THE FROZEN PIRATE.

BY W. CLARK RUSSELL. CHAPTER XV. THE PIRATE'S STURY. [Continued.]

I saw how it was-he supposed me deranged, a mortifying construction to place upon the language of a man who had restored him to life; yet a few moments reflection taught me to see the reasonableness of it, for unless he thought me crazy he must conclude I spoke the truth, and it was inconceivable he should believe that he had lain in a frozen condition for eight-and-forty years. I stirred the fire to make more light and sat down near the furnace. His appearance was very striking. The scar upon his forehead gave a very dark, sullen look to his brows; his eyes were small and were half lost in the dusky hollows in which they were set, and I observed an indescribably leering, cunning expression in them, something of which I attributed to the large quantity of liquor he had swallowed. This contrasted oddly with the respectable aspect he took from his baldness—that is, from the nakedness of his poll, for, as I have before said, his hair fell long and plentifully, in a ring a little above the ears, so that you would have supposed at some late period of his life he had been scalped.

I know not how it was, but I felt no joy in this man's company. For some companion, for some one to speak with, I had yearned again and again with devils of memory and no hope but the heart-breaking passion; and now a living man sat before me, yet l was sensible of no gladness.

story, sir."

have followed but for his posture.

'Ha!' cried he, 'you might have caus- our position; for days, for weeks, sea ed my flesh to mortify by laying me and sky were enveloped in clouds of close to the fire. It would have been snow, in the heart of which drove our better to rub me with snow.

you my stockings, sit?'

his boots and stood up, the coats and wraps tumbling off him as he rose.

grasped his arm.

muttered as if to himself. 'I must lie a little longer,' and with that he kneeled and then lay along the mattress. He breathed heavily and pointed to the pannikin. I asked him whether he would have wine or brandy; he answered, 'Wine,' so I melted a draught, and which dose, I thought, on top of what he had already taken, would send him to sleep; but instead it quickened his this coast; we durst not haul the spirits, and with no lack of life in his voice he said, 'What is the condition of the vessel?

I told him that she was still high and dry, adding that during the night some sort of change had happened which should presently go on deck to remark. 'Think you,' said he, 'that there is

any chance of her ever being liberated? I answered, 'Yes, but not yet: that is, if the ice in breaking doesn't destroy her. The summer season has yet to but now that you are with me it will be a question for us to settle, whether we are to wait for the ice to release the schooner or endeavour to effect our escape by other means.'

A curious gleam of cunning satisfac tion shone in his eyes as he looked me; he then kept silence for some moments, lost in thought.

'Pray,' said I, breaking in upon him 'what ship is this?'

He started, deliberated an instant. and answered, 'The Boca del Dragon 'A Spaniard?' He nodded.

'How do you know that? he cried with sudden fierceness.

'She was a pirate?' said I.

'Sir,' said I 'I am a British sailor who has used the sea for some years, and know the difference between handspike and a poop-lanthorn. But what matters? She is a pirate no long-

He let his eyes tall from my face and gazed round him with the air of one who cannot yet persuade his understanding of the realities of the scene he moves in.

'Tut!' cried he presently, addressing himself, 'what matters the truth, as you say? Yes, the Boca del Dragon is a pirate. You have of course rummaged her, and guessed her character by what you found? "Unless"-said he.

'I met with enough to excite my suspicion,' siad I. 'The ship's company of such a craft as this do not usually go clothed in lace and rich cloaks, and carry watches of this kind,' tapping my breast, 'in their foos and handfuls of gold in their pockets. 'Unless,' I answered, 'their flag is as black as our prospects.

'You think them black?' cried he, the look of resentment that was darkening his face dying out of it. 'The vessel is sound, is not she?'

I replied that she appeared so, but it would be impossible to be sure until she floated.

'The stores?'

'They are plentiful.'

'They should be!' he cried; 'we have what we originally laid in for the cruise. | none satisfied us. Besides, sir, we had

Children Cry for

He smiled, or rather grinned, his in flesh and blood to stand it. One fangs making the latter term fitter for the mirthless grimace he made.

'May 1 ask your name?' said 1. he, 'third in command of the Boca del Dragon, but good as Mate Trentanove, and good as Captain Mendoza, and good as the cabin boy Fernando Prado; for we pirates are republicans, sir, we know no social distinctions save those we order for the convenience of working ship. Now let me tell you the story of our disaster. We had come out of the Spanish Main into the South Seas, partly to escape some British and French cruisers which were after and others of our kind, and partly be cause ill-luck was against us, and we could not find our account in those waters. We sailed in December two years ago-

He started, and then grinned again. 'Ah, to be sure!' cried he, 'this is eighteen hundred and one; but to keep my tale in countenance,' he went on in a satirical apologetic way, 'let me call the year in which we sailed for the South Sea seventeen hundred and fiftyone. What matters forty or fifty years to the ship-wrecked? Is not one day in an open boat, with no society but the silence at the bottom of the sea, an eternity? Fill me that pannikin, my friend. I thank you. To proceed; we I have no doubt the disorder my cruised some months in the South Sea mind was in helped to persuad him that | and took a number of ships. One was and then round the cook-room, and had entered the South Sea by New said, "I am impatient to learn your Holland. This fellow was full of fine clothes and had some silver in her. med up in what I have already told go with her people under hatches, her you,' But that he might not be at a yards square, her helm amidships, and loss-for to be sure he had only very her cabin on fire. Our maxim is, 'No newly collected his intellects-I related witnesses!' That is the pirate's philos- anyhow.' my adventures at large. He drew near- ophy. Who gives us quarter unless it er to the furnace whilst I talked, bring- be to hang us? But to continue: we ing his covering of clothes along with did handsomely, but were a long time him, and held out his great hands to about it, and after careening and filling toast at the fire, all the time observing up with water 'twixt San Carlos and me with scarce a wink of the eye. Ar- Chiloe we set sail for the Antilles Like rived at the end of my tale, I told him your brig, we were blown south. The how only last night I had dragged his weather was ferocious. Gale after gale the age on Manhood, Nervous companion on deck, and how he was to thundered down upon us, forcing us to fly before it. We lost all reckoning of

frozen schooner. We were none of He poked up one foot after the other of a nationality fit to encounter these count his toes, fearing some had come | regions. We swept past many vast away with his stockings, and then said, icebergs, which would leap on a sudden 'Well, and how long should I have out of the white whirl of thickness, slept had you not come? Another week! often so close aboard that the recoil of By St. Paul, I might have died. Have the surge striking against the mass would flood our decks. At all moments I gave them to him, and he pulled of the day and night we were prepared them over his legs and then drew on to feel the shock of the vessel crushing her bows against one of these stupendous hills. The cabin resounded with 'I can stand,' says he. 'That is Salves and Aves, with invocations to the saints, promises, curses, and litanies. But in attempting to take a step he The cold does not make men of the reeled and would have fallen had I not | Spaniards, who are but indifferent seamen in temperate climes, and we were 'Patience, my friend, patience!' he chiefly Spanish with consciences as red as your English flag.'

> He grinned, emptied the pannikin, and stretched his hands to the fire to

warm them. 'One morning, the weather having cleared somewhat, we found ourselves surrounded by ice. A great chain floated ahead of us, extending far into the south. The gale blew dead on to schooner to the wind, and our only chance lay in discovering some bay where we might find shelter. Such a bay it was my good luck to spy, lying directly in a line with the ship's head. I seized the helm, and shouted to the men to hoist the head of the mainsail that she might round to when I put the helm down. But the fellows were in a panic terror and stood gaping at what they regarded as their doom, calling elling below former prices for cash. rush on top of a huge sea, Trentanove and the captain and I swinging with set teeth at the tiller, that was hard a-lee,

her. The summer season has yet to upon the Virgin and all the saints for help and mercy. Into this bay did we The Peerless Creamei. came round, but with such way upon her that she took a long shelving beach of ice and ran up it to the distance of half her own length, and there she lay, with her rudder within touch of the wash of the water. The men, regarding the schooner as lost, and concluding that if she went to pieces her boats would be destroyed, and with them their only chance to escape from the ice, fell frantic and lost their wits altogether. They roared, 'To the boats! to the boats!' The captain endeavored to bring them to their senses; he and I and the mate, and Joam Barros, the boatswain-a Portuguese-went among them pistols in hand, entreating, cursing threatening. Think of the plunder in this hold Will you abandon it without an effort to save it? What think you are your chances for life in open boats in this sea? But reason as we would the cow ardly dogs refused to listen. They had broached a spirit-cask aft, and passed the liquor along the decks whilst they hoisted the pinnace out of the hold and got the other boats over. The drink maddened, yet left them wild with fear too. They would not wait to come at the treasure in the run-the fools believed the ship would tumble to pieces as she stood—but entered the forecastle and the officers' cabins, and routed about for whatever money and trinkets they might stuff into their pockets with out loss of time; and then provisioning the boats, they called to us to join

> ran the boats down to the water, tumbled into them, and pulled away round the point of ice. We lost sight of them then, and I have little doubt that they all perished shortly afterwards." He ceased. I was anxious to hear "You had been six months on the

> them, but we said, No, on which they

ice when the stupor fell upon you?" "Ay, about six months. The ice gathered about us and built us in. I recollect it was three days after we stranded that, going on deck, I saw the the liquor and stores of a galleon and bay (as I term it) filled with ice. We two carracks in our hold, apart from drew up several plans to escape, but

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Let me feel my strength improving; a treasure on board which we risked we shall then find means of throwing a our necks to get, and we were prepared light upon these black prospects of to go on imperilling our lives to save it. yours.' But the cold was frightful; it was not

'Jules Tassard, at your service,' said

The time went by: Trentanove went stone-blind, and I had to put food and drink into his hands that he might live. A week before the stupor came upon me I went on deck and saw Jeam Barros leaning at the rail. I called to him, but he made no reply. I approached and looked at him, and found him frozen. Then happened what I have told you. We were in the cabin, the mate seated at the table waiting for me 'Making the year-?' I interrupted. to lead and support him to the cook-room, for he was so weak he could scarce carry his weight. A sudden faintnees seized me, and I sank down upon the bench opposite him, letting my head fall upon my arms. His cry startled me-I looked up-saw him as I have said: but the cabin then turned black, my head sank again, and I remember no more.' He paused and then cried in French. "That is all! They are dead-Jules Tassard lives! The devil is loyal to his

day-we had been locked up about five

months-Mendoza said he would get

upon the rocks and take a view of the

sea. He did not return. The others

were too weak to seek him, and they

were half blind besides; I went, but

the ice was full of caves and hollows,

and the like, and I could not find him,

nor could I look for him long, the cold

being the hand of death itself up there.

own !" and with that he lay back and burst into laughter. "And this," said I, "was in seventeen hundred and fifty three!' "Yes," he answered : " and this I had not the full possession of my a privateer that had plundered a British | eighteen hundred and one-eight-and senses. He ran his eye over my figure | Indiaman in the Southern Ocean, and forty years afterwards, hey?" and he laughed out again, "I've talked so much, "said he, "that d've know,

think another nap will do me good, 'Why, sir.' said I, 'my story is sum- We took what we wanted, and let her What coals have you found in the ship?" I told him. "Good," he cried; "we can keep ourselves warm for some time to come

> And so saying, he pulled a rug up to his nose and shut his eyes. (To be continued.)

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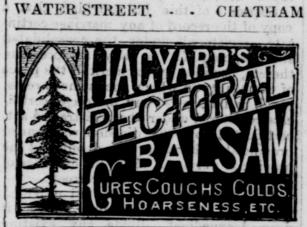
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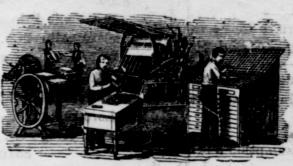
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