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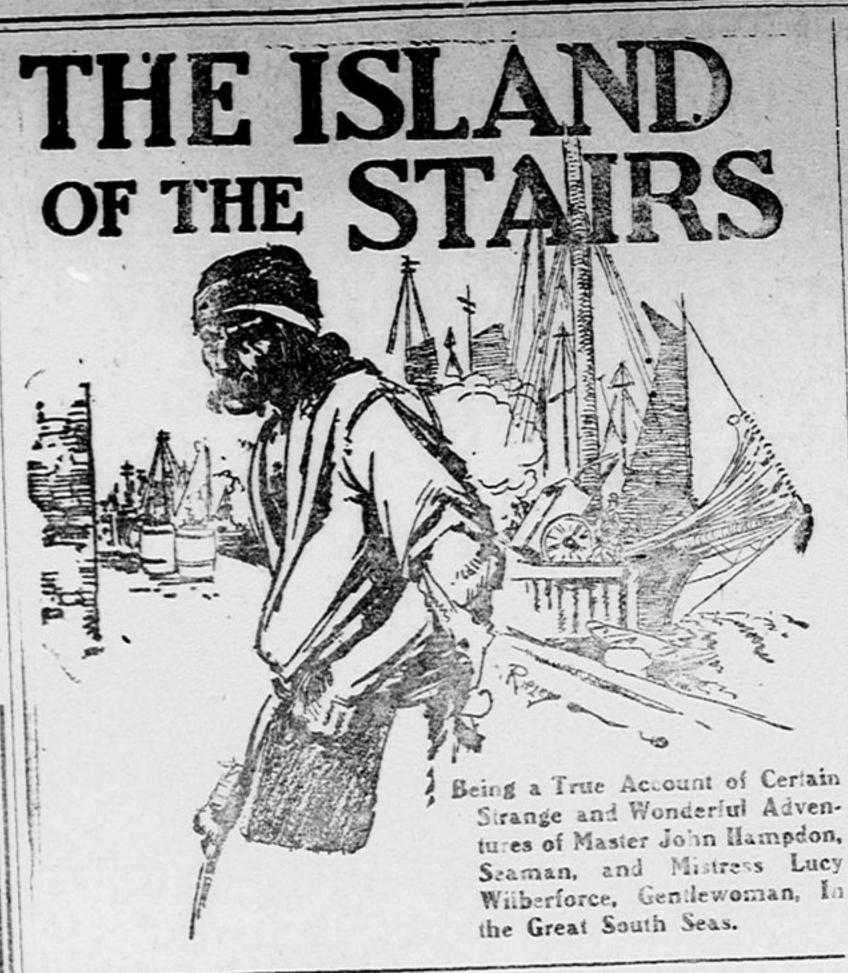
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throughout the west as the cattle boat cloak and blankets and although and sheep queen of Utah, is dead she had to be much persuaded I finally me than on the ship, whereat my at Salt Lake. Born in Scotland 65 prevailed upon her to lie down in the heart pounded, but I had sense enough years ago, she had been ranching boat, her head by my knees, and thus to say nothing. Her loneliness and since she was 20, and leaves a fortune of \$2,000,000.

When the announcement reach- sheet and headed the boat to the southed El Paso, Texas, over the wires ward for I had now crossed the head last Friday night, that there was of the island and could run down the no prohibition against shipping other side. By the time it was fairly arms and ammunition into Tam- other side. By the time it was fairly pico from the United States or place the elsewhere, there was an immediate place the north end of the island be there was absolutely no opening. no exodus eastward of constitutional- tween ourselves and the ship. I steer- break in it through which we could ist purchasing agents.



### By CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY

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CHAPTER X.

In Which We Pass the Barrier.

HE lazarette was well provided. and I stocked the boat handsomely, not forgetting an ax, a lantern and tinder box. There was not much water, but I emptied some bottles of wine and filled them, although I did not much worry on that account because there would be plenty of water undoubtedly on the island. The boat was provided with a compass and a mast and sail. I got into her as she swung at the davits and overhauled spar and gear. Then I shipped the tiller, and presently everything was ready. A final search brought to light a narrow locker in the captain's room, which I forced open and which I found to contain a fine fowling piece, a double barreled shotgun and a heavy musket with plenty of powder and ball. These I passed into the boat also.

"Have you got now what you wish to take?" I asked when all my preparations were completed.

"A change of linen, some toilet articles and necessaries, brush and comb, needles and thread," she answered. holding up her bundle.

"Good," said I. I judged it was about 10 o'clock at night. "Now, do you get into the boat, madam."

She had not been on the ship for six months without having learned something, and she instantly asked

that." I said. "But won't they see you?"

"I don't think so, but whether they

God's hands." place in the stern sheets. It was not good morning and the briefest reply a large boat. On the contrary, yet she to my inquiry as to how she did she made but a small figure sitting there, stared at the land toward which we Then I went on deck I had a can of were edging in so far as the wind oil with me to oil the blocks. It was would allow. It was a bleak, inhosas I fancied. By that time everybody pitable looking place, that gray, rough on the ship was asleep in a drunken wall, in spite of its infrequent cruststupor. The ship was deserted so far ing of verdure, I will admit, and she, as human supervision was concerned.

1 oiled the shives of the block and lowered the boat away carefully, inch make nothing of the distant islands by inch, until it was water borne. I there. reassured my mistress by whispered words as I did so. She had had her instructions and right well she followed them She had her boat hook out and fended off the minute the boat touched the water. For me to belay the falls and slide down the forward one to cast off and take my place in the boat was but the work of an instant. The oars had been carefully muffled Although the noise of the waves rendered conversation quite safe, we neither of us spoke a word until I had rowed some distance from the ship.

it was nearly midnight before we got everything shipshape, my lady bravely belping me with her best efforts, and the little vessel threshed gallantly

through the big seas. I had carefully taken my bearings during the day and as I had a good compass on the boat I knew exactly bow to steer. Fortunately the wind held steady. I laid her course so as to clear the northeast end of the W. R. Ferguson, M.P.P., for East island, around which I intended to

I told her after awhile that she was safe. No sound had come from the The concessions already granted ship and the lights in the cabin which discovered. I suggested at last that Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnemort, known she should go to sleep. I arranged the

we sailed on through the night. When day broke I hauled aft the

ed the boat toward the land My hopes were high and I felt a kind of exhilaration at our escape, although I was by no means inclined to mini mize the possibilities of peril we might soon be compelled to meet. The island was our destination, however, and for it therefore I determinedly headed my small craft with its precious and still peacefully sleeping cargo.

The island was unlike any I had ever looked upon. In the first place, like most Pacific islands, it was inclosed by a barrier reef, over which the waves broke in whitecaps as far as I could see I supposed that somewhere there would be an opening in the reef through which we could sail. That was invariably the case with all such islands that I had ever known or read about. But I could not see the open ing from the boat yet. The lagoon en closed by the barrier reef seemed to be a quarter or half a mile wide.

The strangest part of the whole scene was that the island itself looked like a whitish gray wall rising straight up from the lagoon for, I suppose, from 150 feet in the lowest part to 300 feet or more without a break Its top was covered with greenery. It stood up like a solid rampart of stone From where we were I couldn't see the end of the island, although from my inspec tion of it the day before I judged it might be six or eight miles long, and As I had sailed past it I estimated it was about the same breadth and near ly circular in shape.

"But how are you going to lower it A long distance away on the other side and hard to be seen at all from "I will have to go up on deck for the level of the sea in the small boat lay other islands, faintly outlined on the far horizon.

I suppose I must have thrashed do or not we must chance it, but if about somewhat when I brought the anything should happen to me I'll cut dingy to the wind and changed her the boat adrift, and you will be in course, for presently my little mistress awoke. She sat up instantly, and after Silently I assisted her to take her the briefest acknowledgment of my too, found it so After she had stared Still I didn't neglect any precaution hard at the land she cast an anxious glance to leeward, but, of course, could

"We must get ashore," said I, "as soon as possible. By the time their debauch will have worn off they will either bring the ship here or send the boat after us. Afloat we can do noth ing, ashore we may find some conceal ment and probably make some de-

fense." "It is a bleak looking spot."

Indeed, not a curl of smoke any where betrayed the presence of mankind. Had it not been for depressions in the walls of the cliff here and there which were filled with vegetation, one might have supposed the island to be nothing but a desolate and arid rock, but this reassured me thought it strange that there was no mountain or hill rising from beyond the top of the wall, but I was yet to see how strange the island was.

But as it was full morning now 1 decided that first of all the creature comforts had to be thought of I offer. ed to relinquish the tiller and prepare something to eat, but Mistress Lucy took that upon herself What we had was cold, but there was plenty of it, and at my urging she ate heartily. For myself I needed no stimulus but my raging hunger. I wanted her to be in fettle for whatever might hap-

We had not much conversation the while, but I do remember that she did say she had rather be here alone with helplessness appealed to me. I might have been bold under other circumstances, but not now

Well, we coasted along that barrier reef a good part of the morning until we reached the other end of the island and discovered to our dismay that

nake our way. When we reached the lower end my lady was for sailing around on the other side, but this I did not dare. We had heard nothing from the ship or her boats, and I didn't propose to arouse any pursuit by coming within possible range of her glasses. I did not know where the Rose of De

von lay "Madam," said I at last, "there is naught for us but to try to go over the reef in some fashion. As I examined the island yesterday through the glasses I couldn't see any opening in the reef on that side, and, although I never saw or heard of a case like this before, I make no doubt but what the reef is continuous and there is no access to the island except over it. And come to think of it. Sir Philip's chart showed no opening either."

"I recall that the reef completely en circles the island in the map," assent ed my lady

"Then we must even pass over it as we can. I have had some experience in taking a boat through the surf, and, although it is a prodigious risk, I believe I can take this one over. I think we shall win through if you will sit perfectly quiet and trust to me."

"I will do whatever you tell me," she said with a most becoming and unusual meekness "I think-I know-I trust you entirely. Master Hampdon." "Very well," said I quietly, "and may God help us!"

Fortunately the tide was making to ward the shore of the island. I selected a spot where the huge, rolling waves seemed to break more smoothly than elsewhere, which argued a greater depth of water over the barrier, less roughness and fewer possibilities of being wrecked on the jagged points of the coral reef. Donsing the sail, unshipping the titler and rudder and pulling the oars with all my strength after an unuttered prayer I shot the boat directly toward the spot I had chosen. Just before I reached it I threw the oars inboard, seized one of them, which I wished to use as a steering oar, and stepped aft past my lady, who sat a little forward and well down in the bottom of the boat. I braced myself in the stern sheets and waited We were i racing toward that reef with dizzy wave I had just time for one word.

speed, rising with the uplift up the "If we die," I shouted, "remember that I have been your true servant al-

ways" She nodded her head, her eyes glistening, and then I lost sight of her. Ahuge roller overtook us. The little boat rose and rose and rose with a giddy, furious motion Suddenly it began to turn If it went broadside to the reef and a wave caught it or one broke over it we should be lost, but I had foreseen the danger I threw out my oar and with every pound of strength in arm, leg and body I thrust blindly, desperately, against the thrust of the sea. It was an unequal combat, a man against the Pacific ocean 1 couldn't have maintained it for long And yet it seemed hours. The strain was terrific.

The wave we were riding broke just as we reached the top. We sank down into what seemed a valley of water, the breakers roared in our ears, the spray fell over us like rain. We sank lower and lower, there was a sound co grinding along the keel. We had struck the coral evidently. I thought this was all, for another moment and the botton would have been ripped out of her; bi7 no, we were over in safety.

The last remainder of the wave broke fairly over us and struck me in the back as I stood aft with such force as to bring me to my knees. However, in that position I acted as a sort of breakwater and the dinghy was not completely filled. Although she had shipped quantities of sea, she still floated. The force with which we had been thrown over the crest of the wave drove us landward with tremendous



The Strain Was Terrific.

speed It was terrific I was stunned for a moment, but the sweetest voice in the world recalled me to my senses "It was glorious, magnificent!" cried my mistress exultantly "Are you

hurt? Are we safe?" Her clothes had been drenched, of course, but she was otherwise unharm ed and there was a strange light in her

"I am not hurt," I answered. "God has preserved me thus far." "For me." she said softly.

"For your service." I answered Continued on page 7.

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