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## OCEAN SPECTERS.

Phantom Craft That Are Said to Haunt the High Seas.

### A CURIOUS ENGLISH RECORD.

The Log of the Warship Bacchante Under Date of July 11, 1881, Bears the Entry, "Flying Dutchman Crossed Our Bows"—The Goblin Ship.

There are numerous legends and stories of ghostly vessels that roam the briny deep, and many hard headed mariners, free from the common superstition of the ordinary sailorman, stoutly maintain that they have at least once in their maritime career encountered what was undoubtedly a phantom ship.

Best known of those mysterious craft that haunt the high seas is, of course, the famous Flying Dutchman, or phantom ship of Vanderdecken. How the story originated is doubtful, but it has been ascertained that there was a seaman of repute who many years ago sailed from Holland to the east via the Cape of Good Hope, but was never again heard of.

Some authorities say that, meeting with contrary winds off the cape, he swore a terrible oath, in consequence of which the divine wrath decreed that he should be occupied till the crack of doom in endeavoring to weather the headland. Others state that this punishment was meted out to him in retribution for a terrible murder he committed before commencing his fateful voyage.

Whatever the cause of this ancient gentleman's monotonous wandering may be, it is probably in connection with him that the most authentic and cold blooded record of any phantom exists either afloat or ashore, for it is stated that in the log of H. M. S. Bacchante while on a voyage round the world with the little princes in 1881 there appears on July 11 the entry, "Flying Dutchman crossed our bows." The log book of one of the then largest of her majesty's warships is certainly the very last place to expect to find that which is generally associated with the hysterical of either sex.

During January, 1647, a vessel left New Haven, Conn., on her maiden voyage, but was never again heard of. In the following June, just before the hour of sunset and after a severe thunderstorm, the missing ship was seen sailing up the river. The inhabitants, taking their evening stroll, were overjoyed at her return, but the most observant of them noticed that there was something uncanny about her, especially in that she appeared to be smiling up against the wind.

Then, to the consternation of all, she gradually faded away before their eyes and entirely disappeared. We may be assured that there were not wanting those who maintained that the vessel in spirit had paid a last visit to her port before resting for good on the ocean bed.

In the "Chronicles of the St. Lawrence," by Le Maine, it is recorded that on a certain day in the year a phantom ship is seen off Cap d'Espoir, in Gaspé bay. Lights are seen aboard her, and her decks are crowded with men. By the foot of the bowsprit a man is conspicuously standing and facing toward the shore, with a lady clinging to his arm. Gradually the lights go out and the vessel sinks. It is said to be the ghost of the flagship of a fleet which was sent out to reduce the French forts, the vessel being lost with all hands.

To come to British waters, there are numerous instances related in local history of the visitations of ghostly vessels, the west of England, as might be expected, being most prolific in these records, says a writer in the London Globe. Indeed, Cornwall boasts of a goblin ship probably unique the world over, as she not only sails the water, but proceeds most unconcerned a good distance inland.

This is the specter ship of Porthcurno, and in Robert Hunt's book on "Romances of the West of England" are related the experiences of a local inhabitant who witnessed one of her escapades. She is described as a black square rigged single masted vessel, sometimes towing a small boat. No crew are ever seen; presumably they are down below. The personal narrative goes on to say:

"On came the craft. It passed steadily through the breakers, glided up over the sands, steadily pursued its course on the dry land as if it had been water. On it went to Bodelan, where St. Leven formerly dwelt. It then steered its course to Chygwiden and there vanished like smoke."

### An Awful Blow.

"Yes," said Siltbers, "Mickley was my dearest friend, and I shall never cease to mourn his death. It was a terrible blow, from which I shall never recover."

"Why—I thought you married his widow?" said Jimpson.

"Why—er—ahem!—why, yes, I did; but—"

Here Siltbers subsided into a deep and uncomfortable silence.—Harper's Weekly.

### Poor Comedy.

"Why did she cut you?"

"She doesn't like my comedy."

"How's that?"

"She made the statement at a party last night that she was twenty years of age, and I said, 'Yes, I know that fifteen years ago.'—Houston Post.

No protecting devices are wanted if there is prudence.—Juvenal.

## WILL MEET SOON AT DICKINSON

The tenth annual meeting of the Missouri River Association of Congregational churches will meet at Dickinson April 8 and 9. The program is as follows:

Tuesday Evening, April 8, 1913.

8:30—Song Service.

8:15—Annual Sermon, Rev. J. E. Jones.

Communion Service—Rev. Alex. Douglas, Mott; Rev. J. S. Rood, Hebron.

Wednesday Morning.

9:00—Devotional.

9:15—Business.

Organization.

Reports of Churches.

Conference Theme.

"The Church At Work."

9:45—"What the Church Ought to Do in the Country Community."—Rev. Noah Garwick, Manning.

10:00—"What the Church Ought to Do in the Town or Small City."—Rev. W. H. Thomlinson, Beach.

10:15—"What the Church Ought to Do in the State Work."—Rev. E. H. Stiekney, D. D., Fargo.

10:30—Open Discussion (five minute talks).

"One Thing We Want to Do."

11:00—Examination of Candidates for Ordination.

12:00—Adjournment.

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2:10—Business.

2:20—Conference Theme.

"Religious Education."

2:30—Address, "The Message of the Bible to the Scholar."—Rev.

W. Knighton Bloom, Minot.

3:00—Address, "The Church's Contribution to Religious Education."—Supt. J. A. Kitchen, Sentinel Butte.

3:15—Round Table Discussion in charge of Rev. W. K. Bloom.

3:35—Ordination service.

### Wednesday Evening.

8:00—Song Service.

8:15—Address, "The Balkan War and the Balkans."—President C. C. Creegan, D. D., Fargo.

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