

A DUEL IN A STORM

(Original.)
The good sailing ship Dorothy Hatch was towed out of New York harbor. The only passenger, a man with handsome, though sensual, features and a bad eye, stood watching the different points of interest. The crew were setting things to rights on deck, the captain on the poop keeping an eye on them, for so long as his vessel was being towed he had no responsibility of navigation.

"What's that baggage down there?" he asked, pointing to a trunk, a valise and a bag standing against the mizzen mast.

"It belongs to a passenger that didn't come aboard," replied the purser.

"Well, take it down to the stateroom engaged. The room's been paid for, I suppose?"

The baggage was carried below. As it passed the only passenger and he caught sight of the owner's initials, R. C. B., on the end of the trunk he started, and the captain, noticing that he was very pale, remarked:

"What, sick already? Why, we haven't reached the lower bay yet."

The passenger walked away, and the captain wondered.

As the land line was sinking below the horizon supper was called, and out of the stateroom where the missing passenger's baggage had been taken walked its owner. Entering the cabin, where the other passenger was seated on the captain's left, he took the seat on the captain's left.

"Upon my word," exclaimed the astonished captain, "where did you come from?"

"Didn't feel well," was the reply, "and went directly to my stateroom. I was in the upper berth with the curtains drawn when the men brought in my luggage."

"H'm, singular. This is Mr. Gathany, who we supposed was our only passenger. Mr. Gathany, Mr. Brooks."

The two men bowed formally. The captain strove to introduce conversation at the table, but, failing, at his supper in silence and went on deck.

"How is it, Mr. Sweetser," he asked of the mate, "that this passenger Brooks came aboard without being noticed?"

"Don't know, sir. I stood at the gangway all the while and I didn't see him."

At first there was fear among the crew that the stranger was something uncanny and would hoodoo the ship, but he appeared so unobtrusive, spoke in such a gentle voice and with all seemed so kindly disposed that this feeling soon died away, or, rather, was transferred to the other passenger, Gathany. At any rate, a prejudice sprang up against the man, and, when one day the barometer suddenly fell nearly an inch within half an hour and a terrible black cloud came out of the west, growing in a few minutes from the size of a ship's sail to cover the whole heavens, one of the men remarked: "The devil's aboard this ship in some fashion, and I think he's that black looking passenger."

The hurricane struck the vessel before sufficient sail for safety could be got in and a jib burst with a report like a cannon. Then the fore topmast was carried away with its canvas. Next the mizzen mast went by the board and had to be cut loose. After this there was nothing to do except to man the pumps, but despite the crew's best efforts the leaking ship took water faster than it could be pumped out.

"Where are the passengers?" roared the captain. "Do they think we're going to let them skulk at such a time. Go find them, Mr. Sweetser."

The mate went up into the cabin and there an astonishing sight met his gaze. The two passengers, maned with cutlasses, were in a life and death struggle as terrible as that of the crew at the pumps. In vain the mate called on them to desist; that the ship was sinking; that they were needed at the pumps. They saw him, but for the fear of the hurricane could not hear him.

But neither for a moment took his gaze off the other. Presently the mate went back and reported the strange scene. The captain sprang away to keep the two men who were fighting from killing each other. When he came to the cabin he saw Brooks bending over Gathany, looking into a dying face, with an expression of fierce hate. The captain plucked the victor by the sleeve, saying:

"Come, the pumps! We're sinking!"

At that moment it seemed as if some one had thrown a handful of white powder on the fallen man's face. There was a gurgle. His jaw dropped. He was dead.

Then for the first moment Brooks learned to realize that there was a hurricane. The captain took hold of his arm and led him away to the pumps, where he took his place and worked mechanically. But he had scarcely begun when a yellow light shone through a port hole, and the captain, looking out, saw a broad band between the dark heavens and darker water line. Meanwhile the wind had lulled, and in a few minutes there was scarcely a zephyr.

For the rest of the voyage the crew looked upon Brooks as having saved them. Not a man but believed Gathany had wrecked Brooks' life, and the storm god would not rest till the injured man had had his revenge. But no one ever knew what was the feud between them, and no one dared ask.

When port was reached Brooks went ashore. As he walked down the gangplank every man aboard leaned over the gunwale to watch him, and, as he could be seen for a long distance, not an eye was turned from him till he finally disappeared. He was never seen or heard of again by any of them.

HENRY GEORGE GRAHAM.

SHOPPING IN FEZ.

Pay Half the Price Demanded. Grab Your Goods and Go.

A white visitor to Fez, in Morocco, once went shopping in the bazaars of the city accompanied by a servant of the sultan, who told him to see to it that the shopper was not cheated by the greedy merchants. At the first shop visited the would-be customer asked to be shown something that rested on a high shelf. The lazy merchant only yawned and said he would rather sell something from the floor, which he would not have to rise to get. This angered the sultan's servant, who not only made the merchant hand down the article required, but when the price was named laid down half the amount, grabbed the goods and made off.

The shopper protested, but the servant laughed and said it was the custom of the country. This was repeated at several shops without eliciting a protest. At one place, though, the merchant refused to give up his goods in that way and was rewarded by a boxed ear and an admonition not to ill treat the sultan's white friend.

Later the two visited the markets, where everything was sold at auction. The auctioneer seemed always to wear fewer clothes than any one else. His method of selling was curious. He would take a piece of goods from a nearby shopkeeper and start out to sell it on commission. Holding it as high as possible, he would call for a bid. Then he would start on the run around the market. If any one wished to examine the merchandise the auctioneer would drop it into his hands, take the bid if one was made and then resume his run around the place.

When he had made three circuits of the market he would turn the article over to the highest bidder.—New York Press.

THE TWO HEADED SNAKE.

A Boa Constrictor That Has a Very Deceptive Tail.

Every now and then some traveler tells of a two headed snake which exists in Egypt, and whenever the narrator hasn't seen the snake himself, he is more or less disposed to assert that there really is a snake with two heads in Egypt, because he has been told about it by many reliable persons. Indeed, sometimes a traveler who has actually caught a glimpse of the snake is likely to declare that it truly is two headed, for the serpent certainly appears to be so when seen only by chance.

It is only when the snake is actually taken up and examined closely that the truth is revealed.

The two headed snake is not a poisonous serpent. It is only a boa constrictor, and it is fairly common. But it is so secretive that it hides away in its sandy burrows almost constantly. It is strangely formed in so far that its tail, instead of tapering off to a point as the tails of other snakes do, widens out into a bludgeon shape, thus making it look so utterly unlike a tail that it is almost impossible to think it is anything but a head when the snake is seen for only a moment.

To add to the deception, jugglers catch these boas and paint jaws and eyes on the tail. The work is so carefully done that only a trained observer can distinguish the real head from the false. Thus the story of the two headed snake has obtained wide circulation, and has even crept into the books of otherwise accurate writers.

But the second "head" is only a tail after all.—Exchange.

Room For Improvement.
At a dinner given by Sir Joshua Reynolds, at which were present Garrick, Johnson, Fox and others, Dr. Bernard, the dean of Derry, had asserted that after the age of forty-five a man does not improve. "I differ with you, sir," said Johnson. "A man may improve, and you yourself have great room for improvement." The dean was confounded and for the instant silent. Recovering himself, he remarked, "On reflection I see no cause to alter my opinion, unless I were to call it improvement for a man to grow—which, I allow, he may—positive, rude and insolent and save arguments by brutality."

Folded In.
"Madge, Harry asked me to marry him last night."
"Oh, I am delighted," replied her friend. "How did it happen?"
"Well, you see, he just asked me, and I said 'Yes,' and then he stood up and folded his arms."
"Well, I never! Was he not more interested than that? Whatever did you do at such treatment?"
"What could I do? You see, I was in his arms when he folded them."

Impossible.
Tommy was telling his mother about the wonderful things he saw at the country fair. When he claimed to have seen a monster pig that was bigger than his father his mother accused him of exaggerating.
"It is impossible," she said.—New York Press

Should Be Grateful.
"Yes, sir, Charlie says Miss De Witt made a perfect monkey out of him."
"Has he thanked her yet for the improvement she brought about?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Too Hard.
Farmer's Wife—Why have you left that piece of steak I sent out for you? Tramp (Indignantly)—I didn't ask for work, ma'am. I asked for something to eat.—Illustrated Bits.

Frankness consists in always telling the truth, but not always all the truth.—Balzac.

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No. 4	7:50 p. m.
No. 10	9:47 p. m.
No. 46	Way freight
No. 12	Passenger
No. 22	Carroll Local
West Bound.	
No. 21	Council Bluffs local
No. 1	7:18 a. m.
No. 5	7:04 a. m.
No. 3	7:35 p. m.
No. 11	1:07 p. m.
No. 11	5:22 a. m.
No. 9	Fast mail
No. 15	Fast mail
Boyer Valley	
No. 46	Leave
No. 41	Arrive
No. 45	5:50 p. m.

Previous to the democratic national convention Parker kept right on pitching hay.

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No. 31	Ft. Dodge & Co. Bluffs Local, (Daily except Sunday) 8:32 A. M.
No. 91	Local Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 1:00 P. M.
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