THE FROZEN PIRATE.

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

WE TAKE A VIEW OF THE ICE. For seven days the gale raged with

uncommon violence; it then broke, and this brought us into the first week in August. The wind fell in the night, and I was awakened by the silence, which you will not think strange if you consider how used were my ears to the fierce seething and strong bellowing of the blast. I slept again, and when I awoke it was half-past nine o'clock in the morning. The Frenchman was snoring lustily. I went on deck before entering the cook-house, and had like to have been blinded by the astonishing brilliance of the sunshine upon the ice and snow. The water hurled over and on the schooner had frozen upon the masts, rigging, and decks, and this ice, like the pendents, was very sparkingly past the bows to the distance of the bright, it gave back all the hues of the sunbeam, so that, stepping from the darkness of the cabin into this effulgent scene, you might easily have persuaded yourself that before you stood the fabric of a ship fashioned out of a rainbow.

My attention, however, was quickly withdrawn from this shining spectacle by the appearance of the starboard cliff over against our quarter. The whole shoulder of it had broken away and I could just catch a view of the horizon of the sea from the deck by stretching my figure. The sight of the ocean the bows of the schooner by at least of the hollow. four times her own length.

I returned to the cook-room and went about the old business of lighting the fire and preparing the breakfast-this job by an understanding between the Frenchman and me, falling to him who was first out of bed-and in about twenty minutes Tassard arrived.

"The wind is gone," said he. "Yes." I replied, "It is a bright, still morning. I have been on deck. There has been a great fall of ice close

"Does it block us?"

"No, on the contrary, it clears the way to the sea; the ocean is now visible from the deck. Not that it mends our case," I added. "But there is a great rent in the ice that puts a fancy into my head; I'll speak of it later after I have a closer look.' The breakfast was ready, and we fell

to in a hurry, the Frenchman gobbling like a hog in his eagerness to make an end. When we were finished he wrapped himself up in three or four coats and cloaks, warming the under ones before folding them about him, and completing his preparations for the excursion by swallowing half a pint of raw brandy. I bade him arm himself with a short-headed spear to save his neck; and thus equipped we went on deck.

He stood stock-still with his eyes shut on emerging through the hatch, crying out with a number of oaths that he had been struck blind. This I did not believe, through I readily supposed that the glare made his eyeballs smart so as to cause him a good deal of agony. Indeed, all along I had been surprised that he should have found his sight so easily after having sat in blindness for forty-eight years, and it was not wonderful that the amazing brilliance on deck, smiting his sight on a sudden, should have caused him to cry out as he had lost the use of his eyes forever.

I waited patiently, and in about ten minutes he was able to look about him, and then it was not long before he about him full of consternation and could see without pain.

The increased heel of the ship it on to the ice. The rent or fissure be a thing of the past by that time. that I have before spoken of went very | Travelling north ! 'sdeath ! " he roared, deep; it was nearly two feet wide in his mouth full of the expletives of his places, but, though the light poured day, French and English. "Who but

would go adrift."

"Well," said I, after musing a little faintness in the southwest. whilst I ran my eye over the hollows, "I'll tell you what was in my mind just | was as much disappointed as he by the now. There is a great quantity of gun- trifling changes the gale had made, and powder in the hold; ten or a dozen barrels. By dropping large parcels of of the great field disappearing in the it into the crevices on the right there, south. The bergs in the north signified and firing it with slow-matches-"

St. Paul, you have it! What crevices be worthless to us. It was not to be have you?"

seams I had before noticed, many great the fall of the shoulder of the slope. I pushed on further yet, going down the ravine, as I have called it, until I came to the edge; and here I looked down "We must fix on one of two courses from a height of some twelve or fourthe ocean. I called to Tassard. He put to sea. approached warily. I believe he feared I might be tempted to give him a

friendly shove over the edge. "Observe this hollow," said I; "the split there goes down to the water, and you may take it that the block is wholly disconnected on that side. Now look at the face of the ice," said I, pointing to the starboard or right-hand side; "that crack goes as far as the vessel's quarter, and the weakness is carried on to past the bows by the other rents. Mr. Tassard, if we could burst this body of ice by an explosion from its moorings ahead of the bowsprit, where it is all too compact, this cradle with the schooner in it will go return! the powder-barrels must have

free of the parent body." He answered promptly, "Yes; it is the schooner, savagely striking the ice the one and only plan. That crack to with his spear and growling curses to starboard is like telling us what to do. himself as he ploughed and climbed and It is well you came here. We should jumped his way along. not have seen it from the top. This

valley runs steep. You must expect no more than the surface to be liberated, for the foot of the cliff will go deep."

"I desire no more."

"Will the ship stand such a launch, supposing we bring it about?' said he. I responded with one of his own shrugs, and said, "Nothing is certain. We have one of two courses to choose to venture this launch, or stay till the ice breaks up, and take our chance of floating or of being smashed."

"You are right," he exclaimed. "Here is an opportunity. If we wait, bergs may gather about this point and build us in. As to this island dissolv ing, we are yet to know which way 'tis heading. Suppose it should be travelling south, hey!"

He struck the ice with his spear, and we toiled up the slippery rocks with difficulty to the ship. We walked vessel's length. Here were many deep holes and cracks, and as if we were to be taught how these came about, even whilst we were viewing them an earsplitting crash of noise happened within twenty fathoms of us, a rock many tons in weight rolled over, and left a black gulf behind it.

The Frenchman started, muttered, and crossed himself. "Holy Virgin!" he cried, rolling his eyes. "Let us return to the schooner. We shall be swallowed up here."

I own I was not a little terrified my self by the sudden loud blast and the showed me that the breakage had been | thunder of the uprooted rock, and the prodigious, for to have come to that sight of the huge black rent; but I prospect before, I should have had to meant to view the scene from the top, climb to the height of the main lower | and to consider how best to dispose of masthead. No other marked or note- the powder in the cracks, and said, worthy change did I detect from the | "There is nothing to be done on board; deck; but on stepping to the larboard | skulking below will not deliver us or side to peer over I spied a split in the preserve the treasure. Here are severice that reached from the very margin | al fissures big enough to receive barrels of the ravine, I mean to that end of it of gunpowder. See, Mr. Tassard, as And I proceeded to give him my

> ideas as to lowering, fixing the barrels, and the like. He nodded his head and said, "Yes, very good; yes, it will do," Arrive Chatham, and so on; but was too scared in his heart, I believe, to see my full meaning. He was perpetually moving, as if he feared the ice would split under his Chatham June n, Arrive, 12.40 feet, and his eyes travelled over the face of the rocks with every manifestation of alarm in their expression. I wondered how so poor a creature should ever have had stomach enough to serve as a pirate; no doubt his spirit had been enfeebled by his long sleep; but then it is also true that the greatest bullies and most bloodthirsty rogues prove themselves despicable curs under conditions which make no demand upon their temper or their lust for plunder.

When came to look close, and to recollect the features of the shore as they showed when I first landed, I found some vital changes near at hand. Where my haven had been the ice had given way and left a gap half a mile broad and a hundred feet deep. The fall on the schooner's starboard quarter was very heavy, and the ice was split in all directions; and in parts was so loose that a point of cliff hard upon the sea rocked with the swell. When Tassard came to a stand he looked about him north and south, shading his eyes with his hand, and then swearing very savagely in French, he cried out in English, freely employing oaths as he apoke,-

"Why, here's as much ice as there was before I fell asleep! See yonder!" pointing to the south. It dies out in the distance. If it does not join the pole there, may the devil rise before me as I speak. Thunder and fury! I had hoped to see it shrivelled to an ordinary

"What! in a week?" cried I, as if I believed his stupor had not lasted long-

He returned no answer and gaped

"And are we to wait for our deliverbrilliantly upon it, I could see no bot- a madman could suppose that this ice is not as fixed as the antartic circle to "If only such another split as this which it is moored? Why, six months would happen t'other side," said the ago it was no bo bigger than it is now!" Frenchman, "I believe this block | And he sent a furious terrified gaze into the white solitudes vanishing in azure

It was not a thing to reason upon. my heart felt very heavy at the sight little. It is true they indicated He interrupted me with a cry: "By demolition, but demolition so slow as to questioned that the island was proceed-We walked briskly round the vessel, | ing north, but at what rate? Here. and all about her beam and starboard perhaps, might be a frozen crescent of quarter I found, in addition to the forty or fifty leagues : and at what speed, appreciable enough to be of the cracks and fissures, caused no doubt by least consequence to our calculations. should such a body travel?

I looked at the Frenchman. "This must decide us!" said I. endeavour to launch the ship by blowteen feet-so greatly had the ice sunk ing up the ice, or turn to and rig up the or been changed by the weather-upon | best arrangement we can contrive and

"Yes," he answered, scowling as he darted his enraged eyes over the ice. "Better set a slowmatch in the magazine and drink ourselves senseless, and so blow ourselves to hell, than linger here in the hope that this continent will dissolve and release us. Where's Mendoza's body?"

I stared about me, and then pointing to the huge gap the ice had made, answered, "It was there. Where it is now I know not.

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