. The ship lay on one side of the rock which had pierced her, having floated off just before sinking; and I had no difficulty in getting on board. After walking about the deck I went at once to the After Sir," said Brocket, with an awful look at Brandon, " if I should live for a hun dred years I should never forget the sight I saw. A hundred passengers or more had been on board, and most of them had rushed those three rocks which they longed so much waters. out of their state-rooms as the vessel began to sink. Very many of them lay on the floor, a frightful multitude of dead.

"But there were others," continued Brocket, in a lower tone, "who had clutched at pieces of furniture, at the duors, aud at the chairs, and many of these had held on with such a rigid clutch that death itself had not unlocked it. Some were still upright, with distorted features, and staring eyes, clinging, with frantic faces, to the nearest object that they had seen. Several of them stood around the table. The most frightful thing was this; that they

were all staring at the door.
"But the worst one of all was a corpse
that was on the saloon table. The wretch had leaped there in his first mad impulse and his hands had clutched a brass bar that ran across. He was facing the door; his hands were still clinging, his eyes had glared at me, his jaw had fallen. The hideous face seemed grimacing at and threatening me.
As I entered the water was disturbed by my motion. An undulation set in movement he my entrance passed through the length of the saloon. All the corpses swayed for a moment. I stopped in horror. Scarcely had I stopped when the corpses, agitated by the motion the water and swaying, lost their hold; their fingers slipped, and they fell forward simultaneously. Above all, that hideous figure on the table, as its fingers were loosened, in falling forward, seemed to take steps, with his demon face still staring at me. My blood ran cold. It seemed to me as though these devils were all rushing at me, led on by that fiend on the table. For the first time in my life, sir, I felt fear under the sea. I started back, and rushed out quaking as though all hell was behind me. When I got up to the surface I could not speak. I instantly left have never been down myself since.

A long conversation followed about the not plentiful, and what they catch have to be and drift gradually away from the right posigeneral condition of sunken ships. Brocket sought for at a leng distance off. had no fear of rivals in business, and as his "Are there any other islands near this?" interlocutor did not pretend to be one he asked Brandon of some people whom he met was exceedingly communicative. He describ- on landing. ed to him the exact depth to which a diver

astened around bis neck.

learned their parts rapidly, and Louis, who had the bardest task, improved so quickly, and caught the idea of the work so readily,

sined every thing which might by any possi-

intil at length they were ready to start.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE ISLET OF SANTA CRUZ.

It was July when Brandon left New York

chooner, which he had fitted up like a gen-

lleman's yacht, and stored with all the arti-cies which might be needed. In cruising

bout the Bahama Isles he intended to let it

be supposed that he was traveling for plea-

They stopped for a while at Nassau, and the

lumbus discovered is now but seldom visited

and few inhabitants are found there. Only

have in general but little intelligence. On

Traditions still survived among the people

and all were glad to show the righ English-

lought that this might be the one He

one league due north of this there ought to be

the islet of the Three Needles. Upon the

A light wind arose which enabled them to sail

over all the space that lay one league to the north. They sounded as they went, but

found only deep water. They looked all around, but found not so much as the small-

est point of land above the surface of the

Their disappointment was profound. Bran

ion for a while thought that perhaps some

other San Salvador was meant in the letter. This very idea occurred to him before, and he

description was unnecessary, and no other

One hope yet remained, a faint one, but

might be considered as north from San Sal

With this faint hope he landed.

Guahi is only a small island, and there are

but few inhabitants upon it, who support

vador. This could be ascertained here in together, and thinner and sharper, so that

the one on which he had decided.

That

the existence of the islet to the north.

still thoy rowed.

to Brocket.

or San Salvador.

" Which is the nearest?" in armor might safely go, the longest time ne could safely remain under water, the rate of travel in walking along a smooth bottom, and the distance which one could walk. He " San Salvador." "Are there any others in about this lati-"Well, there is a small one about twelve told him how to go on board of a wrecked

ship with the least risk or difficulty, and the leagues east. There are no people on it best mode by which to secure any valuables though." "What is its name?" which he might find. At last he became so " Santa Cruz ?" exceedingly friendly that Brandon asked him

Brandon's heart beat fast at the sound of if he would be willing to give personal instructions to himself, hinting that money that name. It must be so. It must be the who was satisfied with obeying his master, island which he sought. It lay to the north and did not ask the end of any commands the property of the was a satisfied with obeying his master, and did not ask the end of any commands. At this Brocket laughed. "My dear sir, Cruz.

"Not very near."

you take my fancy, for I think I see in you man of the right sort. I should be very glad to show any one like you how to go to work. Don't mention money; I have as trailly got more now than I know what to do island. "It is not down on the charts?" "No. It is only a small islet. Another confirmation, for the message said plainly an islet, whereas Guahi was an with, and I'm thinking of founding an asy lum for the poor. I'll sell you any number of suits of armor, if you want them, merely

long."
"Is there any other island near it?" in the way of business; but if I give von nstructions it will be merely because I like to " I don't know ' Have you ever been there?" blige a man like you." Brandon of course expressed all the grati-

tude that so generous an offer could excite.

Plainly no further information could be "But there's no use trying yet; wait till gathered here. It was enough to have hope the month of May, and then you can begin, strengthened and an additional chance for You have nerve, and I have no doubt that you'll learn fast." success. Brandon obtained as near as nossible the exact direction of Santa Cruz, and After this interview Brandon had many going back to the yacht, took advantage of After this interview Brandon had many going be others. To give credibility to his pretended plan for the pearl fisheries, he bought a dozen suits of diving armor and various articles which Brocketassured him that he would still con the light breeze which still was blowing and

Night came on very dark, but the breeze still continued to send its light breath, and need. He also brought Cato with him one before this the vessel gently glided on. Not need. He also brought Cato with him one day, and the Hindu described the plan which the pearl divers pursued on the Mala bar coast. According to Cato each diver had a stone which weighed about thirty pounds ty, tried to pierce through the gloom as he pense. Asgeelo remained long beneath the ied to his foot, and a sponge filled with oil strained his eyes, and seemed as though he On plunging into would force the darkness to reveal that he water, the weight carried him down. When which he sought. But the darkness gave no the diver reached the bottom the oiled sponge token.

was used from time to time to enable him to Not Columbus himself, when looking out breathe by inhaling the air through the sponge over these waters, gazed with greater eagerapplied to the mouth. All this was new to ness, nor did his heart beat with greater an Brocket. It excited his ardor.

The month of May at last came. Brocket left as his vessel glided slowly through the showed them a place in the Hudson, about dark waters, the same over which Columbus twenty miles above the city, where they could had passed, and moved amidst the impenetrapractice. Under his direction Brandon put ble gloom. But the long night of suspense on the armor and went down. Frank worked glided by at last; the darkness faded, and the he pumps which supplied him with air, and dawn came. Cato managed the boat The two Brandons

Frank Brandon, on waking about sunrise. came up and saw his brother looking with fixed intensity of gaze at something directly in front. He turned to see what it might

hat Brocket enthusiastically assured him that he was a natural-born diver.

All this time Brandon was quietly making arrangements for a voyage. He gradually ob-An island covered with palm trees lay there Its extent was small, but it was filled with the rich verdure of the tropics. The gentle breeze ruffled the waters, but did not altobility be required, and which he found out gether efface the reflection of that beautiful ov long deliberations with Frank and by hints | islet. which he gained by well managed questions

Louis pointed toward the northeast. Frank looked.

Thus the months of May and June passed It seemed to be about two miles away. It was a low sand island about a quarter of a mile long. From its surface projected three rocks thin and sharp. They were at unequal distances from each other, and in the middle f the islet. The tallest one might have been about twelve feet in height, the others eight He bad purchased a beautiful little

and ten respectively.

Louis and Frank exchanged one long look, but said not a word. That look was an elcquent one.

This then was unmistakably the place of their search.
The islet with the three rocks like needles

sure. True, the month of July was not the time of the year which pleasure seekers would choose for sailing in the West Indes, but of all their hopes.

The island of Santa Cruz was, as had been this he did not take much thought.

The way to the Bahama Isles was easy. told them, not more than a mile and a half went to San Salvador.

The first part of the New World which Colay about two miles north of it. On the side Santa Cruz which lay nearest to them was

a small cove just large enough for the yacht.

Here, after some delay, they were able to enter and land. six hundred people dwelt upon it, and these The tall trees that covered the island rose reaching this place Brandon sailed to the harbor which Columbus entered, and made over beautiful glades and grassy slopes. Too small and too remote to give support to any nany inquiries about that immortal landing number of inhabiants, it had never been touched by the hand of man, but stood there before them in all that prismen the lions of the place.

He was thus enabled to make inquiries tine beauty with which nature had first enwithout exciting suspicion about the islands lying to the north. He was informed that four leagues north there was an island named Guahi, and as there was no island in that direction named Santa Cruz, Brandon asked if there were any small islets or sand now strong within his near, and about in banks near there, but no one could tell him. search of places where he might be able to conceal the treasure that lay under the sea, if he were ever able to recover it from its could he pursued his way.

In that hot season there was but little

wind. The seas were visited by profound spots which continued long and rendered spots which were well adapted to such a pur navigation slow and tedious. Sometimes, to prevent themselves from being swept away which was bald and flat on its summit. On by the currents, they had to cast anchor. At the western side it showed a pregipice of some other times they were forced to keep in close forty or fifty feet in height, and on the eastby the shore. They waited till the night ern side it descended to the water in a steep slope. The tall trees which grew all around came on, and then putting out the sweeps, slope. The tall trees which grew all around shrouded it from the view of those at sea, but they rowed the yacht slowly along.

It was the middle of July before they allowed the sea to be visible on every side. reached the island of Gushi, which Brandon Climbing to this place, they saw something thought might be Santa Cruz. If so, then which showed them that they could not hope

to carry on any oneration for that day. On the other side of the island, about ten On the other side of the island, about ten discovery of that depended their fate.

It was evening when they reached the southern shore of Guahi. Now was the time when all the future depended on the fact of that are in the trade between the United that are in the trade between the Un States and the West Indies. As long as that vessel was in the neighborhood it would not night on the south shore was passed in deep do even to make a beginning, nor did Brandon care about letting his yacht be se Whatever he did he wished to do secretly.

anxiety. They rowed the vessel on with their sweeps, but the island was to large too be passed in one night. Morning came, and The brig continued in sight all day, and they remained on the island. Toward evening they The morning passed and the hot sun took the small boat and rowed out to the sand burned down upon them, yet they still toiled on, seeking to pass beyond a point which lay bank which they called Needle Islet. It was merely a low spit of sand, with these three ahead, so as to see the open water to the north. Gradually they neared it, and the singularly shaped rocks projecting upward. There was nothing else whatever to be seen ses-view in front opened up more and more upon it. The moon came up as they stood widely. There was nothing but water. More there, and their eyes wandered involunand more of the view exposed itself, until at tarily to the north, to that place, a leagu last the whole horison was visible. Yet there

> CHAPTER XXIII. THE OCEAN DEPTHS.

The next morning dawned and Brandon hurried to the rock and looked around. Dur ing the night a slight wind had sprung up, and was still gently breathing. Far over the wide sea there was not a sail to be seen. The brig had pas-ed away. They were finally That evening they cast anchor and went left to themselves.

Now at last the time of trial had come.

one knew of other islands among which They were eager to make the attempt, and might be found one named Santa Cruz. slowly out to sea in the direction of Needle Islet. A light breeze still blew fitfully, but promised at any moment to stop; yet while it lasted they passed onward under its gentle had made himself acquainted with all the impulse, and so gradually reached Needle places of that name that existed. None of Island, and went on into the sea beyond. them seemed, however, to answer the require ments of the writing. Some must have they had come to the spot which they wished to attain, the breeze had died out gained the name since; others were so situ and they were compelled to take to the oars. ated that no i-land could be mentioned as Although early in the morning the sun was lying to the north. On the whole, it seemed burning hot, the work was laborious, and the

to him that this San Salvador of Columbus progress was slow. Yet not a murmur was could alone be meutioned. It was alluded to heard, nor did a single thought of fatigue as a well known place, of which particular enter the minds of any of them. One idea only was present—one so overwhelming place at that day had this character except that all lesser thoughts and all or dinary feeling was completely obliterated. After two hours of steady labor they at last still a hope, and this might yet be realized. reached a place which seemed to them to be It was that Guahi was not Santa Cruz ; but exactly one leavue due north of Needle islet that some other island lay about here, which Looking back they saw that the rocks on the island seemed from this distance closer

Guahi better perhaps than anywhere else, they actually bore a greater resemblance to needles from this point than to anything else. Here they sounded. The water was fifthemselves partly by fishing. In this detect fathoms deep—not so great a depth as lightful climate their wants are not numerous, they had feared. Then they put down the the Saladin, came home with my men, and which they desire. The fish about here are the yacht might be caught in some current, replied.

The small boat had all this time been loating astern with the pumping apparatus readily be accompanied in his search and his him. wanderings at the bottom of the sea.

But there was the prospect that this search would be long and arduous, and Brandon was not willing to exhaust himself too soon. He had already resolved that the first exploratron should be made by Asgeelo. The Hindu had followed Brandon in all his wanderings with that silent submission and perfect devotion which is more commen among Hindus than any other people. He had the air of one showed no curiosity about the object of their search. It was Brandon's purpose to more send him down first at different points, so that he might see if there was anything there which looked like what they sought.

"How large is it."

Asgeelo—or Cato, as Brandon commonly
Oh, perhaps a mile or a mile and a half called him—had made those simple preparations which are common among his class— the apparatus which the pearl divers have ver since pearl diving first commenced. Twelve or fifteen stones were in the boat, a foot, he saturated the sponge with oil, so as to use it to inhale air beneath the water; nead, he leaped into the water and went down their observation. feet foremost. Over the smooth water the ripples flowed

from the spot where Asgeelo had disappeared water, but to them the time seemed frightful in its duration. Profound anxiety began to his powers - lest the disuse of his early prac-tice had weakened his skill - lest the weight sept him there forever.
At last, when the suspense had become in-

exchange glances almost of despair, a splash so vast in its importance that he was willing growth of plants in that place. These and was heard, and Asgeelo emerged far to the right. He struck out strongly toward the boat, which was at once rowed toward him.

further, and Asgeelo prepared to descend tate. once more. He squezed the oil out of the "What is that for?" asked Frank and

Louis

At this Louis and Frank exchanged glances so terrible a death?

" No, Sauib."

"Why do you fear them, then?"
"I don't fear them, Sahib."
"Why do you take this knife?"

" One may come, Sahib."

After some hesitation Asgeelo was allowe to go. As before he plunged into the water, and remained underneath quite as long; but now they had become familiarized with his powers and the suspense was not so dreadful.

nothing. They now rowed a hundred yards further

Asgeelo was not yet fatigued, and they therefore determined to les him work as long as be was able. He went down seven times more. They still kept the boat on toward the east long distances. Asgeelo came up each time

unsuccessful. He at last went down for the eleventh time. They were talking as usual, not expecting that he would reappear for some minutes, when suddenly a shout was heard.

Immediately the cause of this became manifest. Just behind him a sharp black fin ap-nary vision of man. peared cutting the surface of the water.

It was a shark! But the monster, a coward

Practice had enabled Brandon to move with

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Surface of

the water made by Asgeslo, circled round him and hesitated to seize his prey.

culty. The first troubles arising from breaththis confined air had long since been surand hesitated to seize his prey.

The moment was frightful. Yet Asgeslo mounted. One tube ran down from the boat,

lowly, occasionally turning his head and another tube ran up a little distance, through watching the monster, seeming by his easy dexterity to be almost as much in his native e ement as his pursuer, keeping his eyes fixed on him and holding his knife in a firm clasp.

The knife was a long keen blade, which sand was here, and on every side their arose self from the terror above. The monsters and was here, and on every side their arose self from the terror above. The monsters are more lightly about at one time grazing

do but to look on in an agony of horror. Asgeelo, compelled to watch, to guard, to

twenty yards that separated him from the beat. At last it seemed as if he chose to stay there. It seemed to those who watched him with such awful horror that he might have escaped had he chosen, but that he had some idea of voluntarily encountering the monster. This became evident at last, as the shark passed before him when the results of the saused much delay.

Now, among the coral rocks, the vegetation of the lower sea began to appear of more vivid colors and of far time. Yet now, since the spell of this presence was removed, his horror left him, and him former hope animated all his soul.

Sould shark passed before him when the results are removed, his horror left him, and species of marine parasite, and as it grew it the shark passed before him when the removed away until they were out of sight.

Brandon did not dare to advance for some time. Yet now, since the spell of this presence was removed, his horror left him, and him, tor they gradually moved away until they were out of sight.

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sible that he could have gone down of his own

In a moment their suspense was ended. A white flash appeared near the surface The next instant a dark sinewy arm emerges from beneath, armed with a long, keen knife

exultantly.

A few moments afterward the form of a each side the

gigantic shark floated upward to the surface, lyeing the sea with the blood which had issued from the stroke dealt by Asgeolo. yet, however, was the vindictive fury of the Hindu settated. He swam up to it. He and of a delicate green color, which looked dashed his knife over and over the white more like lawn grass of the upper world than belly till it became a hideous mass of gaping entrails. Then he came into the boat.

Brandon walked on, and even in the in

was tremendous, yet his quickness and agility other sphere, planting his rash foot- Queen Elizabeth. The maste had fallen and even in the water had been commensurate steps where no foot of man had trodden be- lay, encumbered with the rigging, over the with his strength. Brandon had seen proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of his courage in the dead bodies of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate the hallowed secrecy of awful nature Brandon had been proofs of the Malay violate had been proofs of the Malay viol pirates which lay around him in the cabin of that the cabin of that ill fated Chinese ship; but all that he had done then was not to be compared to be indeed, no sound under a clap of thunder this.

this.

They could not help asking him why he had not at once made his escape to the boat. instead of staying to fight the monster. Asgeelo's look was as gloomy as death as he that could be felt. In the sublimity of that

only son—when he first went down, and I ined to have felt when passing to the under like an incrustation, to the depth of an inch, have to avenge him. I killed a hundred on the Malabar coast before I left it forever.

Stupent ubi undae segne torpescit fretum. the Malabar coast before I left it forever. in it, so that the adventurous diver might That shark did not attack me; I attacked and expected to hear some voice from the

"If you saw one now would [you attack] " Yes, Sabib."

In his last venture Asgeelo had been no more successful than before. Needle Island heid this in his hand. now in the southwest, and Brandon thought that their only chance was to try new and more startled crowds, some dashing the same reason, yielding to their own weight, not yet explored.

from which they had set out, and then went up and noated for a moment different plant of him, its large, staring eyes seeming to weet. From this place as they looked toward view him in wooder, and solemnly working in the lofty peop were lying prostrate on the three reals account to a large at a least to be the deck. The large sky light which none the islet, the three rocks seemed so close to- its gills. But as Brandon came close it gave Twelve or fifteen stones were in the hoat, a the islet, the three rocks seemed so close to- its gills. But as Brandon came close it gave that they appeared blended, and the a sudden turn and darted off with all its late. Before going down Brandon had arranged pounds. One of these he tied around one cummatance had an encouraging effect, for it far ahead summeling which drove all other. seemed to the brothers as though their and thoughts away, whether of fear, or of danger, ship. In his excitement he had not be given bestor might have looked upon those rocks or of horror, and filled all his soul with an it. Before venturing further he thought overmastering massion of desire and hope. and then standing on the edge of the boat from this point of view rather than from any overmastering passion of desire and hope, and flinging his arms straight up over his other which had yet come upon the field of It was a dark object, too remote as yet to be

> had worked long enough, and ought not to be presentation of his hope before him thus in exhausted on that first day, and partly on ac what seemed like a reality was too much eagerness to see for himself rather than intrust it to others.

might have deterred any other man. It was might be dispelled forever. And then to fail a danger which he had never taken into ac at this place, after so long a search, when he mingle with the suspense, for fear lest the a danger which he had never taken into ac at this place, after so long a search, when he faithful servant in his devotion had overrated count. But the resolve of his soul was seemed to have reached the end, would be an stronger than any fear, and he determined to intolerable grief.

face even this danger. If he lost his life, he There, too, was tice had weakened his settle less the weight the bound to his foot had dragged him down and was indifferent. Let it go! Life was not so seemed made on purpose. How came it been thim there forever.

How came it precious to him as to some other. Fearless there? He thought that perhaps the object At last, when the suspense had become in- by nature, he was ordinarily ready to run risks; lying before him might have caused some tolerable and the two had already begun to but now the thing that drew him on ward was current which set in there and prevented the

to encounter peril of any kind.

Frank was aware of the full extent of his unwilling to move. right. He struck out strongly toward the boat, which was at once rowed toward him. In a few minutes he was taken in. He did not appear to be much exhausted.

He had seen netbing.

They then rowed about a hundred yards that he strong had not suppose that his brother would hesi to confidence in the place; but he was not able, he on Coffic Island when, in like manner, he had hesitated before a like object.

The apparatus was in the boat. The pumpsponge and renewed it again. But this time took a knife in his hand. the various signal ropes, was managed by "What is that for?" asked Frank and Frank. Asgeelo rowed. These arrangenents had long since been made, "Sharks!" answered Cato, in a terrible had practiced in this way on the Hudson

Silently Brandon put on his diving armor Could they let this devoted servant thus tempt. The ropes and tubes were all carefully ar-The usual weight was attached "Did you see any sharks?" asked Louis. his belt, and he was slowly lowered down to the bottom of the sea.

The bottom of the ccean was composed o a smooth, even surface of fine sand and gravel, along which Brandon moved without difficulty. The cumbrous armor of the diver, which on land was so heavy, beneath the water loses its excessive weight, and by steadying the wearer assists him to walk The water was marvelously transparent, as is usually the case in the southern seas, and At the expiration of the usual time he through the glass plate in his helmet Branlying north of Santa Cruz One league due reappeared, and on being taken into the don could look forward to a great north of this was the spot where now rested boat he again announced that he had seen than was possible in the Hudson. and on being taken into the don could look forward to a greater distance

> boat, as it floated and moved on in the direction he wished; signals, which were communicated by a rope which he held in his hand.
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> And now he felt within him such an uncertainty of the signals. on in the same direction toward the east, and tion he wished; signals, which were commu-Argeelo made another descent. He came back with the same result.
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> It now began to grow discouraging, but to the right or to the left, or to gtop alto-

> Down in the depths to which he had descended the water was always still, and the him to move. Again, as once before, he become thrown farther apart and stood at storms that affected the surface never penetrated there. Brandon learned this from the remembered : delicate shells and the still more delicate forms of marine plants which lay at his going the disemb died spirit can assist man, feet, so fragile in their structure, and so delicately poised in their position, that they and in the crisis of your fate I will be near, shows to the observer what profound calm must exist here, far away beneath the ordi-

ike all his tribe, deterred by the plashing of much ease. His breathing was without diffibubbles that ascended to the surface.

Asgeslo had carried with him for years.

Louis and Frank could do nothing. A sembled more than anything else a leafless curiously shaped coral structures, which repistol ball could not reach this moneter, who kept himself under the water, where a ball would be spent before striking him, if indeed would be spent before striking him, if indeed to be spent before striking him and the spent before striki any aim could direct a bullet toward that swift darting figure. They had nothing to a detour in order to avoid them. The onief a message of his fate. tangled among some of the loftier stragging

involuted corals flung their twisted arms in more curious and intricate folds. The vegetation was denser, more lux-Not uriant, and more varied. Beneath him was a

He sat down, a hideous figure. Blood covered his tawny face, and the fury of his rage had not left his features.

The strength which this man had shown some after the fashion of a ship of the days of foot- Queen Elizabeth. The masts had fallen and could be heard, and the ringing of his ears the outline of a hird carved for the figure would of itself have prevented consciousness head, and knew that this must be the Phoeof any other noise, yet none the less was he nix.

There came to him only such dwellers as upon the deck. balonged to the place. He saw them as he Brandon expressed some apprehension, and moved along. He saw them darting out from deck of the Phoenix.

the hidden penetralia around, moving swiftly

The \*hip which had thus lait here through wished him not to lose his life the hidden penetralia around, moving swiftly But Asgeelo explained that a shark could across and sometimes durting in shoals before be successfully encountered by a skillful swimmer. The shark is long, and has to move about in a circle which is comparative ster which lay a manufacture of the successfully encountered by a skillful him. They began to appear in such vast trated to its immost fibre, still held together numbers that Brandon thought of that mon-ster which lay a manufacture of the successfully encountered by a skillful him. They began to appear in such vast trated to its immost fibre, still held together studies. Beneath the sea the water itself move about in a circle which is comparative | ster which lay a mangled heap upon the surly large; he is also a coward, and a good face above, and fancied that perhaps his kin swimmer can strike him if he only chooses. dred were here waiting to avenge his death. He again repeated triumphantly that he As this fear came full and well defined before which might be given. He was aware that they were about to explore the ocean depths. his son.

As this tear came full and well defined before they were about to explore the ocean depths. his son.

As this tear came full and well defined before they were about to explore the ocean depths. Asgeelo had given him, and Frank had urged him to take, feeling himself less helpiess if he

The fishes moved about him, coming on in

down; partly because he thought that Asgeelo or what might once have been a ship. The count of an intolerable impatience, and an He stood still, and his heart beat with fierce The hope was so precious that for a time

There was the horror of the shark, which he hesitated to advance, for fear less the hope

There, too, was that strange pathway which many other thoughts came to him as he stood,

Might not this, like that, turn out to be a ship? And now, by a strange revulsion, all his feelings urged him on; hope was strong, suspense unendurable. Whatever that object was, he must know.

It might indeed be a rock. He had passed one shortly before, which had gradually deslined into the bottom of the sea; this might be a continuation of the same, which after an interval had arisen again from the bottom. It was long and high at one end, and rounded forward at the other. Such a shape was perectly natural for a rock. He tried to crush down hope, so as to be prepared for disap pointment. He tried to convince himse f that t must be a rock and could by no possibility be anything else. Yet his efforts were totally fruitless. Still the conviction remained that t was a ship, and if so, it could be no other

than the one he sought.

As he went on all the marine vezetation The coral rock continued no further Now all around the bottom of the sea was flat, and covered with fine gravel, like that which he had touched when he first came lown. The fishes had departed Тре верве Overhead he could see the bottom of the of solemnity left him; only one thing was

> ontrollable impulse that even if he had wishfluence had penetrated his body, and forced

half-way up were three dark objects moving slowly and lazily along. They were sharks To him, in his loneliness and weakness.

which the air passed and left it in myriad them. Had they seen him? that was now hubbles that ascended to the surface. He walked on, and soon came to a place firmer hold, feeling all the while how utterly where things changed their appearance. Hard moved leisurely about, at one time grazing the tube, and sending down a vibration which

The time seemed endless. Yet at last the

pointment, and made faint fancies as to the

Nearer and nearer. Doubt no longer re-

Brandon walked all around it, his heart conceivable possibility, than the one which he sought. On reaching the bows he saw he sought.

"They tore in pieces my son, Sahib-my lonely pathway he felt what Hercules is imag- Her sides were covered with fine dark shells,

At last he could delay no longer. One of the dweller in this place:
"Que pergis audax? Siste proserentem gradum." easy way by which he could clamber upward

> In a few moments Brandon stood upon the orevented decay. Brandon looked around as he stood there, and the light that came from above, where the surface of the sea was now much nearer than before, showed him all the

extent of the ship.

The beams which supported the deck had lost their stiffness and sank downward : the masts, as before stated, had toppled over for farther over toward the west, where they had not yet explored.

past, others darting upward, and other, which, as the vessel was slightly on one side, moving swiftly ahead. One large one was They rowed at once back to the point there with a train of follower, which moved also had fallen. The hatchways had yielded from which they had set out, and then went up and floated for a moment directly in front and giving way, had sunk down within the also had fallen. The hatchways had yielded,

This time Brandon himself resolved to go own; partly because he thought that Asgeslo ad worked long enough, and ought not fo he senger of success; and, if not, he would be the best messenger of evil.

He advanced toward the cabin. Turning

poop, and, looking down, tried to see what depth there might be beneath. He saw some-thing which looked as though it had once been a table. Slowly and cautiously he let himself down through the opening, and his feet touched bottom. He moved downward, and let his feet slide till they touched

He was within the cabin. TO BE CONTINUED.

THE ECORSE TRAGEDY. .

The Mystery of the Murder of Abram Brisbois in a Fair Way to be Solved-A Father and Son Arrested on Sus picion.

DETROIT, May 3 .- On the evening of Sum

day, September 15, Abram Brisbois, a farmer,

went to the house of Andrew Bodary, whose farm is nearly four miles south of Brisbois' house, near the township line of Ecorse and l'aylor, where he was to thrash grain on Monday. He reached there about dark, and after setting up his machine went up to the house with Bodary and his oldest son Columbus. his men and one of Bodary's sons sleeping in the barn. Mr. Bodary states that he and the murdered man sat smoking and talking in the front room until between 9 and 10 o'clock, when he took a lamp and showed Brisbois up stairs to bod. A few minutes later he went up to his chamber, when his wife, who was still awake, enquired what he was up there after a few minutes before. He told her he had not been up there, when she declared a few minutes previous a man, whom, in the dim light from window, she took to be her husband, came to her bedside, stubbing his toe against a piece of board that had been nailed over a stove pipe hole in the floor, and that the man, after examining the beds, went from the room noiselessly. Bodary told her he had not been up there; that she must have dreamed it, and the subject dropped. Bodary's testimony, as given at the inquest, did not differ from the above. Columbus Bodary testified that he went to bed soon after his father showed Mr. Brisbois to his chamber, and never saw him alive afterwards. He denied that he ever carried a revolver. On Monday morning Abrana Brisbois dil not come down to breakfast. recalled the last words of his father, so well ber he was cold in death. A ball had emembered:

"If in that other world to which I am

one that disamb died spirit can assist man.

through the brain. He lay as if sleeping, having died without a struggle, and the condition of the bed indicated that he had never passed some time with Bestrice. The recollection of this brought ever him an intollerable melancholy, and made the very beauty of this island painful to him. Yet hope was now strong within his heart, and as he traversed its extent his eye wandered about in the water.

minutes, when suddenly a shout was heard, and has emerged from the sake heard, and Asgeelo's head emerged from the boat of this island painful to him. Yet hope was now strong within his heart, and as he traversed its extent his eye wandered about in the water.

must have formed themselves in deep, dead stillness and absolute motionless of waters what you ought to do—"

It was Ralph Brandon who had said this, walls. These scattered drops were dired and walls. These scattered drops were in this object which lay before him, if it walls. These scattered drops were indeed the ship, he imagined the spirit in such depths as these, if the sounding lead in the water.

search of places where he might be able to Suddenly a dark shadow passed over his head, which forced him involuntarily to look up. In spite of his excitement a shudder passed through him. Far overhead, at the surface of the sea, the boat was floating. But half-way up were three dark objects moving that some enemy of the murdered man had followed him to the house, came in by the appeared not in the last alarmed. He swam through which the fresh air was pushed, and nothing ever seemed so menacing as these rear door while they were sitting in front, hidden until they retired, and then sought the hedside of Brisbois and shot him. They declared that in the morning they found the open, and that all the bureau drawers and osets had been ransacked. the prosecuting officers found some serious defects. They could not believe that the murderer was actuated by any other motive than malice. They did not believe the bureau drawers, closets, etc., were raneasked as alleged by the Bodarys for nothing whatever, not even money, had been taken. The clothes of the dead man had not been disturbed, a dollar or two of silver in the peckets of the pantaloons being untouched. theory advanced, plausible or otherwise was carefully investigated, but all were found to be baseless. In short, no rational theory was advanced that did not point to th Bodary family. The first important discovery, or one that may become so, was a revolver with an empty chamber, the ball from which was of the same weight and calibre as the one that passed through Abram the monster. This became evident at last, as species of marine parasite, and as it grew it the shark passed before him when they saw throve more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throve more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throwe more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throwe more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throwe more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throwe more luxuriantly. Here were some the shark passed before him when they saw throwe more luxuriantly. Here were some the share passed through Abram which threw out long arms, terminating in ventured had indeed those who were ready beneath the weeds about a quarter of a mile Asgeelo's face turned toward it; a face full of fierce hate and vengeance; a face such as one turns toward some mortal enemy.

He made a quick, fierce stroke with his leaves hanging downward. Here were long knife. The shark gave a leap upward. The water was tinged with blood. The next and hillocks of snoney substance that looked and hillocks of snoney substance that looked and fightful ventured had indeed those who were ready the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready to the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready to the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready to the send the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready the send that the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready to the send that the weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful ventured had indeed those who were ready to the send the form the house. A revolver of the send the send that he seription was seen in Columbus passed safely among the horrors of the coral possession shortly before the nurder. Durstone that looked a possession shortly before the nurder. Durstone that he weeds about a quarter of a mile and able to inflict a sudden and frightful venture had been and the passed safely among the horrors of the coral possession shortly before the nurder. Durstone had been and ne water was tinged with blood. The next moment Asgeelo went down.

"What now?" was the thought of the brothers. Had be been dragged down? Impossible! And yet it seemed equally impossible! And yet it seemed equally impossible and hillocks of spongy substance that looked threw forth long, ribbon like leaves of varies sible that he could have gone down of his part create a disturbance of the water sufficent to awaken the attention of the threw forth long, ribbon like leaves of varies the could he may a projecting branch. hope to be so safe? Might not the slightest movement on his part create a disturbance of water sufficent to awaken the attention of those departed omemies and bring them back? It was a forest under those departed omemies and bring them back? This was his fear. But hope and a reservation of last winter Columbus hope to be so safe? Might not the slightest movement on his part create a disturbance of water sufficent to awaken the attention of those departed omemies and bring them back? This was his fear. But hope and a reservation of the control of the sufficient to awaken the attention of those departed omemies and bring them back? This was his fear. But hope and a reservation of the sufficient to awaken the attention of those departed omemies and bring the early portion of last winter Columbus hope to be so safe? Might not the slightest movement on his part create a disturbance of water sufficient to awaken the attention of the control of threw forth long, ribbon like leaves of variety gated color.

It was a forest under the sea, and it grew little will, and a determination to risk all on person who committed the murder. As he denser at every step.

At last his progress in that direction was terminated by a rock which came from a southerly direction, like a spur from the istant and ascent to the boat. Taking comfort than an ascent to the boat. Taking comfort produced upon what was his duty under the southerly direction, like a spur from the islands. It arose to a height of about thirty feet overhead, and descended gradually as it ran north. Brandon turned aside, and walk.

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Saturday. Mrs. Brisbois was conveyed to make the stronger as the drew nearer. It was Asgeelo's head that emerged in a sea of blood and foam. Triumph was in his dark date termination there arose a long vista, as with one hand he waved his knife exultantiv.

Hope grew stronger as he drew nearer. I clder Bodary. This duty he performed on The dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the appeared through the marine "forcet" of the dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the appeared through the marine "forcet" of the dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the appeared through the marine "forcet" of the dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the appeared through the marine "forcet" of the dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the appeared through the marine "forcet" of the dark mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. The uncertain lines the city yesterday forenoon, and made the forcet mass gradually formed itself into a more distinct outline. defined into more certain shape, and the necessary complaint against Columbus Bo-resemblance to a ship became greater and dary and his father, Andrew Bodary, charggreater. He could no longer resist the con- ing them with the murder of her husband. riction that this must be a ship.

Still he tried feebly to prepare for disapBodary's residence, fourteen miles from the Yesterday afternoon officers proceeded to city, arrested them, and returned with the reason why a rock should be formed here in prisoners about midnight, when they were this shape. All the time he scouted those locked up. They take their arrest very phil than fancies and felt assured that it was not a osophically, the old man remarking to Turnosophically, the old man remarking to Turnkey Hell that he knew what he was arrested for, and wasn't frightened a bit; that the It was evidence against him was all circumstantial, and he had no fear of a conviction. They will probably be arraigned to-day.

> -The Chicago Herald contains a long editorial on The Hell-Broth We Have to Drink. It is probably the Herald man's own fault. If he would pay up the old score the bartender would set out a better brand. - Peck's Sun.

-At the gate of the cemetery at Avignon, in France, the parents of a child certified to have died of croup insisted on having the coffin opened to take a last look. The child He walked around. The bottom was sandy was found breathing, and was expected to be