## THE FROZEN PIRATE

BY W. CLARK RUSSELL. [Continued.] CHAPTER XX.

WE PLAN AN EXPLOSION.

By the time we had reached the bottom of the hollow Tassard was blowing like a bellows with the uncommon exertion; and swearing that he felt the cold penetrating his bones, and that he should be stupefied again if he did not mind, he climbed into the ship and disappeared. I loved him so little that secretly I very heartily wished that nature would make away with him: I mean that something it would be impossible in me to lay to my conscience should befall him, as becoming comatose again, and so lying like one dead. Assuredly in such a case it was not this hand that would have wasted a drop of brandy in returning an evil, whitelivered, hectoring old rascal to a life

like of him. It was so still a day that the cold did not try me sorely: there was vitality if not warmth in the light of the sun, and I was heated with clambering. So I stayed a full half-hour after my companion had vanished examining the ice about the schooner; which careful inspection repaid me to the extent of giving me to see that if by blasts of gunpowder I could succeed in rupturing the ice ahead of the schooner's bows there was a very good chance of the mass on which she lay going adrift. Yet I will not deny that though I recognized this business of dislocation as our only chance—for I could see little or nothing to be done in the way of building a boat proper to swim and ply -I foreboded a dismal issue to our adventure, even should we succeed in separating this block from the main. In fine, what I feared was that the weight

of the schooner would overset the ice and drown her and us. I entered the ship and found Tassard roasting himself in the cook-house. "How melancholy is this gloom, said I, "after the glorious white sun-

"Yes," said he, "but it is warm. That is enough for me. Curse the cold, say I. It robs a man of all spirit. To grapple with this rigour one should have fed all one's life on blubber. I defy a man to be brave when he is half frozen. I feel a match for any three men now; but on the heights a fles would have made me run."

He pulled a pot from the bricks and filled his pannikin.

"I have been surveying the ice." said I, drawing to the furnace, "and have very little doubt that if we wisely bestow the powder in great quantities we shall succeed in dislocating the bed on which we are lying."

"Good !" he cried. "But after?" said I.

"What ?" "As much of this bed as may be dislodged will not be deep: icebergs, as of course you know, capsize in consequence of their becoming top-heavy by the wasting of the bulk that is submerged This block will make but a small berg should we liberate it, and I very much fear that the weight of the schooner will overset it the instant we are launch-

"Body of Moses!" he cried angrily, knitting his brows, whereby he stretched the scar to half its usual width, "what's to be done, then?"

"She is a full ship," said I "and weighty. If the liberated ice be thin she may sit up on it and keep it under. We have a right to hope in that direction, perhaps. Yet there is another consideration. She may leak like a sieve!"

"Why!" he exclaimed. "She took the ice smoothly; she has not been strained; she was as tight as a bottle before she stranded; the coating of ice would have cherished her; and a stout ship like this does not suffer from six months of lying up !" Six months, thought I!

"Well, it may be as you say; but if she leaks it will not be in our four arms to keep her free."

He exclaimed hotly, "Mr. Rodney, if we are to escape, we must venture something. To stay here means death in the end. I am persuaded that this ice is joined with some vast main body far south and that it does not move. What is there, then, to wait for? There is promise in your gunpowder proposal. If she capsizes then the devil will get his own." And with a

it to his lips and drained it. His sullen determination that we should stand or fall by my scheme was not very useful to me. I had looked for some shrewdness in him, some capacity of originating and weighing ideas ; but I found he could do little more than curse and swagger and ply his can, in which he found most of his anecdotes and recollections and not a little of his courage. I pulled out my watch, as I must call it, and observed

savage flourish of the pannikin he put

that it was hard upon one o'clock. "Tis lucky," said he, eyeing the watch greedily and coming to it away rom the great subject of our deliverance as though the sight of the fine gold thing with its jewelled letter extinguished every other thought in him. "that you removed that watch from Mendoza. But he will have carried other good things to the bottom with him, I fear."

"His flask and tobacco-box I took away," said I. "He had nothing of consequence besides."

"They must go into the commonchest," cried he; "'tis share and share,

you know." "Ay," said I, "but what I found on Mendoza is mine by the highest right under heaven. If I had not taken the

things, they would now be at the bottom of the sea." "What of that?" cried he savagely

'If we had not plundered the galleon, she might have been wrecked and taken all she had down with her. Yet should such a consideration hinder a fair division as between us-between you who had nothing to do with the pillage and me who risked my life in

I said, "Very well; be it as you say," appearing to consent, for there was something truly absurd in an altercation about a few guineas' worth

and most perilous situation; though it | that was inexpressibly disgusting and not only enabled me to send a deeper glance into the mind of this man than used to cross himself when alarmed and I had yet been able to manage, but swear by the saints. But perhaps he made me understand a reason for the | knew, even better than I, how little he bloody and furious quarrels which have had to expect from Providence. He again and again arisen among persons | filled his pipe, exclaiming that when he standing on the brink of eternity, to had smoked it out we should fall to whom a cup of drink or the sight of a work. ship had been more precious than the contents of the Bank of England.

I set about getting the dinner. "Whilst you are at that work," eried he, starting up, "I'll overhaul the pockets of the bodies on deck;" and, picking up a chopper, away he went, and I heard him cursing in his native tongue as he stumbled to the companion-ladder through the darkness in

His rapacity was beyond credence. There was an immence treasure in the hold, yet he could not leave the pockets of the two poor wretches on deck alone. that smelled foully with him and the I did not envy him his task. The frozen figures would bear a deal of hammering; and besides he had to work in the cold. Ah, thought I with a groan, I should have left him to make one of them !

I had finished my dinner by the time he arrived. He produced the watch I nothing but black ashes. had taken from and returned to the mate's pocket when I had searched him for a tinder-box; also a gold snuff-box set with diamonds, and a few Spanish pieces in gold. On seeing these things I remembered that I had found some rings and money in his pockets whilst overhauling him for means to obtain fire; but I held my peace.

"Should not we have been imbeciles to sacrifice these beauties?" he cried, viewing the watch and snuff-box with a rapturous grin.

"They were hard to come at, I ex

"No," he answered, pocketing them and turning to a piece of beef in the "I knocked away the ice and after a little wrenching got at the pockets. But poor Trentanove! d'ye know, his nose came away with the mask of ice! He is no longer lovely to the sight!" He broke into a guffaw, then stuffed his mouth full and talked in the intervals of chewing. "There was nothing worth taking on Barros. They are both over-board."

"Overboard!" I cried. "Why, yes," said he. "They are no good on deck. I stood them against the rail, then tipped them over."

This was an illustration of his strength I did not much relish. "I doubt if I could have lifted

Barros," said I. "Not you!" he exclaimed, running his eye over me. "A dead Dutchman would have the weight of a fairy alongside Barros."

"Well, Mr. Tassard," said "since you are so strong, you will be very useful to our scheme. There is much to be done."

"Give me a sketch of your plans, that I may understand you," he exclaimed, continuing to eat very heartly. "First of all," said I, "we shall have to break the powder-barrels out of the

There are tackles, I suppose?" "You should be able to find what you want among the boatswain's stores

magazine and hoist them on deck.

in the run," he replied. "There are some splits wide enough to receive a whole barrel of powder." said I. "I counted four such yawns all happily lying in a line athwart the ice past the bows. I propose to sink these barrels twenty feet deep, where they must hang from a piece of spar across the aperture."

He nooded. "Have you any slow-matches aboard?"

"Plenty among the gunner's stores, he replied.

"There are but you and me," said I; "these operations will take time. We must mind not to be blown up by one barrel whilst we are suspending another. We shall have to lower the barrels with their matches on fire and they must be timed to burn an hour.

"Ay, certainly, at least an hour," he exclaimed. "Two hours would b "Well, that must depend upon the number of parcels of matches we meet The Success OIL STOVI; with. There will be a good many mines to spring, and one must not explode before another. 'Tis the united force of the several blasts which we must

reckon on. The contents of at least four more barrels of powder we must distribute amongst the other chinks and splits in such parcels as they will be able to receive.' "And then?"

"And then," said I, "we must await the explosion and trust to the mercy of

Heaven to help us," He made a hideous face, as if this was a sort of talk to nauseate him. and said, "Do you propose that we should remain on board or watch the effects from a distance?"

"Why, remain on board of course," I answered. "Suppose the mines liberated the ice on which the schooner lies and it floated away, what should we, watching at a distance, do ?"

"True," cried he, "but it is cursed perilous. The explosion might blow the ship up.

"No, it will not do that. We shall be bad engineers if we bring such a thing about. The danger will beproviding the schooner is released-in her capsizing, as I have before pointed

"Enough!" cried he, charging his pannikin for the third time. "We must chance her capsizing."

"If I had a crew at my back," said I. "I would carry an anchor and cable to the shoulder of the cliff at the end of the slope to hold the ship if she swam. I would also put a quantity of provisions on the ice along with materials for making us shelter and the whole of the stock of coal, so that we could g on supporting life here if the schooner

capsized." "Then," said he, "you would remain ashore during the explosion?" "Most certainly. But as all these preparations would mean a degree of labour impracticable by us two men. I am for the bold venture-prepare and fire the mines, return to the ship, and leave the rest to Providence."

of booty in the face of our melancholy dulged himself in a piece of profanity

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mean in the mouth of a man who was

Now that I had settled a plan I was eager to put it into practice-hot and wild indeed with the impatience and hope of the castaway animated with the dream of recovering his liberty and preserving his life; and I was the more auxious to set about the business at once, on account of the weather being fair and still, for if it came on to blow a stormy wind again we should be forced as before under hatches. But I had to wait for the Frenchman to empty his pipe. He was so complete a sensualist that I believe nothing short of terror could have forced him to shorten the period of a pleasure by a second of time. He went on puffing so deliberately, with such leisurely enjoyment of the flavour of the smoke, that I expected to see him fall asleep; and my patience becoming exhausted I jumped up; and by this time his bowl held

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