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Under the Southern Cross.

It was about 4 o'clock on Christmas eve and business was over as I closed my desk and rose with a weary yawn. There was little in my surroundings to remind me of the day, no frost on the windows,

where the great, beautiful flowers have no perfume and the wonderful birds never sing, where the southern cross glitters over the land at night and the great dipper is upside down and the sun sets within two minutes of a quarter after 6 all the year around. So I had before me about two

ghosts in their white clothes, to bid me "buenas noches" and a happy Christmas, and incidentally to receive each his holiday gift of one or perhaps five big silver dollars, according to his station, from Jose, the half breed chief clerk, who on the strength of his dignity and of his speaking a little English kept

The last "muchas gracias, señor," had been said, and the last clerk glided out, and the gray headed old "punkah cooly" was stealthily watching to see me to take up my jacket, the signal for his departure, when the tramping of unmistakable and evidently stout boots sounded without, and with a pro-

fashioned sunbonnet. "Good evening, sir," they both called out, and Mrs. Hale added: "Wish you a merry Christmas, Mr. B. My ain't it hot!" subsiding into the bamboo chair which I had placed for her under the punkah, with a "pica hombre" (faster, man), to old Pedro, the cooly, who re-

and forth till I called, "Despacio" (gently). The Monhegan has been in the bay for a month past under charter to me for Boston, and was now cleared and ready to sail the next day. I had spent many a pleasant hour on board with the captain and his wife, rejoicing in the home-

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no snow on the ground outside and no sharp bracing cold in the air. The windows were as wide open as they could be, and the steady swinging of the "punkah" overhead was all that kept the room from being stiflingly hot and close, for the office was situated somewhere about latitude 14 north, in the faraway Philippine islands, hours and a half of daylight, and I was trying to decide whether to utilize it by riding out to the tennis club and having afternoon tea, or walking to the park to hear the band play, and see the Spanish dignitaries. The native clerks in the outer room had dusted up and now came gliding in with bare, spiny toed feet, like black headed

his shirt tucked inside his trousers and wore embroidered sandals, down to little Nito, the errand boy, hardly more than a savage of the wilderness. They had the "Christmas feeling" anyway, and associated it with the mercury's ranging from 80 to 105 degrees, as we New Englanders do its rambling from zero to freezing.

digious crash of the screen door there entered into my sanctum stalwart Captain Hale of the good ship Monhegan, arrayed in snowy linen and crowned with a broad pith helmet, accompanied by stout and jolly Mrs. Hale, carrying a big basket and a brown gingham umbrella, with her cheerful face beaming from the depths of a real old

doubled his efforts with a disapproving grunt. "Good gracious, Mr. B.," exclaimed Mrs. Hale, "don't, for pity's sake, make that poor old fellow work so this hot day on my 'count. Stop it," shaking her umbrella vigorously at Pedro, who took this for a signal to go faster still, and the big fan flapping madly back

like feeling it gave me to hear their good old Yankee forms of speech. The very sight of their healthy faces, bronzed by the sun in many seas, did me good in my weary exile, and their presence seemed to diffuse an atmosphere of the breezy pines and wind swept shores of Maine. But how good their primitive

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