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AN OLD TRAVELLER'S TALE OF THEIR REMARKABLE CUNNING.

they had Rules and Regulations and a Leader Who was the Solomon of the Batch-A Steamship Acquaintance With

Them That Lasted for 1,000 Miles. "It was many years ago that I first visited the beautiful bay on the Pacific, writes a traveller, "but acquaintance with the sharks that are CHAS. RAMAGE Editor & Proprietor. native there began when I visited that beautiful harbor at a later time. There was no steamship landing, so steamlighters took freight ashore, and har-

bor boats conveyed passengers to and fro. Something had occurred to detain our steamer, and there was rather tedous opportunity to make acquaintance \$2,000,006 with the surroundings. Old Panama 1,000,006 was off across the harbor, and newer 600,006 Panama-that was far from new, how- the old fellow tried to act as if he ever,-lay waiting near at hand, with its memorable cathedral, notable for the fact that it is roofed with mother little joker who ran his errands. of pearl, or at least with great pearl oyster shells, whose polished inner surly in the sunlight, making an appearance as unique as it was beautiful.

> the October sun the waiting became fate to come across. They were montion, and swallow the matter in dis- sea and sky can give. pute. When the side issue of combat was decided the victor would be likely whether the old craft could make the within one's power not to let this hapsee a satisfied look in the eye of one of the spectators. These ungainly crea- hymns or tures were the far-famed

SHARKS OF PANAMA.

there at anchor it was almost our sole ther the gale, but wondered more if amusement to watch these leviathans. that covey of Panama sharks would We could see them from the awninged keep their bearings or strike off south to try and reach the Pacific Ocean near deck as we played a game of cards or their equatorial homes. drive them where their guide, philosopher and friend could make a meal of them; then they would go in for a they ever got back home. In fact, we meai on their own account

sort of acquaintance with Solomon. He would stay by the ship to keep me company while the others would go off on a raid. At such times I gave him rations of sea biscuits and pieces of pork, over which he would smack his chops contentedly and lay to, hoping woman passenger fell off the rail into the sea, refused to dine off him and prevented others until a boat came to

"This state of armistice lasted until orders were given to make ready to raise anchor. Will you believe it? Mortgage taken for purchase Every one of that fleet of sharks knew Drygaiski is convinced that the South "Sceance an' airt dinna ay gang theshore boats bringing off passengers and baggage, and last of all saw the mail ferred. Then the Captain came off his er than those of the north. He is ity in a sovereign. gig, and had barely touched foot to the quarterdeck when he shouted:

> ALL HANDS UP ANCHOR". The effect of this on that crowd of tarctic Ocean, and will penetrate it far come to feel a sort of sympathy for the For any positive knowledge about their buiks. entire shark family, and to think that this mysterious polar region, science is like the evil one, they were not so bad indebted to the English in the first as they had been painted. As I watch- place, and later to researches made by ed them the idea came dimly over me Frenchmen, Russians and Norwegians. that brotherhood might be extended The most successful southern exto all the creatures that people the un- pedition thus far was conducted by bounded seas. But their conduct, as John Ross, an Englishman who, dur- her name not only to gallant soldiers the moment came for parting, showed ing the years 1840-1843, made three who fight and die on the field of honthat indeed they have traits in com- trips through those dangerous waters our, but to all her subjects wherever mon with humanity. They were traits and forced his way as far as 78 degrees in common with human greed, and south, and discovered the two famous they be and whatever their lot in life. selfishness. It was plain enough that volcanoes, Erebus and Terror, which, Captain Findlay, of the 79th Highlandthey understood the work of prepara- like wonders of Fairyland, loom up in ers-one of the most stalwart men in tion and departure; but it made my the rigid icy desert. soul grieve to see that they cast off This was the furthest point south all restraint and ceased to be on good ever reached by human beings. The

> "At this juncture the little dog fell have permitted the reaching of a highoverboard again, quite near to where er point there. old Solomon was looking wiser than Dr. Drygalski's chief aim is to gain ever, and that old brute dashed after additional knowledge of the earth's it, but a more nimble fish got its magnetism, then to learn about ice formouth in shape quicker than he and mations and drifts in the south, metetook it in, diving down deep to get orogical apparitions, and the geology mother. Her Majesty has expressed a away from old Sol's wrath, and coming of the polar world. up on the outside, far away. The heartless creatures paid no attention to the as leader of the Greenland expedition tears of the weeping woman nor in- conducted by the Berlin Society in 1892 terest in the heartrending grief of and 1893, when he contributed much to her children. I had arranged with the science of Arctic geology. He the stewards for enough hardtack to only thirty-two years old and has the give my shark friends a final morceau world before him, but seems intent upat parting, so, despite their unkind on reaching the furthest corner of the conduct, we scattered this donation earth. over the waters, hoping to realize the promise that bread cast on the waters I'm sorry the golf season has closed might return after many days; but Why? It is better to have people go

finish were mere sea gluttons. The way they scrambled and tore the waters apart to get those sea biscuits was a caution to our expectations. It was some satisfaction to see that old Solomon-the beastly hypocrite-never got

"Just at this time the last boat came off and in the rush to unload a small boy fell overboard. Then there was sea fight worth the beholding. Every one, even the gentle-seeming female take is sometimes made by people of sharks rushed to get a leg, an arm, an eye, even a tooth of that poor lad; but while they were battling for a

THE BOY WAS RESCUED. posed all its sharks were left behind; but the steamer had freight and pasers had to anchor out in the bay while sengers for Realejo, Nicaragua, and when some of the passengers were cruising in small boats about the beau- father or mother, which carries with tiful harbor and landlocked bay we recognized a great part of the Panama contingent as mingling with the sharks of those northern waters. They hear of the neighbors who pass or tried to play it fine; we could see that their way to the postoffice; of the enold Solomon had told his Realjo rela- gagement of pretty Susie, the village tives what gulls they had made of us; never had seen or heard of us before, has been courting her so long. It we recognized; we also recognized the hens and chickens, the dogs and cats,

"When we reached Acapulco-over a thousand miles yet north-there they face, being exposed, shone wonderful- all were again! For my part I ignored them; to be once betrayed in friendship was enough for me. But it was easy to see that old Solomon had "As we lay there sweltering under some game on hand. He was evidently a weather sharp as he was all the time looking aloft at the sky and passing tedious, but it was relieved, after a lit- clouds. He sent the little fellow on tle, by the approach of as ungainly a lot all sorts of errands; even made him strous, with lumbering motion, and the order was given to up anchor, all awkward in all respects-until some- the Panama sharks went off in advance thing should chance to be thrown over- into the Gulf of California, but were board from the cook's galley or be dropillo for a few hours. When we finally ped from the deck, when they would got out into the gulf we realized that awake in a moment, rushing and quar- the storm clouds that old Sol had been relling to get at the morsel, at times so attentively studying were ready for business. The old ship—it was old and indulging in fierce combat-if compe- unseaworthy-met for days what sailtition became too close-during which ors said was the most fearful storm some smaller fish, with intrepid dash they had ever known in the Gulf of would turn on its back, get into posi- California, where sea and sky generally are calm and afford all the charm that

to find the morsel missing, but could riffle. Those of the passengers who pen. were not prepared to die were trying to say belated prayers, singing forgotten

READING THEIR BIBLES, as if the Word was new to them. The "During the several days we were wondered a little if the ship could wea-

might be reading some tale. Even at | "When the storm was over, the batnight, when the porthole would be left tered old craft crawled under shelter open to coax a breath of fresh air, we most feature off Lower California, tion, and a favorite among the memcould hear them dash about and disturb where the old tramp had some more bers of the society, was helping the the waters as they frolicked or quar- business. That was a charming bit of relled, and soon learned to understand sea and rocky shore, with a great something of their organization—for the frowning cape of rock wall. Taking the blank corner of one would overthe captain's binocular, I studied the lap the illustration of another. ed by methods and rules. The largest now placed seas; and, of all that fleet one was broad and heavy—too heavy to be agile—but was evidently wiser in his generation, and so was looked people who never have been on the people who never have been on the but alas! they would not work, and up to for counsel and advice. To repay southern seas may deny that there are this wisdom, the rest would let a choice sharks at Panama, or any cathedral morsel pass to the capacious maw of their Solomon or he would have had a saw those sharks myself, worshipped in "Vers their Solomon or he would have had a that cathedral when my life was com- Alexander. poor show. They would even go off to paratively new, and am now recalling round up some school of small fish and those memories of that bright past, merely to make ut a case as to the ed Huxley. sharks of Panama.

"As for the sharks, I can't say if will cut." lost interest in them; but I will bet "After a day or so I established a a trifle that they haunt Panama Bay ed, angrily:

## SOUTH POLE INACCESSIBLE.

Who is About to Start on an Antarctic

Still another earnest effort to aphumane, and when the pet dog of a proach the South Pole, is about to be the paper cut. Cut it there, said the made by Dr. Erich von Drygalski, a young German savant, who is about to the place with his forefinger. start with a thoroughly equipped ex- Alexander took the paper, inserted pedition for the southern extremity of the scissors, and cut off the required

Pole itself cannot be reached by hu- gether, professor," said he. man beings, the obstacles in the icy Huxley gave way to laughter, and so boat arrive and the mail bag trans- waters of the south being much great- the scientist paid the fine of his stupidpositive, however, that he will learn a great deal about the secrets of the Ansharks, and even on old Solomon him- enough to find the continent which self, was at least remarkable. I had some geographers believe to be there.

more favorable conditions in the north

Dr. Drygalski made himself famous

we were disquieted to see that they and play the game, than to have them had lost all self-respect, and at the sit around and talk about it.

### FAMILY LETTERS

Hints as to Keeping up the Family Correspondence.

The scattered members of a family have of course many subjects which are exceedingly interesting to them although they might not engage the at tention of the outside world. The mi one household of supposing that little things which happen at home are not worth setting down in letters to send to the son in business, whose heart We got away from Panama and sup- turns yearningly to the little mountain home where ne was born an reared, to whom nothing is to be de lightful as to receive a letter from the story of happy commonplace day in the dear old home. He likes belle, to young Harold Franklin, who but he had a peculiar cock of the eye ever gives him pleasure to hear of the the cows and horses, about the place. The most successful family letter is the one which does not scorn petty details, but tells the home news fully and freely.

The family letter cannot be too informal and gossipy, One may safely put down in it every little thing, no matter how small, sure that the one who is to receive it will be glad to know of the kith and kin. People away from of sea monsters as it had ever been my dive under the ship, as if to examine who are left behind. They forget the eagerly to his report. When at last or in the inland town how father and or in the inland town-how father and mother go to the post-office and return with disappointed faces because there is no letter; how long it seems to have to wait another day. Away in the midst of city life, the daughter or son, filled with engage-

> from day to day, and the days weave themselves into weeks and the weeks into months, and there occur long slowly passing intervals in which no letter reaches the dear ones at home These breaks in family life by the intermittent character of family letters "It was nip and tuck for several days are greatly to be deplored. It is quite

ments, with no end of interesting

things happening, puts off writing

### ART AND SCIENCE.

rest of us watched the storm, and Prof. Huxley and Old Alexander the

An article in Cornhill, on the simplicity and ignorance of great men, says that Professor Huxley delivered a lecture at Newcastle-on-Tyne, for which numerous diagrams were required. Old professor to hang the diagrams, but

the learned man threw them down in

"Vera guid shears, professor,' said "I tell you they won't cut," exclaim-

"Try again," said Alexander. "They

The professor tried again, and call-

"Bring me another pair of scis-Sir William Armstrong stepped for-

ward, at that point, and ordered Alex-" Vera guid shears, Sir William,' persisted Alexander, and he took them up, and asked Huxley how he wanted professor, somewhat tartly, indicating

portion with the utmost neatness. Then he turned to the professor with a signi-According to the Modern Kunst, Dr. ficant leer and twinkle of the eye.

did everybody present, and of course Some one expressed amazement to Alexander that he should dare make free

with Huxley. "Why, mon," said Alexander, with great emphasis, "they bits o' professor bodies ken naething at a' except

## HER MAJESTY'S KINDNESS.

Her Majesty has again performed one of those kindly actions which endear the British army, for he stood 6 feet 6 -was killed at the battle of Atbara a few months after his marriage, and for some time the news of his death was kept from his widow because of her condition. Quite recently she gave birth to a son, and although the infant will never look upon his father. he is to have the Queen for his goddesire to act in that capacity to the son of a brave officer, who lost his life in her service, and has also wished the child to be called Victor Alexander. Her Majesty has presented to the infant a handsome baptismal cloak. Mrs. Findlay is a daughter of Colonel Barron, one of the chief instructors at the School of Gunnery.

The covetous person lives as if the world were made altogether for him. and not he for the world; to take in everything and part with nothing .-

### Newspaper Laws.

We call the special attention of Pos masters and subscribers to the following sy gopsis of the newspaperlaws :

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situated at the base of the brain. In headquarters and cured there.

mises. Indeed, the ordinary lay- ple marvel, it is true, at its worderful man recognised this principle medical qualities, but they know belong ago. Everyone knows that youd all question that it does everylet disease or injury affect this part of thing that is claimed for it. It stands the human system and death is almost alone as the one great certain curing certain. Injure the spinel cord, which remedy of the nineteenth century. Why is the medium of these nerve cen- should anyone suffer distress and sicktres, and paralysh is sure to follow. ness while this remove is practically Here is the first principle. The trou- at their hands !

healed, and of necessity the organ The eyes of the world are literally which has shown the outward evidence fixed on South American Nervine. They only of derangement is healed. Indiare not viewing it as a nine-days' won- gestion, nervousness, impoverished der, but critical and experienced men blood, liver complaint all owe their have been studying this medicine for origin to a derangement of the nerve Mears, with the one recult-they have centres. Thousands bear testimony found that its claim of perfect ours- that they have been cured of these tive qualities cannot be gainsaid. troubles, even when they have become The great discoverer of this medicine so desperate as to baffle the skill of was possessed of the knowledge that the the most eminent physicians, because seat of all disease is the nerve centres, South American Nervine has gone to this belief he had the best scientists. The eyes of the world have not been and medical men of the world disappointed in the inquiry into the sucoccupying exactly the same pre- cess of South American Nervine. PeoCHAPTER X .- Con

"You have heard new her quickly, with a le hension, half raising his

no-nothing," soothingly, passing her ha ly upon the sleeve of his only-as before." "Ah-des amants?" he "My poor Rose thy misfortune, never daughter.' She was silent, looking

him, for this time she had been her fault. "It is that young man av his name was Dane ill-omen, my child, that warned you from admit. in your doors. Of cours lation !- I think you tol She had never told taken it for granted, and cared to undeceive him. after they had settled the at Hidden House that the clergyman had startled b long before she discovere in truth, a brother of N the head of the great m of Dane and Trichet.

the old man's rest by r an unwelcome and un cidence to him? She knew that a Prot man was not likely t house; as a friend, he received, and as priest, protected them from his She had not meant to det to shield him from anno When Geoffrey had be to him, it had been mere lican clergyman's son, th nephew of his uncle his Yet there was a cer treachery upon his soul, had tampered with the emies of her race. Was

was so bitterly punished herself in her remorse. To Monsieur de Brefe that Rose had admirers. ing one. He even chuc little to himself; it did him that to Rose hers? possibly be any tragic of Old Martine entering for his dinner-little di she had cooked herself and daintily fried potate ed by an unwonted or

arity from her old mas See here, Martine," his long, lean finger pl daughter-in-law, "Mada -impertinent young want to pay court to he leave, I am told, because admirers! She breaks the dozen, the heartless she cares! Ah! what it and beautiful!"

Martine threw a swil ror at Madame's flus might be a joke to the was it one to her?

As for Rose, she bore she bore all things. T color, partly pain, and had flooded her beaut she joined faintly in kissed the old man on uncovered the dainty lif es, and stayed to help h Only, without, in the i her heart failed her. clutched her convulsi

"Ah, my poor treas faithful creature broke er to end-never And a beau jeune homme! but it is hard!" "Hush, Martine, you like that; Monsieur is it is ridiculous you quite ridiculous." And then the tears b Rose turned and fled it

ary of her own bedch

A week later-the e

blew cold and keen ov the daffodils and primr ed in a blaze of yello corners under the he the tangled border of t were a few more littl buds upon the sycamor bushes than a week as ther promise of summ glea out into life in s circumstances-no other a young man came sp hill with that light, which youth, and hope, alone can give. His t with a glad expectant eyes shone, his lips w a smile as he came. S to meet him at the st was nothing; he gave porter and hurried on to look once more inte was so dear to him. in sight of the grey ga dered perhaps a little iar graceful figure wa there to greet him; we too, that the sharp bat dog did not ring as u ears. It was only a si der, nothing more, no a anxiety was in his min was out driving, perha was ailing, and she wi What did it matter? utes, a few seconds in

be with her. When he got within house, something stra pected in its appearant him with a cold chill. stillness as of death it den House. There curtains at the wind flower-pot filled with the library window sill the upper rooms the closed; no smoke came neys, and not a sign of seen or heard. Fairly Geoffrey kastened for the door-bell; it clange touch, and the echoes v and on in a ghostly dying away by degree fect silence from which awakened.

He waited, perhaps the