

# THE PILLAR OF LIGHT

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE FIRST CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER I.—A daybreak an assistant keeper of the lighthouse, passing the gallery, discovers the distance in a ship in distress. The ship is seen to be a steamer, and the assistant keeper, who is a young man, goes to the aid of the vessel. He finds the body of a dead man and a woman who is in a state of unconsciousness. He carries her to the lighthouse and gives her the attention of which she stands in need. The little one is placed in the care of the nurse who has charge of the children. The assistant keeper, who is a young man, goes to the aid of the vessel. He finds the body of a dead man and a woman who is in a state of unconsciousness. He carries her to the lighthouse and gives her the attention of which she stands in need. The little one is placed in the care of the nurse who has charge of the children.

would have foreseen were his thoughts less tumultuous. With the support of the sea withdrawn from half its length the huge hull must either slip back into deep water or break in two. The slender steel shell of an ocean liner is not constructed to resist the law of gravity acting on full 5,000 tons. So the hull, looking colossal cracked like a cavity, and the after part fell back into the watery chasm, there to be swallowed instantly and a turmoil which happily drowned the despairing shrieks of far more than half of those on board.

Chapter VI.—Continued.

And the pity of it! The wind was dropping. In another hour the weather might moderate appreciably, the tide would sweep her away from the horrible reef and help would be forthcoming. Indeed, even then a powerful steam trawler was preparing to fight her way out of Pezomachus harbor, with brave men on board ready to take any risk to save a ship in distress.

Constance and Enid screamed bitterly in their woe, but again they were saved from utter collapse by the exclamations of the moment. Brand, who expected to see the remainder of the ship blown up by the bursting of the sea to the furnaces, dragged them forcibly below the level of the protecting balustrade.

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rested his arms for an instant on the flat knob of the truck.

Here his face came into the lower focus of the light—strong, clean shaven, clear cut features, a square, determined chin, two dark, earnest eyes and a mop of ruffled black hair, for his deerstalker cap had blown off ere he cleared the spar deck.

Constance, she darted away to bring it, and when the adventurer clinging to the foremast had thrown a coil successfully, Brand took the instrument.

were leaving the ship in order of seniority, the Juniors first. Just as the quartet were about to swing clear of the ship the captain grasped Pynes's hand.

There were left on the vessel the third, second and first officers, the purser and the captain. The others wanted the captain to come with them. He resisted, held out for his right to be the last to quit a ship he had commanded for more than twenty years and hoarse-ly forbade any further argument.

Very unwillingly they left him hauling alone at the rope, though their predecessors, knowing the need of it, helped vigorously from the gallery. Indeed, it was with difficulty that Pynes was held back from retreating with the descending rope. They told him he was mad to dream of such a piece of folly, and before he desisted.

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Meanwhile, Constance and he saw that the rope was moving through the pulley without their assistance. Then through the whirling acid beneath they made out an ascending figure clinging to it. Soon he was close to the gallery. Catching him by arms and collar they lifted him into safety. He was one of the junior officers, and Constance, though she hardly expected it, experienced a momentary feeling of disappointment that the first man to escape was not the handsome youth to whose cool daring some at least of the ship's company would owe their lives.

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