Trumet needs you."

you to be-to be-

er, is she smart?"
"Yes. She's well."

"Will you-shall you go alone? At

"Married? No. Grace and I ha

talked it over and we've agreed it best to wait till I come back. She' stay in the old house with Hannah." "Good-by, captain."

"Good-by. Er—I say, Mr. Eller; how's things at the parsonage? Er-Kezlah—Mrs. Coffin, your housekeep

"That's good. Say, you might to her good-by for me, if you want to

Tell her I wished her all the luthere was. And—and—just say the

—say just that, will you?—her friend said 'twas all right. She'll understand it's a—a sort of joke between us."

"Very good, captain; I'll tell her."

They shook hands and parted. Didama and her fellow news-venders

distributed the tale of Captain Nat's

sailing broadcast during the next fer

days. There was much wonderment at the delayed marriage, but the gen-

eral verdict was that Captain Eben's

recent death and the proper respect due to it furnished sufficient excuse.

Hannah Poundberry, delighted at be-

ing so close to the center of interest,

talked and talked, and thus Grace was

spared the interviews which would

have been a trouble to her. Nat left town via the packet, on the following Wednesday. Within another week

came the news that his ship, the Sea

CHAPTER XIV.

In Which Trumet Talks of Captain

through on its regular trips, except when snow or slush rendered the

oads impassable, but passengers were

thich were fortunate enough to esbe by taking to the dories, and an-er, a British bark, which struck on farthest bar and was beaten to

from the shore, for launching a boat in that surf was impossible. Mr. Pep-

per made no more calls at the parson-

age, and when the minister met him,

at church or elsewhere, seemed anx-

"Well, Abishai," asked Ellery, on one of these occasions, "how are you

locked you up again?"

"No, sir, she ain't," replied Kyan.

leave you here? Why! well, I'm

"Godfreys mighty! so be I. But she

says she b'lieves she needs a change and there's church conference up

there, you know, and she figgers that she ain't been to conference she don't know when. I s'pose you'll go, won't you, Mr. Eilery?"
"Probably."

Lavinia got herself elected a dele

gate and went, in company with Captain Elkanah, Mrs. Mayo, and others,

to the conference. She was a faithful

ndant at the meetings and seemed

o be having a very good time. She atroduced the minister to one Caleb ratt, a resident of Sandwich, whom

she was a girl.
"Mr. Pratt's a cousin of Thankful

Payne over to home," volunteered La-vinia. "You know Thankful, Mr. El-

Lavinia confided to her pastor that

Nor. Pratt made the best shoes in Ostable county. He could fit any kind of feet, she declared, and the minister

ought to try him sometime. She added

Spring once more; then summer.

those days, when there were no cables

and the telegraph was still something

of a noyelty, word of his arrival should have reached Trumet months before this. But it had not come, and did not.

Before the summer was over, the wis

es of the retired skippers wer

that he had money in the bank.

ous to avoid an interview.

Nat.

The stage came

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A WISE CHILD

"So you are bad sometimes?"

"And why, my child are you bad sometimes?" "So that I'll be appreciated whe

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And now people were again speaking of Captain Nat Hammond. His ship was overdue, long overdue. Even in Wood's Phosphodine,



It's a long vyage, ever happened to the Sea Mist, something come back direct, which ain't likel So I may not see the old town ag: As the weeks and months went by

for a couple of years. Take care yourself, won't you? Good men, o pecially ministers, are scurse, as without news of the missing vessel, this belief became almost a certainty. At the Come-Outer chapel, where Eze from what I hear about you I call kiel Bassett now presided, prayers were offered for the son of their for-"When are you going?"
"Last of next week, most likely."

One afternoon Keziah came into El lery's study, where he was laboring with his next Sunday sermon, and sa down in the rocking-chair. She ha been out and still wore her bonnet and

"John," she said, "I ask your pardon for disturbin' you. I wanted to ask if you knew Mrs. Prince was

"No. Is she? I'm awfully sorry Nothing serious, I hope?"

"No, I guess not. Only she's got cold and is kind of under the weather I thought p'r'aps you'd like to run us and see her. She thinks the world and all of you, 'cause you was so goo when she was distressed about he son. Poor old thing! she's had hard time of it. I just heard that sh was ailin' from Didama Rogers. Di dama said she was all but dyin', so knew she prob'ly had a little cold, o somethin'. If she was really very bad. Di would have had her buried by this time, so's to be sure her news was ahead of anybody else's. I ain't been up there, but I met her t'other morn-

"Didama?" "No; Mrs. Prince. She'd come down to see Grace."

"Oh."
"Yes. The old lady's been awful kind and sympathizin' since—since this new trouble. It reminds her of the loss of her own boy, I presume likely, and so she feels for Grace John, what do they say around town about—about him?"

Mist, had sailed from New York, bound for Manila. "Captain Hammond? Why, if you mean that they've all given up hope I should hardly say that. Captain Mayo and Captain Daniels were speak ing of it in my hearing the other day and they agreed that there was still a chance."

"A pretty slim one, though, the

callated, didn't they?"
"Well, they were—were doubtful, of course. There was the possibility that with ice, the packet ceased to run, and the village settled down to hiberhe had been wrecked somewhere and hadn't been picked up. They cited several such cases. The South Pa cific is full of islands where vessel seldom touch, and he and his crev may be on one of these." very few. Twice there were wrecks, one of a fishing schooner, the crew of

"John," she answered, with a sight "sometimes I think you'd better go another housekeeper. "What? Are you going to leav me? You?"

"Oh, 'twouldn't be because I wanted to. But it seems almost as if ther and that," she smiled faintly, "as it 'twas sort of catchin', as you might say. Everybody I ever cared for has had somethin' happen to 'em. My brother died; my—the man I married



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make you so; I sent Nat away and h

"No, no. He didn't blame you. H sent you word that he didn't. Aur Keziah, you're my anchor to wil ward, as they say down here. If lost you, goodness knows where I should drift. Don't you ever talk of leaving me again."

"Thank you, John. I'm glad you want me to stay. I won't leave yet awhile; never—unless I have to. John,

"You did? From—from that man?"
"Yup, from—" For a moment it seemed as if she were about to pronounce her husband's name, some-thing she had never done in his presence; but if she thought of it, she changed her mind.

From him," she said. "He wanted money, of course: he always does

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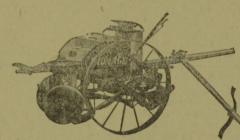
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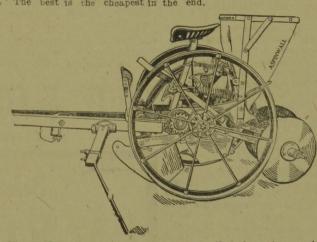
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