An Atlantic Mystery

Every one who uses the great steam ferry between Liverpool and New York, knows Captain Cole, of the Cunard line. I don't say any thing of his steamship, because I know nothing about it; but he is said to be the very best of the commanders of that company, which boasts senger-during the many years it has plowed the Atlantic.

I hate the sea. For certain reasons though small, as heavy as lead. however, I am compelled periodically to cross the Atlantic and on the first | fellows, will you, and be careful not to occasion I had a letter of introduction | knock it against the bulwarks. to Captain Cole, and in course of time the captain and I grew to be fast friends. der of a ship's captain when at sea and

suggest a channel for his recollectionrally fond.

he inserted a steamer-"do we know about shipwrecks? However," he added, more benignly, "there was one occasion wnen I thought the spell of our company's good fortune was about to be broken and that I should be the critter to do it. It was six years ago or so, and in the summer time, and the good ship was making her voyage out. We had picked up a little sailing boat with only one man in her, short of provisions who had been blown out to sea, and whom we took on board; about half an hour after that incident I was informed that one of the passengers wished to speak to me privately upon a very important matter. Accordingly, he came to me in my cabin, a thin, wizened man looked like a tailor, whom I hardly noticed on board. Indeed, he was insignificant in every way, save for the expression of his face, which certainly exhibited the most intense anxiety and distress been drinking, and in fact, was on the ship." very verge of "the jumps," which is what the Yankees term delirium

"Well my man, what is it?" said I severely: "we shall soon sight land; I have no time to throw away."

in a thin, quivering voice, and with a passed your word that I shall not be strong American accent; "but your harmed. Besides, you must remember time will be shorter than you imagine that I might have got off and clean unless you listen to what I have got to away leaving you all to burst up, if it say to you, you will never reach land, had been for the extreme delicacy of and much more make it, if you do not my conscience. act at once on the information I am exactly an hour and a half."

was wandering in his wits. That what seemed like anxiety in his

face became mortal fear-genuine, abknees, and clasping his hands together, incredulity. "Then why, sir," I replied, "do you

talk such damned nonsense aboard my

"Because it is true, captain" he groaned, "there is dynamite on board, and clockwork machinery connected with it; as I am a living man, if the things are not at once looked to, the ship and all on board of her will be blown to atoms within the time I have At this I confess I felt a cold shud-

der down the nape of my neck, for not three months before the very catastrophe at which he hinted had taken place at Bremer-haven, and had struck terror into the ship's captain's like myself; some infamous villian had insured a steamer very heavily, and had taken means for its destruction on its voyage in this manner, only the infernal machine had burst on the quay, killing scores of people, and its inventor with it." "Good heavens, tell me all," I cried

"and quickly." "Nay, but I dare'nt, and I can't, he pleaded, "unless I have your solemn promise that you will never betray me I know that you are a man of your word and that will suffice for me; never to allude to the conversation we are now having, or to make use of it in any way to the disadvantage of myself and others.,"

"Well," said I, "I promise; now

where is this cursed dynamite?" "One moment, captain; there is still time to spare; now since you listened to reason, and I must prove to you that, though I once harkened to the whisper of the devil, I repented and would have cognized the thing from his description undone the mischief if I could: this ship is insured in London-never mind where and how-for a huge sum, and I have been employed to sink her: I brought the machinery set to this very day down to Liverpool, in a small port- his escape from justice of a Yankee formanteau which was sent on board the ger! Of course, the officer didn't find night before she sailed; it was a stipu- that portmanteau among the "personal lation that I was to sail with you to see luggage." His impression was, he said, that nothing interfered with the execu- that his "information," as he called it, tion of the plan; but I swear to you had been incorrect, and that bullock that no sooner did I touch the deck | hide portmanteau must be coming over than I repented; I wanted the package in the next ship, which I said was placed in my own cabin—ask your men | possible—because everything is possible if it was not so-in order that I might | you know-though I own, I did not have some opportunity of getting it think it very probable. thrown overboard in the course of the As to the owner of the article in quesvoyage; they had, however, put it be- tion, he kept out of my way, and slipped low-where, indeed, it was intended to out of the ship at the first opportunity. go-with the other baggage; its a small | That information had been telegraphed portmanteau of bullock's hide, and they from England to the New York police, might as well have let me have it in my was known to his confederate who had

man's voice directly after I had given by dropping the portmanteau overboard my promise that no harm should happen | themselves, only it was among the other him. He had doubtless every confi- luggage. How to get it out and dispose dence in the clockwork machinery, but of it without discovery was a problem that of course was not my case.

I cried, "and identify this infernal story. I don't know which of them

tra grog for you if you turn the things | devilish good story and that's why I've out in an hour." The passengers who had not crossed

the water before, thought it a natural

thing enough perhaps, but my officers

looked like) by my side, who though he affected to be quite unconcerned, kept a sharp eye on everything that came up, and was to let me know by a nod when

we came to that dratted thing. The luggage of a Cunarder is no joke in point of quantity, but in quality it varies more perhaps than any similar collection to be found anywhere else. of never having lost a ship-nor a pas- That blessed portmanteau, as it happened, was at the bottom of it all-a mangy ill-looking thing enough, and,

"Now, throw that overboard my fine

Nobody, of course, questions the or-As we had hardly a thought or top- over it went with a splash. But I saw ic in common, it was natural that our the first mate look at the second with social intercourse took a narrative an expressive look that conveyed "he's shape. I told him stories (which as he | mad" as, clearly as if he had given words had never read anything, had the merit to it. It was this circumstances, comof novelty), and he reciprocated with bined with the scene of complete security yarns. I was foolish enough at first to | from the awful peril that had threatened us: that for the first time put it into my

shipwrecks, of the records of which, as | mind that I had been made the victim, a thorough going landsman, I was natu- of a hoax. If it had been so I verily FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS believe I would have thrown the little "Sir," he said, drawing himself up, tailor after his portmanteau; but when and getting very red in the face, "you I called to mind the face of the fellow forget that you are talking to a captain when he first came into my cabin I of a Cunarder. "What the "-here could not quite believe it. However I took an opportunity of once more speaking to him alone.

"Look here," said I, "you unmitigated thief and villain, there's one point in your story that needs clearing up. Your life is not very valuable it is true, but I daresay you yourself put a fancy price upon it, and, that being so, how could you take a personal charge of a machine that, according to your own account, was to blow us to splinters? How comes it you were on board with

"Well, captain" he replied, "you see I'm a poor man, and the money was a good round sum; and, as I told you, thing was going right with my own eyes; there was a risk of course, but the fact | is, arrangements have been made to meet me in this very latitude. The man in the boat, whom we took on board, was on the lookout for me, and of mind. Of course, I thought he had it was agreed he should take me off the

"What! did he know about the dynamite, too ?" I broke out. "Is it possible there was a third villian besides you and your employer?"

"Well, yes captain, I'm afraid there was; but you can't touch him, you know, "That is very true, captain," he said without touching me, and you have There was a sly smile about the fel-

about to give you; neglect it, and your low's mouth for which I could have ship will be at the bottom of the sea wrung his neck, but for the safe-conduct in"-he looked at his watch-"yes, in I had given him; his whole manner, as well as the expression of his face had "All right, my man," said I, "you changed, now he had got his way; and may go; I'll send the ship's doctor to instead of a villian who had repented of look at you;" for of course I thought he | a great crime, he looked more like a successful schemer. However, the dynamite was overboard, thank heaven: we were nearing land, and I had other ject terror, such as no actor could have things to think about. When we were imitated; he threw himself upon his still some way from the harbour, we were met by a police boat, the chief offibesought me not to treat his words with | cer of which demanded to be taken on board to speak with me.

"Hello!" I said, when we were in the cabin together; "no extradition business, I hope? There is no murdering Englishman among my passengers,

"Well, no," he answered; "but I've reason to believe there's a citizen of the United States who would neither stick at murder nor anything else." Then I thought of the dynamite, of course, and rejoiced that the villain had been discovered without any betrayal of his secret on my part. "You have a warrant out for his ap-

prehension I conclude !"

"Well, no, Captain that's just my difficulty, for I don't know which man it is; but I have an order to search the luggage. Information has come by wire that a whole plant for forging American bank notes is being imported by your ship; it will not be down below, of course, but in the man's personal luggage in his cabin." I smelt a rat at once, and, I dare say,

looked pretty blank and bamboozled. "No, no," interrupted I, "everybody is on board that sailed with us,'

and I might have added "one more," but I thought he might just as well find that out himself. I didn't want more people than was necessary to know that I had been made such a fool of. "According to my instructions," continued the officer, "the plant is contained in a pormanteau of bullock's

hide, with brass nails around the rim,

and therefore easily recognizable. I nodded for, indeed, I myself revery readily. Had I not told them to be very careful with it, and not to knock it against the bulwarks, and seen it dropped overboard with my own eyesthus making myself an accomplice in

come out to warn him, and they would The dread had passed away from the no doubt have saved me all the trouble they had to solve, which they accom-"Come up on deck, you scoundrel." plished by means of the dynamite made it up, or whether they composed "Quick, quick lads, there will be ex. it together; but I must say it was a

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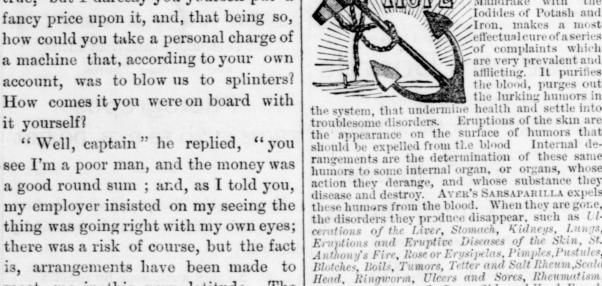
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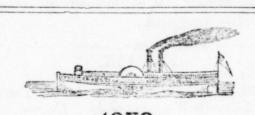
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