

A SKATING INTERLUDE.

"Six months ago it was," said he—"It seems a century of changes—Since here beneath this very tree We watched the moonlight mountain ranges. It late this classic skating rink. That so profane our silent river. The sacred spot where once we roved. A faithful at should endure forever."

A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

I am getting rather old, and live more in the past than in the future, but I have knocked about so much, and met with so many strange adventures through my life that this must be my excuse for the love I have of every now and then taking up a pen and jotting down some of my recollections, when I seem in a manner to live my life over again.

small coasting felucca with a large lateen sail, of the kind so common in the Mediterranean. Antonio and the man I had first spoken to the night before were busy stowing away a miscellaneous cargo of grain, fruit and bacca, or dried stockfish, which, it is to be hoped, tastes better than it smells.

I thought of calling the man and boy out of the hold and threatening to shoot them if they did not navigate the ship properly, but I myself felt so tired and exhausted that I did not dare trust them, in case I should fall asleep.

I saw a speck on the horizon. My heart leaped with excitement as I instantly turned the helm in that direction. The speck grew bigger and bigger, until at last I made out the form of a brig sailing toward me. Soon I could make out a flag—the American stars and stripes. I tied my handkerchief to a stick and made signals of distress.

would gladly give me a passage. Needless to say, I jumped at his offer. We removed the covering from the hold, and called on the men to come up, but could get no answer.



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