

The Mystery of the Frankin.

A POSSIBLE CASE. BY JULES VERNE. Capt. John Branigan had kissed his wife and child a last good-bye, and as Dolly had reached up to take her 10-months-old babe from her husband's arms, she had seen on their little Wat's cheeks the tears which had gone with that last kiss. It was the morning of March 15, 1875, and the good ship Franklin, loaded with a mixed cargo for Calcutta, drew slowly out of the harbor of San Diego. Capt. John was one of the favorite employees of the rich shipping house of William H. Andrew.

It was to be the Franklin's first voyage, and Mr. Andrew had made choice of Branigan to command her, he being in the opinion of all the most trustworthy officers attached to the fleet of merchantmen. Dolly stood for nearly an hour watching the Franklin, until her hull disappeared from view and her grand spread of snow white canvas had dwindled to the size of a sea gull on the distant horizon. At last it faded away completely, and Dolly permitted her cousin Jane, the wife of Len Burkler, to lead her away. The nurse, carrying little Wat, walked beside the heavy-hearted mother.

had disappeared with her husband—might object to the long walk, Dolly had slipped out of the house unobserved, and had made her way towards the docks. Something prompted her to pass in front of the house where the Burkers had formerly lived. It was gone! On its site stood a massive brick building several stories high. Dolly pressed her hand to her brow. Could she be dreaming? Everything seemed so shadowy and unreal to her.

Entering the offices of the steam launch, she inquired for Zach Fren, the old sailor. He had shipped on a vessel bound for some European port. It was a three-master—the Californian—and would be absent months. And in order to convince Mrs. Branigan of the truth of his statement, the clerk had picked up a file of the shipping list. Dolly reached out for it mechanically. Suddenly her eyes fell upon the headline, March, 1879. She uttered a cry of despair and dashed out of the office. Her own strength astounded her. Swiftly and steadily she fled along the narrow sidewalks. Her only thought was to reach the business office of her husband's employers, to learn from Mr. Andrew's lips the full and terrible truth of which she now had but a bewildering glimmer.

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