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mance of Cape Cod, written by
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soil. Read of the old sea cap-
tain who has returned to spend
the remainder of his days among
his boyhood friends; read of
the quaint little waif who came
to him unbidden and of the place
she won in his heart; read of the
pretty schoolteacher, the sancti-
monious congressman, the grown-
up boys Asaph Tidditt and Bai-
ley Bangs; read of Keturah and
Cap'n Josiah Dimick and Lem
Myrick and all the other quaint
folk of Bayport and you will
find entertainment a-plenty.
There was only one Charles
Dickens, but in character de-
lineation Joseph C. Lincoln has
a touch worthy of the master.

will, dated some years back, in which
Mrs. Mary Thomas, the child's mother,
left to her daughter all her personal
property and also the land in Orham,
Mass., which had been willed to her
by her own mother. There was a note
with the will in which Mrs. Thomas
stated that no one save herself had
known of this land, not even her hus-
band. She had not told him because
she feared that, like everything else,
it would be sold and the money wasted
in dissipation. "He suspected some-
thing of the sort," she added, "but he
did not find out the secret, although
he"—She had evidently scratched
out what followed, but Captain Cy
mentally filled in the blank with de-
tails of abuse and cruelty. "If any-
thing happens to me," concluded the
widow, "I want the land sold and the
money used for Emily's maintenance
as long as it lasts."

The captain went over to Orham and
looked up the land. It was a strip
along the shore, almost worthless and
unsalable at present. The taxes had
been regularly paid each year by
Mary Thomas, who sent money orders
from Concord. The self denial repre-
sented by these orders was not a little.

"Never mind, Bos'n," said Captain
Cy when he returned from the Orham
trip. "Your ancestral estates ain't
much now but a sand flea menagerie.
However, if this section ever does get
to be the big summer resort folks are
prophesying for it you may sell out to
some millionaire and you and me'll go
to Europe. Meantime we'll try to keep
afloat, if the Harniss bank don't spring
a leak."

On the day following this conversa-
tion he took a flying trip to Ostabie,
the county seat, returning the same
evening and saying nothing to any one
about his reasons for going nor what
he had done while there.

Bos'n's birthday was the 18th of No-
vember. The captain, in spite of the
warmth of his struggle for committee
honors, determined to have a small
celebration on the afternoon and even-
ing of that day.

The supper was a brilliant success.
So was the cake, brought in with can-
dles ablaze, by the grinning Georgian-
na. Toward the end of the meal, when
the hilarity at the long table was at
its height, an unexpected guest made
his appearance. There was a knock at
the dining room door, and Georgianna,
opening it, was petrified to behold
standing upon the step no less a per-
sonage than the Hon. Heman Atkins,
supposed by most of us to be then
somewhere in that wide stretch of ter-
ritory vaguely termed "the south."

"Good evening, all," said the illus-
trious one, removing his silk hat and
stepping into the room. "What a
charming scene! I trust I do not in-
trude."

But Captain Cy rose to the occasion
grandly.

"Intrude?" he repeated. "Not a mite
of it! Mighty glad to see you, Heman.
Here, give us your hat. Pull up to the
table. When did you get back?
Thought you was in the orange groves
somewheres."

"Ahem! I was. Yes, I was in that
neighborhood. But it is hard to stay
away from dear old Bayport—home
ties, you know, home ties. I came
down on the morning train, but I
stopped over at Harniss on business
and drove across. Ahem! Yes. The
housekeeper informed me that my
daughter was here, and, seeing the
lights and hearing the laughter, I could
not resist making this impromptu call.
I'm sure as an old friend and neighbor,
Cyrus, you will pardon me, Alicia,
darling, come and kiss papa."

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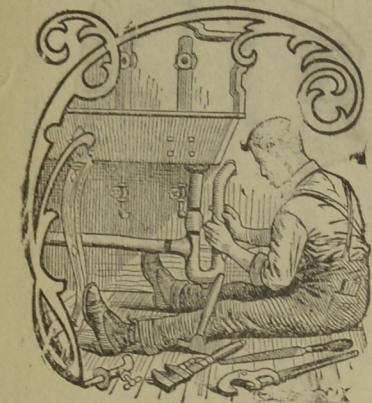
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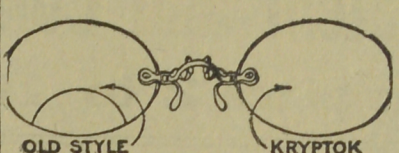
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lectmen as well as chairman of the
committee. He was a hard headed old
salt, who had made money in the
Australian packet service. He had
common sense, independence and con-
siderable influence in the town. Next
to Congressman Atkins he was per-
haps our leading citizen. And, more
than all, he was not afraid, when he
thought it necessary, to oppose the
great Heman.

"Well," he said reflectively after
listening to Captain Cy's brief state-
ment of his candidacy. "I call'te I'll
stand in with you, Cy. I ain't got any-
thing against Lonzo, but—but—well,
consarn it, maybe that's the trouble;
maybe he's so darned good it makes
me jealous. Anyhow, I'll do what I
can for you."

Joe Dimick laughed aloud. He was
an iconoclast, seldom went to church
and was entirely lacking in reverence;
also he really liked the captain.

"Ho, ho!" he crowed. "Whit, do
you realize that you're underminin'
this town's constitution? Oh, sartin,
I'm with you, if it's only to see the
fur fly! I do love a scrap."

With Lem Myrick Captain Cy's pol-
icy was different. He gently reminded
that gentleman of the painting con-
tract, intimated that other favors might
be forthcoming and then as a clincher
spoke of Tad Skapson's comment
when Mr. Myrick voted for Phoebe
Dawes.

"Of course," he added, "if you think
Tad's got a right to boss all hands
and the cook, why, I ain't complainin',
only if I was a painter doin' a good,
high class trade and a one boss barber
tried to dictate to me I shouldn't bow
down and tell him to kick easy as he
could. Seems to me I'd kick first.
But I'm no boss; I mustn't influence
you."

Lemuel was indignant.

"No barber runs me," he declared.
"You stand up for me when that town
hall paintin's to be done, and I'll work
hard for you now, Cap'n Whittaker.
Lonzo Snow's an elder and all that,
but I can't help it. Anyway, his place
was all fixed up a year ago, and I
didn't get the job. A feller has to look
after himself these days."

With these division commanders to
lead their forces into the enemy's
country and with Asaph and Bailey
doing what they could to help, Captain
Cy's campaign soon became worthy of
respectful consideration. For awhile
Tad Simpson scoffed at the opposition;
then he began to work openly for Mr.
Snow. Later he marshaled his trusted
officers around the pool table in the
back room of the barber shop and con-
fided to them that it was anybody's
fight and that he was worried.

"It's past bein' a joke," he said.
"It's mighty serious. We've got to
hustle, we have. Heman trusted me
in this job, and if I fall down it'll be
bad for me and for you fellers too. I
wish he was home to run things him-
self, but he's got business down south
there—some property he owns or some-
thin'—and says he can't leave. But
mind how—just get 'em, that's all."

Captain Cy was thoroughly enjoying
himself. The struggle suited him to
perfection. He did not, however, for-
get Bos'n. He took the child into his
confidence and told her of the daily
gain or loss in votes as if she were his
own age. She understood a little of
all this and tried hard to understand
the rest, preaching between times to
Georgianna how "the bad men are
trying to beat Uncle Cyrus 'cause he
is gooder than they, but they can't,
'cause everybody loves him so." Geo-
gianna had some doubts, but she kept
them to herself.

Among the things in Bos'n's "box"
was a long envelope, sealed with wax
and with a lawyer's name printed in
one corner. The captain opened it,
at Emily's suggestion, and was aston-
ished to find that the enclosure was a