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CHAPTER II.

A CHRISTENING.

THE

Louis

Brand was slow to answer. For perils of the sea. one thing, he was exhausted. freshing as the long swim was after a night of lonely vigil, itself the culmination of two days of hard work, the fierce battle with the shark had shocked into active existence the reserve of latent enrgy which overy healthy animal unconsciously hoards for life-and-death emergencies.

But there was another reason. Het had scarce gained the comparative safety of the boat before he was, in the same instant, horrified and astounded to a degree hitherto beyond that his opinion should be supported that his opinion should be supported by Brand to give another thought to pull of two hundred yards sufficed to restore his senses. So Jim's question fell on his ears with the meaningless sound of the steamer's siren.

"What is it, mate?" repeated his fellow-keeper, more insistently. ain't hurt anyways, are you?"

"It is a baby," said Brand, in a curi-

ously vacant way. "A baby!" shrieked Jones, whose dry." crudely developed nervous system credulity induced by this statement. Had Brand said "a tiger," he could not have exhibited greater concern. "Yes, a baby-and it is living. heard it cry," murmured the other, sit-

ting down rather suddenly. Indeed, a faint wail, suggestive of brandy has settled that." a kitten, now came from beneath the tumbled canvas quite near to Jim. But the Royal Navy does not encourage neurosis. The lighthouse keeper felt that a minor crisis had arrived. It must be dealt with promptly.

sea-crows! I do hate 'em." The evil odor which still adhered to the boat told him that Brand had exchanged one Inferno for another, when he clambered out of reach of the blindly vengeful shark.

He looked up at Jones. "Lower away," he said, promptly. "Swing the derrick until I grab the tackle, and then hoist me aboard." This was done. Ungainly in his walk owing to his wounded limb, Jim, clinging to a rope, had the easy ac-

tivity of a squirrel. "Now, lower a jug with some brandy. He's dead beat," he added. Whilst Jones hastened for the spir-

Second Second Second Second Second it, the sailor stooped and threw back Lying in the bottom of the boat wrapped in a blanket which unavailing struggles had rumpled into a roll beneath the arms, was an infant

whose precise age it was impossible to estimate forthwith owing to the emaciated condition of its body. With the rocking of the boat, the foul bilge-water washed around the child's limbs and back. Instinct alone had saved it from drowning. Perhaps, during the first hours of vigor after abandonment the little one might have rolled over in infantile search for food and human attendance, but

the rush of salt water into eyes and

mouth must have driven the tiny sufferer to seek instantly the only position in which life was possible. lusty youngsters who were snugly in very calm weather like the present. bed in Penzance, and the sight of

eyes misty. brooch, and lifted the infant out of its over the reef it was indeed a ticklish unpleasing environment. It was task landing or embarking stores and piteous to see the way in which the men. shrunken hands at once strove to clasp his wrists, though they were all too feeble to achieve more than a gentle clutch which relaxed almost as

soon as the effort was made. bethought him when he reached the store-room. Hence, when the windlass lowered a basket, there was not only a supply of brandy within, but also a bottle of fresh milk, which reached the Gulf Rock, by arrangement with a fisherman, whenever wea-

ther permitted. Jim handed the jug to his exhaust ed companion

"Here, cap'n," he said, cheerfully. "Take a couple of mouthfuls of this. It'll warm the cockles of your heart. An' the sooner you shin up the ladder and get them soaked rags off you the better. Can you manage?. It's a near thing for the kid, if not too late

Brand needed no second bidding. He did not wish to collapse utterly, and the soft breeze, rendered chilly by his wet gasments, had revived nim

tempt the foolish process of pouring me that when he's ashoreto the baby's mouth. He produced a were wheeling a perambulator. Now, handkerchief, steeped a twisted cor- load the skip and I will haul in." . ner in the milk, and placed it between the parched, salt-blackened lips.

fluid was only matched by the tender tained a length of nearly twelve feet. in'." pease its ravenous hunger.

He was so intent on this urgent task for a little while he paid no heed to Brand. Jones, forty feet overhead, took the keenest interest in the baby's nurture.

"Mind you don't let it suck the handkerchief into its little throat," he cried. "Not too much, Jim. It's on'y embroidery were not situated so close marked." a young 'un. \Half. milk, half water, an' a lump of sugar, my missus says. meal of me, Jim, unless I carried a Pore little dear! However did it torpedo." Pore little dear! However did it come to live, when that man must ha' been dead for days? Now. Jim.

you shove it into the basket an' let breakers."
me hoist it up here? A warm bath "Yes. It is the only dangerous an 'a blanket is the next best thing species found so far north." to milk an' water."

bit. She's doin' fine." "Is it a he or a she?"

The baby, in the sheer joy of living again, uttered a gurgling cry, a compound of milk, happiness and

angrily. "You think every kid is a with the affair in any way. The hardy young savage like your own, story will get into the newspapers as

sailor. "You don't know who you're score. I don't wish that to occur. talkin' to. Why, when I was on the "Do you mean to say-" West Coast, I reared two week-old monkeys this way.'

quarreled-so unbounded was their ial of a man unknown-" anxiety to rescue the fluttering existence of the tiny atom of human- terrupted Jim. ity so miraculously snatched from the

sonality was rapidly recovering its "Jim," he said, "Mr. Jones is right.

for a few minutes. Send her up." The "Mr. Jones" was a gentle reminder of authority. No further protest was raised, save by the infant when supplies were temporarily withheld, and Jones was too pleased

his subordinate's outburst. Brand. "I will dress and rejoin you She absorbed water through the pores quickly. The boat must be thorough of the skin, which rejected the salty "You ly examined and swabbed out: Jones elements and took in only those parts will signal for help. Meanwhile, you of the compound needed by the blood. might moor her tightly. When the You follow me?" tide falls she will be left high and

was not proof against the jar of in- fled. There was much to be done, and no time should be wasted in disputes concerning baby culture.

> Stephen caught hold of the ladder. sickness which overcame me.

from his customary morning dip. "By jingo, he's a plucked 'un," murmured Jim, admiringly. "He ought to died to-day, and even yet she is in be skipper of a battleship, instead of housemaid of a rock-light. Dash them

He seized an oar and lunged so idly." through the air. Discomfited, it re- early days of their acquaintance, he tired, with a scream. Its companion had sought to pin his friend with darted to the vacant site and pecked clumsy logic to some admission as to industriously. The neighborhood of his past life. The only result he the rock was now alive with sea-gulls. achieved was to seal the other man's shapes were darting to and fro in were concerned. great excitement. Jim laughed.

nater, an' they can't help it.'

primordial thesis, he left the foragers months rock duty and one ashore, alone. Hauling the sail out of the soon realized that Brand-whom they water, he discovered that the stern-liked and looked up to-had locked board was missing, broken off proba- the record of his earlier years and bly when the mast fell. His trained refused to open the diary for anyone. scrutiny soon solved a puzzle suggest- Yet so helpful was he-so entered by the state of the cordage. Under taining with his scraps of scientific ordinary conditions the upper part of knowledge and more ample general the mast would either have carried reading-that those whose turn on the the sail clean away with it or be found rock was coincident with his relief acting as a sort of sea-anchor at a hailed his reappearance with joy. Durshort distance from the boat.

strands of the sail-rope were bitten. not torn, asunder. The shark had ging at the wreckage.

Having made the canvas ship-shape, Jim settled the next pressing ques-So far as the man could judge in a tion by seizing an empty tin and first hasty glance, the child's cloth- sluicing the fore part. Then he passing was of excellent quality. Yet he ed a rope under the after thwart and gave slight heed to such considera- reeved it through a ring-bolt in a rock tions. Jim was the father of three placed there for mooring purposes in

When the Trinity tender paid her this forlorn little sea-waif made his monthly visit to the lighthouse she was moored to a buoy three cables' He reached down, unpinned the lengths awa yto the northwest. If there was the least suspicion of a sea

word as the tide dropped. This was vice been taken "the bloomin' kid matterless. By the time all her movable contents-she appeared to have Scilly Isles." plenty of tinned meat and biscuits Jones, also a husband and father, aboard, but no water-would be re- grave response. "These things are moved to the store-room.

The sailor was sorting the packages -wondering what queer story of the seeming accident of a fallen sail say deep, would be forthcoming, when the recent history of the rescued child was ascertained-when Brand hailed

"Look out there, Jim. I am lower

teeth. They will serve as mementoes the knife. An' now you won't have for the girl if she grows up, which is a word said about it. At the bombardlikely, judging by the was she is yell- ment of Alexandria, a messmate of ing at Jones."

"Giving her a bath, and excellently belongs to." well, too. He is evidently quite domesticated."

"If that means 'under Mrs. J.'s an' aft." The resourceful sailor did not at- thumb,' you're right, cap'n. They tell even the smallest quantity of milk in- "Jim, the first time I met you you

They worked in silence a few minutes. Brand descended, and a fer This rough expedient for a feeding- well-placed cuts relieved the man-eatbottle served admirably. The child's er of the serrated rows used to such eagerness to gulp in the life-giving serious purpose in life that he had at rigged on board ship for harbor cruiscare of the sailor in his efforts to ap- Set double in the lower jaw and single in the upper, they were of a size his forehead. and shape ominously suggestive of

the creature's voracity. "It is a good thing,' said Brand, papers on him in all likelihood." calmly hewing at the huge jaws, "that. galeidae on the same lines as the al- ha' bin hell for you." ligator. If this big fellow's sharp to his stomach he would have made a

"He's a blue shark," commented the other, ignoring for the nonce, what he

now an' sure is the motter. S'pose termed "some of the cap'n's jaw-

"His teeth are like so many fixed "All right, skipper. Just hold on a bayonets. Of course you would like to keep 'em, but he would look fine in the museum. Plenty of folk in Penzance, especially visitors, would pay a bob a head to see him." Brand paused in his labor.

"Listen, Jim,' he said earnestly. want both you and Jones to oblige me by saying nothing about the shark. "There! I told you!" shouted Jones Please do not mention my connection it is. The additional sensation of the "Overdoin' what?" demanded the fight would send reporters here by the

"Mr. Jones will report the picking up of the boat, and the finding of the Soon these firm friends would have baby, together with the necessary bur-"What sort of a chap was he?" in-

"I-I don't know-a sailor-that is

all I can tell you. He must have been But Stephen Brand's dominant per- dead several days." "Then how in the world did that baby keep alive?"

have been thinking over that Her skin is raw and her eyes sore problem. I imagine that, in the first place, there was a survivor, who diswith inflammation. The little food she has already obtained will suffice appeared since the death of the poor devil out there-" he pointed to the sea. "This person, whether man or woman, looked after the child until madness came, caused by drinking salt water. The next step is suicide. The little one, left living, fell into the bilge created by the shipping of a sea, and adopted, by the mercy of by Brand to give another thought to Providence, a method of avoiding death from thirst which ought to be

"Now, back up to the rock," said more widely appreciated than it is "Quite. It' a slap-up idea."

"It is not new. It occurred to a The sailor's momentary annoyance ship's captain who was compelled to navigate his passengers and crew a thousand miles in open boats across the Indian Ocean, as the result of a "Sure you won't slip?" he asked, as fire at sea. Well, the child was well nourished, in all likelihood, before the "No, no. It was not fatigue but accident happened which set her The adrift on the Atlantic. She may have brick dwelling, fine large out-buildings lost twenty or thirty pounds in weight | windmill &c.; hay, 2 tons to acre, only Up he went, as though returning but starvation is a slow affair, and her \$5,500. Knocks the sunshine off Alplumpness saved her life in that respect. Most certainly she would have great danger. Her pulse is very weak splendid barns, splendid soil, good water, and care must be taken not to stimulate the action of the heart too rap-

hard and true at a cormorant which When Brand spoke in this way, Jim | ness, Grey County, post office in connection, was invetigating the shark's liver, Spence was far too wary to ask per- Less than \$10,000 will buy 40 acres of land, that he knocked the bird a yard sonal questions. Sometimes, in the store and dwelling, barn, other frame In the water many varieties of finny lips for days so far as reminiscences

Not only Jones and Spence, but "They'd keep me busy," he growled. Thompson, the third assistant, who "When all's said an' done, it's their was taking his month ashore, togeth er with the supernummeries who help-Unconscious that he had stated the ed to preserve the rotation of two

ing the preceding winter he actually But it had gone altogether, and the entertained them with a free translation of the twenty-four books of the "Iliad," and great was the delight of striven to pull the boat under by tug- Jim Spence when he was able to connect the exploits of some Greek or G. T. Bell. Trojan hero with the identity of one of her Majesty's ships. In private they discussed him often,

should be respected. name, "the cap'n," was a tacit admission of his higher social rank. They feared lest inquisitiveness should drive him from their midst, and one supernumerary, who heard from the cook of the Trinity tender that Brand was the nephew of a baronet, was roughly bidden to "close his rat-trap, or he might catch something he

So Jim now contented himself by Close-hauled, the boat would fill for remarking dolefully that had his adwould be well on her way back to the

"You must not say that," was the determined by a higher power than man's intelligence. Think how the ed the child from the cormorants and other birds-how a chance sea fell

into the boat and kept her alivehow mere idle curiosity on my part impelled me to swim out and investigate The weapon was duly delivered.

"That's your way of puttin' it," Jim

"What's the ax for, cap'n?" was the was forced to say. "You knew quite well that there might be a shark in the saked is thoroughly equipped in teaching and well that there might be a shark in the saked is thoroughly equipped in teaching and well that there might be a shark in the saked is thoroughly equipped in teaching and well that there might be a shark in the saked is thoroughly equipped in teaching and well that there might be a shark in the saked is thoroughly equipped in teaching and the saked is thoroughly equipped in the saked is the saked is thoroughly equipped in the saked in the saked is thoroughly equipped in the saked in the saked is thoroughly equipped in the saked in the saked in the saked is the saked in t "I want to chop out that shark's her wake, or you wouldn't have taken in charge

mine got the V. C. for less." "Wot's he a-doin' of?" came the "The real point is, Jim, that we have not yet discovered what ship this boat

"No, an' what's more, we won't find out in a hurry. Her name's gone, fore ton, Geography, distory and Art. "Is there nothing left to help us?"

"Only this." The sailor produced the brooch from his waistcoat pocket. It was of the safety-pin order, but made of gold and ornamented with small emeralds set as a four-leafed shamrock. "Is the maker's name on the sail?"

"No. I farrey that this craft was

"I wish I had not been so precipitate," he murmured. "That man had "You couldn't have stood it, mate. nature did not build the Carcharodan It was bad enough for me. It must

> "Perhaps the baby's clothes are "That's the chance. She was well JNO. SCHULTZ or myself at the shop rigged out."

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Brand cest the shark loose. The

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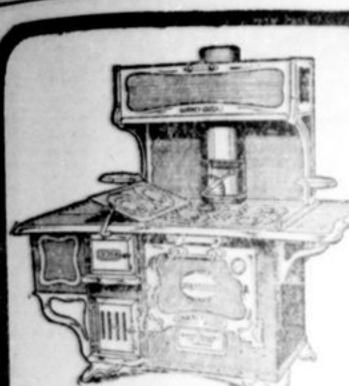
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