# THE LONE STAR.

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nald came on deck at an early hour, aroused by the heavy laboring of the unusual and novel sensations. The sky was dark and gloomy, the wind had ing half a gale, while the dark color ery plank felt the vibration. of the clouds, and the heaving of the more solid masses, and sent scudding furiously along the sky. The brig lay under a close-reefed topsail; but being a good ship, answered her helm well, the more readily, however, when a storm staysail was set.

The captain and all the crew were diligently attending to their important duties. Two men stood at the wheel, and several were aloft on the lookout for land or breakers; but the wind had been so adverse ever since the was scarcely necessary. The scene was three. had appeared a vault high aloft in im- prey. measurable space, now seemed pressed down low and hung like a funeral pall over all creation. The eye, accustomto gaze upon a boundless horizon, was now confined and cramped; for nowhere could any one see more than a hundred pour, which, mixed with drizzling rain, rendered the position of the Royal it otherwise would have been.

The captain nodded silently to his two passengers, who were wrapped up in ously looking around the horizon for a to as sheltered a position as possible, ed of the raging main.

present moment the wind is not strong crease."

"And which appears most likely?" him both as a sailor and a lover.

or into some quiet cove, and remain again." there until the storm abated. But that can scarcely be done by the brig."

afraid we are in a serious predicament?"

will stand much rough work.'

on deck, Miss Bowen?"

"No, captain; I far prefer seeing what is passing to being cooped up in

of the Lone Star, who was examining the heavens with a keen and piercing eye, "to see the wind shift to a directa care that you be not taken aback."

All eyes were at once turned in the direction intimated, and a tall brigdiately seemed to recognize it.

and crew proceeded to watch the course of events. About three o'clock in the On the second morning after the en- afternoon, however, a sudden lull took counter with the Lone Star, Sir Regi- place, the ship rolled violently, and the wind ceased almost as suddenly as it had commenced. The result was again most painful; the brig was pitched and vessel. He found that Eleanor was tossed about in the most disagreeable they had been placed by the combat. there before him, equally awakened by manner. The sails filled with the motion of the vessel one way, and flapped with a roar like that of distant thunder as it flew back in the opposite

"Be quick," said Sir Reginald, ris- on! The Lone Star for ever!" ing and making his way alongside of | "Down! down!" cried a hundred huge waves, threatened a perfect hur- the captain. "Let all hands have meat | fresh and clear voices of men, leaping ricane. Long strips of ragged vapour and drink, and then prepare to fight on the deck from all sides. were every now and then detached from Lopez, the Spanish renegade. He will The pirates stood motionless. Dur-

> and fire two, and then three. We shall scene, and the elegant Lone Star had want the Lone Star; if she be within | quietly crept up alongside without hearing, that signal will bring her being noticed. The pirates had their

beat to quarters !- all hands splice the | their surprise, and the terrible strugmainbrace !- send the gunners aft!" | gle was over. rapid tone, and as rapidly obeyed; sengers of the Royai Charley stood while one watch took the proffered re- round Sir Reginald in a mute but freshments, the others once more pre- grateful attitude. calm, that they had run off the land minutes later, two guns were fired, fol- Lone Star; "I fought for myself and

in reality sublime. The billows had with the violence of the storm; and then I give you his ship to pillage as risen in the night to the height of when wafted along by a gentle breeze, you will." mountains, and presented a strange the Royal Charley again sped upon her A loud shout was the answer; and the train reached Wende station Curry contrast to the calm surface of the wa- way. The pirate brigantine was, however, not more than three miles off, of the buccaneer to the hold of the his hand on the throttle and his head fill up with men who are homeless and ter on the previous night. The heavens under a heavy press of canvas, making Lone Star, the men proceeded to clear leaning to the front. which, spangled with stars at eventide, in the direction of its much-coveted the decks of the dead, while the wound-

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Every sail which the Royal Charley ed to wander over a vast surface, and could bear was crowded upon her at of guns. this eventful moment, and though there was little chance of avoiding a without some slight hope that night ceeded to pillage the pirate brigan- whistle. yards around. There was a dense va- might come on before the combat be- tine, on board of which they found a came serious. Every preparation was rich booty. It had been cast loose from warning was not sounded, and he looked graduate. He preaches Sundays in an made under the energetic guidance of the grig, and lay-to at some distance. towards the cab where Heckman was in upper room, which is fitted up as a Sir Reginald, whom the men obeyed Suddenly Sir Reginald made a sign to charge of the many lives in the cars be- chapel, and he has sick people to vis-Charley infinitely more precarious than with alacrity; for there was some- Williams, who gave a shrill whistle. hind. thing in his tone and manner that The crew obeyed the signal, and in a booter to the warlike preparations. The ing. They had come away in time, was out of the window. He appeared to ple of education and refinement. garments suited to the occasion. But he brigantine, however, sailed with such for they presently saw the brigantine be all right. But the train continued He has his reward for his labors and attempted not to speak; he was anxi- vast rapidity, that it soon became give a heavy roll, settle down in the its flight with ever-increasing speed. self-sacrifice, when he hears, as he ofevident all idea of fight was vain, and water, its head pitch forward, and then Finally the spot where Heckman usu- ten does, of the rescues from crime break in the clouds, which, however, tain of the Lone Star, the brig swung thunder, its decks burst their bonds, so that Curry might bank the fire was of his work. Sometimes he receives letpromised no sign of the storm subsid- round, and before the brigantine was and then down went the vessel in the reached. The engine rolled and throb- ters from India stating that the writing. Sir Reginald drew Eleanor in- aware of the audacious manoeuvre of profound depths of the sea. the merchantman, Lopez received its | All stood still an instant gazing on whole broadside amid his rigging. The the solamn sight, and every thought and throwing a heavy cloak he had flapping of sails, loud cries, and a ter- was given to their own preservacarried on his arm around her, seated rible diminution in the brigantine's tion. Sir Reginald ordered the carher by his side. He had selected a pile speed, confidently proved that the penter to sound the pumps, and receivof ropes between two guns to wind- sible the brig was again brought round, tion that there was eighteen inches of broadside had told. As quickly as pos- ed from him the disagreeable intimaward, whence a good view was obtain- and a double volley showed that the water in the hold. Still this was not two antagonists had fired at once. By an alarming state of affairs, and sail "Is there much danger?" was the first | the advice of Sir Reginald-who saw | was diligently set, despite the gloomy no prospect of safety except from des- look of the sky. A strong party of and most natural question of Eleanor. perate valour—the brig gave up some the crew of the Lone Star were trans-"There is always danger in a storm," of its advantages, (it had been a good ferred to the Royal Charley, which said Sir Reginald in reply. "At the deal to windward,) and bore down upon then proceeded on its way, keeping, the pirate. All was very soon wrapped however, as near as possible to its conin smoke; volley succeeded volley, each | sort. enough to present much peril for our being guided by the vivid flashes from brig; but even this wind, if it lasted the other's guns. At almost every dislong, would lash the sea into fearful charge the two vessels came nearer, waves. But things will not remain a shot which carried away its main long thus; the storm must subside or in- boom. Captain Montrose took advantage of this.

"Crack on all sail, boys-put her becontinued Eleanor, doubly confident in fore the wind-a stern chase is a long chase, and we'll get away from the at a country house in the Highlands bered that the train had nearly reachreptile under the cover of night." "I can hardly say. The weather "Quite right to try," said the freelooks what the sailors call ugly; and booter; "but I fancy we must put down one morning to the postoffice to the engine would surely jump the track ing is more accurate than two-eye were I in my own little craft, I should more faith in the good fight than in send a telegram to his brother, Sher- unless the speed was checked. With shooting, but the two-eye shooters say

In five minutes more the two vessels | Sheriff Tait." The old Postmaster were again plying each other with read the words in contemptuous tones, metallic garments which until lately and then looking at him over his spec-"What think you, Sir Reginald?" sud- have been universally considered the denly exclaimed Captain Montrose, ad- best for settling disputes. The Royal vancing to his side. "Are you not Charley was remarkably well manned for a merchantman, and Sir Reginald wha may ye be that takes this cognowas a host in himself. After a mutual men?" exchange of broadsides during another "Hum!" replied the freebooter, "I con- half hour, the antagonists came near en comforter wound about his neck to arm dropped limp. There was no ap- gun. A bird rising after a man has fess I like not the aspect of the sky; enough to use small arms; and the ap- keep out the chill air, was painfully pearance of life in the body. A gapworse weather has been seen than this. pearance of a cloud of men, clustering conscious that he might find it hard to ing wound in the side of the head told Your brig is a good solid craft, and like bees about the bows of the brigan- prove his identity. It was a relief the fireman that Heckman had met tine, showed that they were preparing to him when on second thought the with a terrible injury. "Ay, ay. But mark me, sir; we to board. Every man of the crew who Postmaster relented so far as to inhave only as yet felt the tail-end of could be spared from the guns, and all quire: an old storm. I can see a fresh one the passengers hastened to put thembrewing, and fear the worst is yet to selves in trim to repel the dangerous self? come. Are you not timid about staying gang, whom they had now to deal with in close combat.

"Let every soul," said Sir Reginald sternly, "remember that he now fights "I expect," remarked the commander for the life which God gave him, and which man strives to take away. Every living being will walk the plank if we be taken. There is no mercy ly opposite point of the compass. Have in the mind of Lopez after a combat." Every being on board the Royal Char-"Sail on the weather-bow!" cried one ley shuddered at this fearful announcement, which, however, braced up the nerves of all to prepare for the terrible last struggle. On came the briganantine on the opposite tack was seen tine, receiving the last broadside of the bearing rapidly down upon them. The Royal Charley in a way which did captain flew to the helm, fearful that tremednous havoc both to men and there might be a collision, and Sir spars, for the upper sails came down Reginald examined the strange vessel by the run, and hung over the side. with much curiosity. He almost imme- But the pirate cared not. In another teresting case of mysterious sickness, minute the two vessels met, their bows "Tis perhaps fortunate, Miss Bow- cracked against each other, grapplingen," he remarked, "that we have met irons were thrown out, and securely that fellow in a storm. He is one of fixed, and then a cloud of dark and

"Would be not respect you?"

The number of boarders was double on entering the doctor's room the genthe basis of pay and paid the doctors that of those who had to defend their the basis of pay and paid the doctors their own story in the market. The that of those who had to defend their tleman turned very pale, and then be- a salary of \$120 a year. In some dis- instrument is rather complicated, its At this moment the brigantine was tack of the reckless buccaneers. The came curiously agitated. Then he tricts this was satisfactory, as there mechanism acting upon an electric abreast of them. A black flag became defence, however, was earnest and values and restoratives were the poorer quarters of the city. visible at the peak, while the deck was lant. All felt the cheering influence right away. The usual restoratives were right away. The usual restoratives were the poorer quarters of the city, howcovered by men; but though the pirat- of a good and just cause, which is half applied, but without much success, and ever, it was discovered that some of- succession of dates, and can be workcovered by men; but though the pirat- of a good and just cause, which is half applied, but without made a convey- ficial physicians were compelled, un- ed by any ordinary hen without imdent, the elements precluded all possi- tacked and the oppressed such univer- ance as speedily as possible. Soon after der the new system, to make visits posing any burdensome responsibilities dent, the elements precluded all possi- tacked and the oppressed such univer- ance as speculty as possibilities bility of danger on that score. A man sal force, and accounts for half the his arrival at home he recovered, and for about fifty cents each, and as a upon her or confusing her with a lot in the costume of an officer raised his heroic deeds done by those who defend was quite himself again. It then tranhat politely to Captain Montrose, who their fatherland against overwhelming spired that the smell of a Turkish cigreturned the salute, very much pleas- and ambitious hosts. Sir Reginald was arette being smoked invariably induc- cate will be asked to aid the doctors ed to confine his conference to such sale everywhere. He by word and act, roused the symptoms described, and the in their fight against freduction in utations, and then away sped the ed the bold crew and the passengers doctor remembered that he was enjoy- fees. strange vessel, to be once more buried to stand fast; and though they soon ing a Turkish cigarette when his friend in the drizzling rain and fog. gave way under the sheer weight of entered the room. Repeated efforts For nearly the whole morning mat-ters continued in the same way; the storm did not at all appear inclined to detail every minute feature of this complaint is attributed to some pheto abate. A hasty meal was snatch- terrible scene. It is sufficient to say nomenal aberration of the brain—as ined by all on board, and then passengers that in a quarter of an hour the decks explicable as it is incurable.

was strewed with bodies, and all that remained of the Royal Charley's gallant defenders were Sir Reginald, Henry Postans, Josh, four passengers, and five sailors.

"Surrender, dogs!" cried the pirate Lopez, furious at a protracted struggle that was weakening his own force almost as much as that of the enemy, and aware, too, that another storm was brewing, a circumstance likely to prove fatal to ships in the state in which

startling as it was utterly usexpected. "Down renegade Spaniard-down on your bended knees, and ask your rerisen during the night, and was blow- direction. The rigging shook, and ev- creant life," shouted Sir Reginald in

be down on us almost before we are ing the fever of the night, even the look-outs had left their posts, and join-"Was that Lopez who passed us?" ed the combatants. The man at the "The very man. Loosen the guns, wheel had his eyes fixed on the tragic pikes and cutlasses beat out of their "Many thanks, Sir Reginald. Drums | hands before they could recover from

These varied orders were given in a The remnant of the crew and pas-

pared the warlike implements. A few | "No thanks," cried the captain of the instead of on to it, and this precaution lowed at three minutes' interval by for her. I ask no thnaks, for I deserved none. Williams, give us all necessary The fog and rain gradually vanished aid; secure Lopez and his gang, and

> surgeon. Among the latter were was passed, and Captain Montrose, several passengers, and some sailors. The dead were decently sewn in their hammocks, and went the train. Just east of Depew where he can overlook the swarm of launched into the deep under a salute station there is a street crossing where tramps. In the morning they are ex-

(To Be Continued.)

### ARCHBISHOP AND POSTMASTER.

#### Dignity Brought Into Evidence By a Glance at His Legs.

of Scotland, some years ago, he went ed a sharp curve and there he knew run under the lee of some small island strong handed, his boom is nearly up iff Tait, and he wrote the direction:

"The Archbishop of Canterbury to tacles said:

"The Archbishop of Canterbury! And

The Archbishop, with a homely wool- that held the throttle slipped and the

The old Scot saw the mistake into more and it would have been too late. which he had fallen, and was profuse Curry stopped the train at Depew and in his apologies.

consequential about the legs. op away in good heart, he added: one day, and was verra weel satisfied."

### STRANGE FORM OF SICKNESS.

### Smell of a Cigarette Makes a Man Deathly

A London doctor tells of a very inas strange and unexplainable as it is real and distressing. One morning a the most noted buccanners of the Gulf, bearded ruffians of all nations plunged purpose of medical consultation, but as headlong on the deck of the devoted a friend—to whom he had recently become greatly attached. Immediately up-

## DEATH AT THE THROTTLE

#### ENGINEER'S SKULL CRUSHED WHILE SITTING IN HIS CAB.

But the Brave Fireman Climbed Along Red-Hot Pipes and Checked the Engine in Time.

Just how Engineer William B. Heckman, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was killed at his post may never be known but it is certain that the bravery of Fireman Curry that night saved the passengers on the express train to read them. There are vaulting bars, from Manchester, N.Y., to Buffalo from | swinging-rings, dumb-bells, and other a fatal accident.

Heckman's train pulled out at Manof Feb. 12, and the engineer warned his ten o'clock at night. They are under fireman to keep the boiler white hot, no restraint, and are not reproved when was of the Mother Hubbard type, hav- spirits and youthful vitality. ing separate cabs for engineer and fire-

caused a few minutes' delay. Then the the train's terrific speed, but remembered what Heckman had said about getting to Buffalo on time. Just before

FASTER AND FASTER

every engineer is required to sound pected to wash themselves, and then All the men of the Lone Star, after the locomotive whistle. The train are suffered to go with a kind word repairing some of the more obvious | bounded past this station with undimin- | from the minister in charge. fight, yet Captain Montrose was not damage done to the brig, then pro- ished speed and with no sound from the The man who spends his days and

showed him used to command. The few minutes they were on their own lamp Curry could see that Heckman's his life to the service of the poor, and skipper attended to the ship- the free- deck, with everything worth remov- hand was on the throttle and his head is cut off from companionship with peoat a preconcerted signal from the cap- in ten minutes more, with a noise like ally shut off the blower from the boiler which are effected through the agency through the night.

tomed one, but Curry became alarm- | ing an honest living. ed. He determined to go forward and It is a degraded section of darkest speak to Heckman. It was a perilous London, but it is illuminated with the journey. A footboard only five inches purest light of practical Christianity. wide ran from one cab to the other. The educated gentleman who buries There was nothing to grasp for sup- himself alive there embodies in his life port but steam pipes and they were the divine spirit of self-sacrifice, and

Curry knew the peril but determined of his Master. to risk his life to save others, and he started. Twice he was nearly thrown from the narrow shelf and grasped the hot pipes. His hands were burned terribly, but he knew that if he lost his grip or missed a step he would be

HURLED TO DEATH. Inch by inch he made his way towards gineer's cab and crawled through a small window.

"Say, Bill, why don't you shut down?" he shouted. There was no reply. Heckthe throttle his head out the window Curry noticed that the engineer's head him by the shoulder. Then the hand

Tait replied, "For want of a better Just as he had the train under control sight until after the first shot. he saw the curve ahead. A minute later without regaining consciousness. a shop, and he gaed to hear ye preach struck a water tank at Wende Station. But there were no witnesses. years old and a brother of J. H. Heckman, General Freight Agent of the Lehigh Valley.

### PARIS DOCTORS ON A STRIKE.

### CLINCHED HIM.

Is young Whooply still leading a fast five years.

#### IN DARKEST LONDON.

#### The Good Work Being Done by a Univer sity Graduate.

In one of the darkest and most dismal quarters in London there is a Fireman Curry Risked His Life to Save bright and cheerful refuge where the Passengers From a Fatal Accident men and boys are always sure that -Destruction Lay at the Curve Ahead, they will be welcomed. It is in Shoreditch, one of the most densely populated districts of the city. Every night it is thronged with poor boys who are allowed to amuse themselves in their own way.

There are tables where chess and checkers are played. There are magazines and books for those who care gymnastic appliances.

A hundred or more boys may always chester a few minutes late on the night | be seen in this cheerful refuge up to 'for," said he, "I'll reach Buffalo on they raise their voices and shout hiltime or break something!" The engine ariously from sheer excess of animal

There is no policeman in attendance man, that of the former being ahead. at these nightly revels. A clergyman At Rochester Junction a hot journal greets his guests with quiet dignity when they enter the hall, and his presence suffices to secure the maintenance run was continued faster than before. of good order. When the hour for Fireman Curry was kept busy heaving closing strikes, the boys shake hands coal into the big furnace. He noticed with their host, and return to their squalid homes with faces aglow with healthful exercise and youthful pleasure, and morally benefited by the influence of the "refuge."

But the clergyman's work has not without money to pay for a night's That station left behind the speed lodging. They are admitted if they ed were committed to the hands of the increased. Crossroad after crossroad are sober, and are allowed to sleep in bunks with a blanket over them. The doors are closed at midnight, and the clergyman remains in an upper room

nights in laboring among these poor Curry's trained ear noticed that the unfortunates is a well-born university it and all the details of a great mis-By the dim light of the steam gauge sion work to supervise. He devotes

bed, its fires still fanned to white heat, ers owe their redemption from sin and and the mad race continued unchecked shame to the kind words which he has spoken in that play-room and lodging-Curry looked forward again. Heck- house. Or again it is from Australia man has not moved. His hand was still or South Africa that the boys whom on the throttle and his head out the he has befriended send him word that window. The position was an accust they owe to him their chance of mak-

his reward is found in the approval

### ONE OR TWO-EYE SHOOTING.

#### Arguments Used by the Advocates of Each of the Methods.

Some hunters who use shotguns shoot When Archbishop Tait was visiting the cab of the engineer. When half with both eyes open, but most of them way there the courageous man remem- shut the left eye. It is contended by the one-eye class that one-eye shootblistered hands Curry reached the en- that there is only a little difference, and that is in favor of the two-eye

A man who has both eyes open, the man was on his seat, his hand still on two-eye men say, has a greater range of vision, and in the woods he can keep was hanging lower than was natural the game in sight far better than oneand he jumped across the ab and shook eye marksman. Besides, he can keep several birds in sight at once, without hiding them behind the barrel of his aimed, or while he is aiming at a raised bird, is out of sight when only one eye is open, since the gun is between the eye and the second bird. The train was speeding towards the When both eyes are open the left eye curve and certain destruction. Curry sees clear of the gun, and, therefore, "May be you're the gentleman him- sprang to the throttle, jammed down a bird raising after the one aimed at the air brakes and reversed the engine. may be seen vaguely and kept in

Most riflemen who shoot at a target aim with one eye closed, but in the woods, where brush may hide the the engineer was carried to the bag- game and often quick shots must be "I might have seen you were rather gage car. The train reached Buffalo made, the hunters more frequently "on time," but Heckman was taken to shoot with both eyes open. At small Then, in order to send the Archbish- a hospital, where he died four hours game at rest, such as squirrels and birds, one eye shooting is believed to "I have a son in London, a lad in It is supposed that Heckman's head be the better but with game like a deer running or walking a two-eye shot has better, chance, because the The dead engineer was forty-nine shooter can see brush, trees, or anything else likely to impede or turn the bullet's flight.

### DATED EGGS.

When a hen lays an egg it has been Parisian physicians have gone on a observed by naturalists that she imstrike. The municipality has been mediately kicks out with one leg, as paying \$2 a visit to certain designat- if to give official validity to the progentleman came to see him—not for the ed doctors for responding to emergency cedure. Acting upon this known cuscalls when the patients were too poor tom of the hen, an Illinois inventor to pay the fee themselves. This ar- has perfected a device by means of rangement proved somewhat expensive, which the kick registers its date upon so that the Prefect of Police changed every egg laid, so that they may tell

### A SLOW-GOING POSTAL CARD.

A postal card that took fifteen years to travel ninety-nine miles breaks the record for slow postal delivery. It was mailed in Leicester, England, in June, 1881, and has just been received in London. The address was plainly He's faster than ever. Locked up for written on the card, and no one knows where it has been all this time.

## Stanton's Lo

Mrs. Stanton was washing fast dishes in the little by She looked up wearily as came in the door. "I don't can be the matter with m fagged out. I can hardly around, and I'm so sleepy I believe I could go to slee uet and sleep for twenty "It's only the spring

Mr. Stanton carelessly, paper of smoking tobacco behind the stove and put matches in his vest pocks brace up, Lucy, and after to the swing of the sum will be all right." "But I don't think I

this summer without Susie is not all well. rible headache this mor that the mortgage is are doing so well, it se might live a little ought to have this old h as we have talked of I need a good strong chen, through the he least."

"Well, well, and so Lucy, before long; b Lee nas offered me t joining the lower me hundred dollars, and ter take it. We can couple of years, the things fixed up in sh take life easy." Mrs. Stanton turn

husband with a look prise.

"Hiram you know years I have done a help you get out of a comfortable home I have denied myse the barest possible have done the wor You have the two man, while I have and she a little fr know. I have no to read, and nothing time. Everything land, land! When south meadow I c thought it would I now I shall never buying another fo Mr. Stanton lau

"I guess you'll Lucy, then we'll 1 farms in the wh you work hard a don't hear me con The old house has and I guess we longer," and he ed into his wage

the field. Mrs. Stanton h o'clock. She had churned, because to be done in the prepared breakf tired and discou to the sitting 1 "Is your hear "If you

sweep and dus am going to t some peas and I will hav too, for the ba in the house "Yes, mamm, girl with blue like her mothe "But, mamma, talking-do yo are out of del a little better

"I don't kn

help it; but I and she picked ed for the g "Poor mami as she went room, brushin and dusting furniture, "sl hard. I wish When her ta down on think comes in I whelp with the The clock s from a deep went hastily mother was pan of new shelled peas was out and sponse.

had been d open door, "Where c anxiously. the potatoes ting the tal men drove "Papa, wi has gone?

ting room it was elev and mamm "Gone! v gone? Isn't "No; she and potato ing she sp "Perhaps south mead "Yes, I'l the young there was "She ne fore dinn "Well, you can,

time we to the me get lost, Mr. Stant Susie W soon had