



RANK T. BULLEN writes stories of the sea that have not only the right ring of dramatic interest but are filled with good, sound and beautiful sentiments.

His first complete novel is just from the press of D. Appleton & Co., New York, and is called "A Whaler's Wife."

The story begins with the marriage of Priscilla to Captain Da Silva, a whaling captain of unsavory reputation.

You learn more of how whaling is done and the manner of handling the huge leviathans after they have been captured.

Here is a selection that will serve to give an idea of Mr. Bullen's style and will also be of interest as a graphic picture of the excitement attending the dangerous pursuit of whale hunting.

While the crew of the boat were thus engaged the captain, with that skill for which he was justly famous, had by means of the big steering oar, manipulated the boat so that she lay at a safe distance from the whale.

At last, when the bows felt as if their main would drop off at the shoulder, the captain's deep voice was heard, saying, "Peak cars, step mast up spirt."

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That scratch crew of wretches, broken-spirited as they were, seemed to catch a spark of the enthusiasm and exerted themselves in extraordinary ways in order to gain his approval.

conscious monsters, calmly and methodically pursuing their way, quietly attending to their own business, procuring food on a scale of their life; and he, alone at hand, smiling upon them like pirates upon a helpless merchantman.

Every now and then, especially at the time of some bank failure in Wall street, a great deal is heard about the "over-certification" of checks, a term which to the average reader is wholly unintelligible.

Across Coveted Lands. A. H. Savage Lander's book, "Across Coveted Lands," has just been published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

The national banks are gradually withdrawing from this business, and the State banks and trust companies are taking their place.

There is a broad purpose in the series of handbooks on "The Artistic Crafts," which the Appletons are issuing.

In former times the arts developed under the hand of the craftsman of tools and material; but in these latter days, as the editor points out, it is far too customary to design, as it is called, the shape of some vessel, be it of silver, or glass, or pottery's clay, and then to construct the material into the preconceived form.

From Yezd to Kerman, a caravan of 100 miles a day across the desert. More brigands. Forts to protect travelers from brigands. Missionaries. The ruined cities near Kerman. Shawls.

Flower's Newspaper Apprenticeship. Elliott Flower, whose story, "Ned Barrett's Wife," appears in the February Lippincott's, served a long apprenticeship as a newspaper reporter, and not infrequently he uses his personal recollections of that time as foundations for his fiction.

The Conquest. Nothing in American history has had a more profound effect upon the future of the country than the expedition headed by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

The Story of Alchemy. The latest addition to the "Library of Useful Stories," published by D. Appleton & Co., New York, is "The Story of Alchemy," by M. M. Pattison Muir, M. A.

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Marlborough's safety (he was Isabel's guardian) the price of her consent. There are several dramatic scenes of unusual point and vigor in the story and in all cases the characterization is successful.

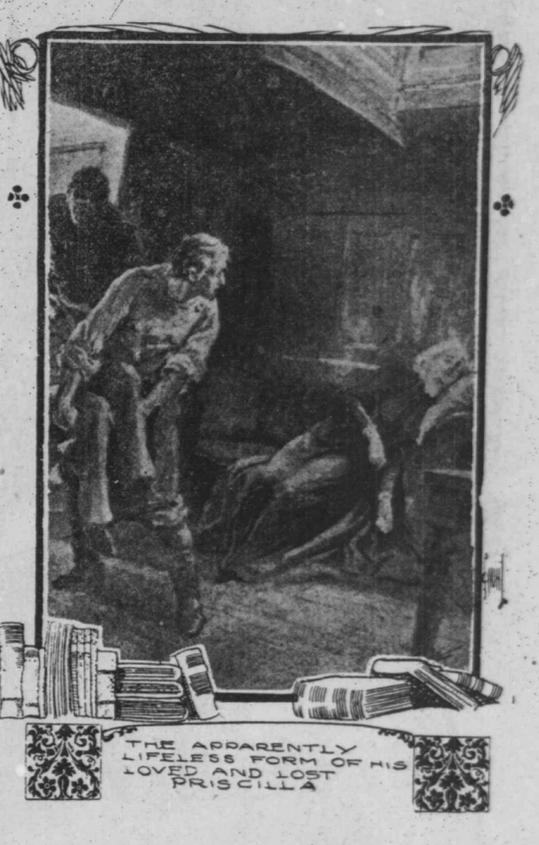
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The advertising Doubleday, Page & Co., are publishing Justus Miles Forman's new novel, "Journey's End," as a book with a "Lady-of-the-Lake" problem.

An interesting account of Jefferson Davis' two years' experience as a prisoner at Fortress Monroe and the loyal service rendered him in his distress by his devoted wife is given in "Civil War Stories," soon to appear (The Whittaker & Ray Company, San Francisco, publishers).

One of the stories of the March Smart Set is "The Secret of Princess Paul," by Florence Warden. Following this comes "The Shadow of a Dream," by Justus Miles Forman, a story both strange and full of power.

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