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"SALADA" TEA

'Fresh from the gardens'

WIDE WATERS

by CAPTAIN A.E. DINGLE

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Alden Drake, formerly a sailor, now grown soft and flabby through a life of idle ease, visits Sailortown, where he meets Joe Bunting, a seaman, with whom he drinks himself off his feet in a barroom. Awakening next morning Drake hears Captain Stevens of the Orontes denounce him as a "dude." Angry, Drake sneaks aboard the Orontes as one of the crew, but is recognized by Stevens and soundly trounced. He is put down on the ship's articles as Boy, thereby shaming him before Mary Manning, daughter of the owner, who is a passenger on the Orontes. In the fore-castle Joe Bunting has made an enemy of Tony, another sailor, by throwing him out of a bunk in favor of Drake. Tony attacks Joe. Drake steps in and proceeds to administer a beating to Tony.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER IX.—(Cont'd.)

"Blime! Th' lad can handle himself!" yelled Joe, dancing around the combatants.

"Aw, give 'im th' knee, Tony!" advised Tubbs, disgustedly. "I'd wallow th' pair o' yuh!"

"Never min' 'im, lad, I'm your man!" shouted Joe, pushing a pudgy fist up close to Tubbs' nose. "Lookin' fer a fight, are yuh?"

"Go take a jump at yerself! Who's it to you?" growled Tubbs.

By slipped between Drake's arms

beaten him, and done it well. Better still, he had done it with ease. He was hardening.

In the pink shaded first flush of a fine weather dawn the great clipper awoke to another day's work. All dripping with dew, she was lovely with mantling light. Drake carried his brass rags aft. The Doctor and Tony bent over the grindstone forward, putting razor edges on two butcher knives. A sheep was to be killed for fresh meat, and Tony was to lend a hand. He and the Doctor got along very well. A terrific clucking in the chicken coops forward brought the Doctor aft, running, the steward popped out of the maindeck door, and the second mate ran to the rail; but none of them were smart enough. There were eggs for the halfdeck coffee again. Drake grinned as he went up the poop ladder. He had been an apprentice once.

He fell to work upon his brasswork, feeling as if the world might yet be his. A good fight won is ever a tonic to a real man. A fight well won is more than tonic; it is inspiration. Drake hummed a song. Young Mr. Adams stood forward, giving orders to the bosun. Sailors were getting out brooms and buckets, squeegees, and hose; Chips rigged the head pump. The log line twirled merrily; the blue

And when she began to sing the refrain, Drake unconsciously sang in harmony:

"Only another day to wander, only another night to roam;

Then safe at last, the harbor past—"
She stopped abruptly, coloring in embarrassment. And Drake went on and finished the verse as he rubbed oily dust over the brass boss of the wheel.

"I beg your pardon, Miss Manning. The beauty of the morning must have made me forget that I am just a dirty little ship's boy."

CHAPTER X.

Drake glanced forward. He polished away assiduously. The brasswork received much benefit from the momentary excitement that flooded him. He tingled with the urge to boldly tell her everything. But the back view of Mr. Adams warned him that perhaps some other time might be better. The second mate stood watching something going on in the waist; the skipper's voice was heard down there, too. Captain Stevens was anxious about the skinning of that murdered mutton. A few slashes from inexperienced blades would utterly ruin the sheep pelt for a rug; and the skipper expected to make a decided hit when he gave that snowy, silky skin to Mary.

"You wore a blue velvet frock, and a silly pot-shaped hat that hid your ears and almost smothered your face," he said softly. He polished away at his brass, but glanced up and grinned, to see her eyes widen, and her parted teeth gleam through lips slightly opened in a little gasp of surprise. A slow smile broke over her face, and she raised her brows.

"And you were in a beastly temper," she retorted. "You slammed the gate! I knew you were no ship's boy. Now tell me what on earth you have embarked on this crazy escapade for."

"Is it so crazy?" he asked softly, and looked full into her blue eyes with so much meaning in his own glowing black ones that the blue eyes fell, the deep color flooded her neck and throat, and she turned her face away. Drake bent over his brasswork, polishing like mad, chuckling happily. And the big ship swung wide of her course, for Mary's attention was far, far off. The main skysail flapped and went aback; the royals began to shake; the flying jib rattled its hanks and thumped its sheet blocks. Mary spun the big wheel; Drake sprang to help her; but the mischief was done. The skipper came running up the ladder, his face portending ill for the culprit. He stopped and stared when he saw the helmsman; then a sarcastic sneer twisted his face and he curtly told the second mate to get a man to the wheel. Drake had got the ship to her course by the time the seaman relieved the wheel; he picked up his brasswork tin and moved to the skylight rods. (To be continued.)

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