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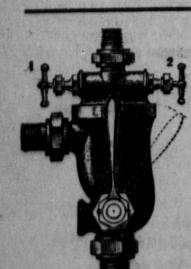
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the Claremont, coming up with a wind. Off to the westward, as the light increased Ransom made out a dark spot about half a mile away. It was the keel of the Wal kure, end on.

"Pull away there," he ordered, dropping to his thwart. "Pull-bend your back," he shouted at Ackland, as he found his greater strength was turning the boat from a straight line. Ackland laboured silently, beginning to feel that this adventure held little credit for him. In a short time they were up to the submerged hull, barely showing the keel above water.

"Way enough; in with your oar," shouted Ransom, now in a frenzy of excitement. He sprang to the stern with his oar and guided the boat up to the quarter of the wreck. Close to the rudder showed a dorsal fin.

"There's a shark,' exclaimed Ackland. "Don't be alarmed," said Ransom, kicking off his boots; he won't climb in. You're to keep this boat close to the quarter.' He whirled his oar aloft and brought it down over the dorsal fin, which disappeared showing an instant later 50 feet away. Crowding his knife firmly into its sheath, he tossed his cap down, peered a moment into the blue depths, then, drawing in a deep breath, dived overboard. Ackland sat on the thwart, pale and alternating and conflicting hopes -the hope that Ransom would reappear with Jessie, and the hope that the shark, which had darted farther away at the instant of the splash, and was now returning in curving zig-zags, would be able to dis pose of Ransom. But his desire for justification did not impel him to emu-

late this feat.

Ransom in a few downward strokes, reached the submerged taff rail, under which he darted; two strokes more brought him to the companionway in the port corner of the cabin. Into it and upward he swam, until his head struck the cabin floor, without his feeling aught but the pressure of water in his nostrils. Forward he went in the inky darkness, meeting stools and chairs, which he pushed aside, and finding by touch, the forward bulkhead of the cabin. Above him now, he knew was the hatch leading into the hold. His head seemed ready to burst. and his lungs ached with throbbing pain as he reached up for the hatch, which he had reasoned should be open. He felt a smooth surface—the cabin table, jammed legs upward, in the hatch, it resisted his efforts to dislodge it. Pulling himself around it, he found that one edge sagged down with his weight, and be forced his body between it and the floor. The pain in his lungs was indescribable agony. but he dared not expel the air, to replace it with water-which would kill him. He felt the edge of the hatch on the back of his knees, and in his extremity of physical and mental torture-his thoughts of Jessie, dying this death-put forth his strength. The legs of the table creaked. crashed loose with a noise that seemed deafening, and the obstruction sank down. Catching the edge of the hatch above him he pulled his body through and shot upward. It was but a few feet to the surface, but to this man, it was a span of miles, and years of time, before he reached it, and felt air on his face, and knew that

he could breathe. He emptied his lungs with a great groan of relief, and drew in a breath, which, though foul with the scent of the bilges, contained blessed, life-giving oxygen. Clinging to a stanchion, he breathed, in and out of his tortured lungs, the welcome air, until his blood, that had nearly ceased by W. W. Short. moving, and his heart, that had nearly ceased beating, resumed their functions. Then, while breast and brain were still racked with the terrible agony, he called hoarsely:

"Jessie."

A wailing scream answered-close t him: "Help-help me. Who is it?" It was worth that dive to Ransom-to hear

"It's me, Jessie; it's Ransom. Where are you? Can you come to me?" "Ned Ned! help me. Save me. Yes, I'll come. Where are you?" He reached out in the direction of her voice and felt her hairwet and draggled She was clinging to the next stanchion, and he drew her in to

and so cold," she mouned, as she clung to good.

"Yes, Jessie, I will. Don't talk now.

Let me get my breath." She was silent, and after a little he placed her hands on the stanchion and said, gently: "Hold yourself, Jessie; I must kick the table away from the hatch." "Don't leave me, Ned. Don't," he

"Just a minute, Jessie." He sank down, found the hatch clear and returned to her. With his arm around her he supported the benumbed and exhausted girl until he thought himself recovered sufficiently to make the return. Then he said to her: "When I count three, take a good, long breath and catch hold of my belt. We must swim through the cabin." kiss on her cold lips, which barely moved in response. "It's the first one, Jessieperhaps the last; there's a shark outside," he said. knowing, as men know in such extremes, that the shark was all that now could make it the last. " Ready, now ?

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FOUND IN OLD SHIPS.

Secret Treasures Hidden No One Knows By Whom or How Long Ago-Two Mummi-

fied Hands. The utilization of apparent waste is well exemplified in the breaking up of ships of various kinds, for every nail and every chip are put aside for sale; but in the case of vessels of considerable tonnage, and especially of very old craft, finds both curious and valuable are by no means rare. To give a recent instance, an old wooden vessel that was broken up near Greenwich only a few months back revealed a very curious sight when some old planking in the forecastle had been torn down. Here, nailed up, were the two mummified hands of a negro, and in the palm, of each hand, and transfixed by the same nails that held the hands, were two counterfeit silver dollars. The hands had been hacked off

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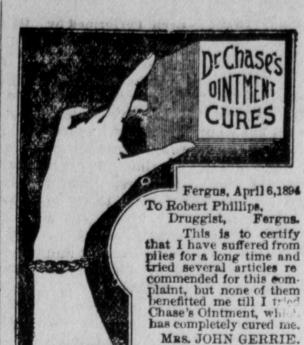
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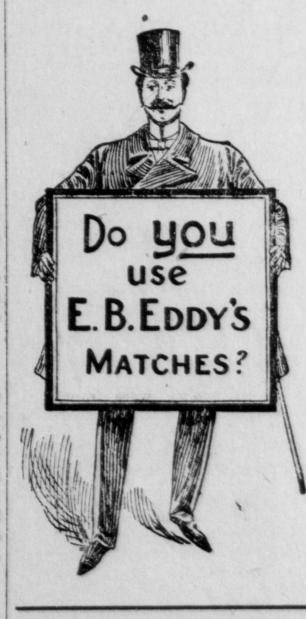
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