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"Have you mentioned them to him? Have you called his attention especially to them, I mean?"

"Yes, sir, I have," replied the soldier, reluctantly.

"And you have evidently not influenced him, you see. Therefore, I fail to see how I can let them weigh with me."

"But the delay, sir, of a day, of an hour even, until I can communicate with the Admiral again! For God's sake, sir, do not hang this gentleman like a dead weight on me."

"Major Coventry, you are a soldier and should not make such an appeal. I have my orders. You have shown me no cause to disregard them. I cannot take it upon myself to do so. I dare not."

"But an hour, sir, until I—"

"Not an hour, sir. At five bells they must be carried out," replied the captain, inflexibly. "No more, sir," he added, as Coventry made an impetuous step forward. "I have indulged you too long, already. Mr. Pascoe, take the prisoner forward."

"It is useless, Coventry. Why prolong this agony longer? You have done what you could. I thank you and bless you," said O'Neill, as they walked along the deck to the place of the grating.

"Will you please step up here, sir?" said Pascoe, the first lieutenant of the Serapis, who had the matter in charge. "Going to the grating on the rail as they came abreast of it."

"It is a fair and easy place from which to step to Heaven, sir, or to the other place as well," said the Irishman, smiling, as he stepped upon the rail. I pray you to tell your men to start me on my way with a quick pull and a swift run."

Pascoe nodded in comprehension. This would be a case in which speed would be merited.

A boatswain's mate now stepped up beside the prisoner and bound his feet and hands with a lashing. A hangman's knot had been made by expert fingers in the rope leading from the yardarm, and the running noose was quickly tied about O'Neill's throat.

"The collar of an ancient order," observed O'Neill, still smiling. "And one last request, sir," he added nodding to the lieutenant.

"And that is?"

"Throw away that black cap, sir. Let me go with my eyes open."

The lieutenant hesitated a moment. The whole ship's company was filled with admiration for the intrepid and gallant Irishman.

"Do it, for God's sake, Pascoe," whispered Coventry, springing up alongside of O'Neill and the sailor, who, to avoid him, stepped back and stood on the rail by the fore shrouds.

"What are you doing there, Major Coventry?" answered Pascoe.

"Nothing. I promised to stand by him to the last," replied Coventry. The officer hesitated a moment and then threw the cap into the water.

"I thank you, said O'Neill huskily. "How much time is there?"

"About two minutes, I think," said the lieutenant nervously.

"You will run away with the fall at the first stroke of the bell?"

"The last sir."

"No more," said O'Neill to Coventry, turning his face in the direction of the shore. The deep voice of the white robed priest alone broke the silence.

"Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee."

Out on the water a white sailed little boat was speeding swiftly toward them. There was a woman in it. The eyes of love, even in the presence of death, are keen, perhaps even keener than ever. It was Elizabeth Howard. O'Neill recognized her at once. Good heavens! Why had she come here? She would arrive in time to see him swinging lifeless from the yardarm—a hideous sight for any woman. He could not take his eyes from her.

"See!" he whispered to Coventry. "That boat yonder! She is there."

"My God!" said the officer. "What shall we do?"

"Nothing; 'tis too late,"

"She has something in her hand!" cried Coventry. "What can it be?"

"Forward there!" cried the captain, watch in hand. "Strike the bell five!"

The mellow tones of the first couplet of the ship's bell rang out in obedience to the command. The hour was come! It was his death signal, but O'Neill never turned his head.

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from the approaching boat. The old quartermaster struck the bell deliberately, lingering over it reluctantly. A little shiver ran through the men.

"Stand by!" shouted the lieutenant in a voice he strove to make firm. "Make a quick jerk and a lively run, lads, for God's sake!"

The men grasped the rope more firmly and sprang into position for the jump. The next couplet was struck on the bell. The boat was nearer now. Coventry saw that the woman waved something that looked like a paper in her hand. The last stroke of the bell rang out on the breathless, silent ship.

"Set that!" cried the lieutenant hoarsely. The men leaped forward instantly to the shrill piping of the boatswain and his mate. "Sway away!" he cried.

The tightened rope caught the Irishman by the throat. A lightning flash seemed to cleave the skies. He saw, as in a vision, a great hall hung with arras, a picture frame, a woman radiant, beautiful, her eyes shining, an upraised hand. Like silver bells a voice murmured, "I love him. I love him!"

She moved—ah a gigantic hand caught him by the throat. He strove to cry out. It clutched him tighter. Blackness like a pall before him. Blackness like the smiling face—death—agony—he saw no more. He swung into the air and was nothing.

The quick eye of Major Coventry had detected at last what the girl was waving.

"That paper!" he cried frantically as the last bell struck. "It must be a reprieve. The admiral has relented."

Was it too late? Quick as thought he snatched the sheath from the belt of the sailor near him. It was too late to stop the men on the rope even had he possessed the power, but as O'Neill rose in the air he caught him around the waist and with one rapid blow severed the straining rope above his head. Assisted at once by the sailor alongside of him, they lowered the bound, unconscious man upon the deck beneath them. It was all done in the twinkling of an eye. The men on the ship broke out in ringing cheers.

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MR. CARROLL'S PROMOTION.

Gentleman Well Known Here Receives Recognition from His Employees.

Good news for the opening of 1906 says the Telegraph comes to W. A. Carroll, the popular manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company for New Brunswick. Mr. Carroll has just been promoted to the charge of the Nova Scotia business, which is considered a larger and more important field than New Brunswick. He will take up his new work at the first of the new year and his headquarters will be in Halifax, whether he will remove his household.

Mr. Carroll succeeds John McLeod as Nova Scotia manager and is himself succeeded by Merritt Brewer, of Woodstock, in charge of New Brunswick. Mr. Brewer has been local manager at Woodstock for three years, though he has been longer than that with the company. The New Brunswick headquarters will be again established in St. John; they are now in Fredericton.

Last evening in the St. John offices, the pleasure of the staff in learning of Mr. Carroll's deserved promotion, and their good feelings for him were expressed in an address presented to him on their behalf by T. J. McDonald, local manager. Accompanying the address was a gentleman's traveling case, very finely appointed.

The recipient suitably expressed his pleasure in acceptance of the handsome remembrance and also in hearing their good wishes for his continued prosperity. Mr. Carroll will go to Moncton on business today, but will return to St. John before leaving for Halifax.

A very little girl came in from school one day very indignant because she had been kept in to correct her problems after the others had been dismissed.

"Mamma," she said, "I never, never speak to Edna Bates again as long as I live."

"Why, dear?" asked her mother.

"Because," pointed the little maid, "because I copied all my zamples off her and every one of 'em was wrong!"

When a Scotch schoolmaster entered the temple of learning one morning he read on the blackboard:

"Our teacher is a donkey."

The pupils expected there would be a cyclone; but the philosophic pedagogue contented himself with adding the word "driver" and opened the school as usual.

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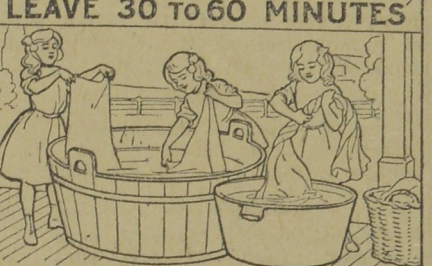
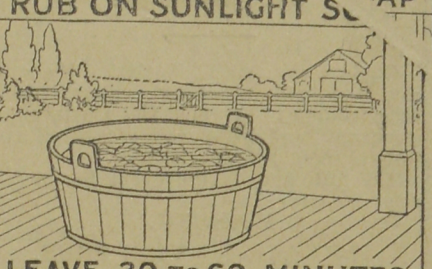
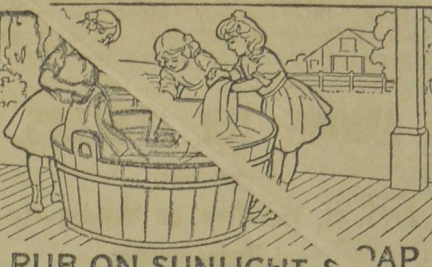
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In response to a direct inquiry, she then acknowledged her identity and frankly avowed that she was here for the purpose of obtaining a divorce.

She was unaccompanied. A white pitz dog is her only companion. She brought five trunks and rented one of the best suites in the hotel. She seems to have plenty of money and seems delighted with the prospect of divorce.

"I came direct from New York," she said, "this talk about me being in Europe is manifestly wrong. It is true Maj. Miller saw me aboard a vessel which conveyed me to Paris last summer, but I have been back for some time. Maj. Miller's attentions were those of a perfect gentleman and an old friend, nothing more. Mr. Fitzsimmons cannot prove anything to the contrary. He has grossly mistreated me, and I can establish

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