

A SAILOR'S ADVENTURES.

Wrecked at Sea and Miraculously Saved from the Sharks.

A remarkable story of the sea comes from St. Malo, the narrator being an ancient mariner named Bauche, whose painful experiences in a small boat on the ocean ought to be a warrant for the truth of his tale.

After the first night at sea Bauche says that the cabin boy became partly delirious, water was filling the boat every instant, and in order to prevent the dying lad from being drowned in it the old sailor made pails of the legs of his pants.

Being afraid of illness, he at length threw it overboard, after having said his prayers over it, and the prey was speedily seized by the sharks, who disappeared with it, and did not show up again for about twenty-four hours or so.

In his mouth the Norwegian sailors found what they first thought was an old quid of tobacco, but which proved to be part of the horn handle of his knife, which Bauche was crunching to stave off hunger when he became unconscious.

WHY BOOKS FAIL.

It is because the People Who Write Them Have Nothing Original to Say. The reason why so many books fail is because the people who wrote them have nothing original to say, or what they say is said badly.

When an author has composed a work, he necessarily takes an interest in it. Every writer of books, says Shelley, likes to breech his bantlings. He may have spent many years upon it, and probably forms an excessive estimate of its value.

Book-writing is quite as much a speculation on the one hand as book-selling is on the other. Only a small number of the books published pay their expenses, and very few of them reach a second edition.

DON'T BLAME THE WORLD.

Don't blame the world because the thorns are found among the roses; The day that breaks in storm may be all sunshine when it closes.

The buried seed must rot in earth ere it produces the flower. And the weak plant to fruitfully must have both sun and shower;

A deadly, poisonous weed may yield a salve of surest healing; The sweetest blossom may poisonous be, although its base concealing.

Little we know of this brief life, and nothing of its sequel; Then let us take in humble trust all that may seem unequal.

A Mountain Tragedy. Sad Culmination of a Husband's Blind, Mad Jealousy.

I was late one summer afternoon when I rode up to a little farm-house in the Tennessee mountains, and paused for a brief rest and a drink of water.

It struck me after a few words had been exchanged that there was something wrong in the little household, but I could not see what it was.

Such placid indifference was depressing. It was impossible to talk freely under such conditions, and in a few minutes I rose to go.

As I rode away up the hill I glanced back two or three times. Just as I expected, this singular couple remained seated as far away as they could get from each other.

"Poor Jack Hunter and his wife," replied the Colonel. "Yes, I know all about them. You took them for very peculiar people, I suppose?"

He filled his pipe again, and after a moment's reflection, said: "It was during the war when Mary Holt and her folks moved to this settle-

ment. In those days Mary was the prettiest girl in this whole mountain range, and Jack Hunter was one of the finest young fellows to be found anywhere.

and some of the old folks predicted that this would cause trouble."

The Colonel whiffed steadily at his pipe for a full minute. "The prophets of evil were right," he resumed.

"Mary seemed to be devoted to her husband, and every thing moved along pleasantly for months after their wedding. One day there was a change.

"Just about twilight one day Jack came home from the field where he had been at work and found Mary missing. He instantly left the house and ran to the top of a neighboring hill.

"Hunter slipped back to the house, seized his rifle, and went off to the woods in the direction the officer would be sure to take on his way back to the Union lines.

"God forgive you! You have killed my brother!"

her intrigue, and had followed her lover from their place of meeting and had shot him down like a dog within sight of his camp. He had seen some soldiers come out and carry the dead body off.

"Mary stood like a marble statue listening to the horrible story. "God forgive you!" she cried. "You have killed my brother, and broken my heart."

"There is nothing more to tell," he said. "Those two unfortunates have not spoken to each other in twenty-five years. They are kind and patient, but I am afraid they will never come together.

The Complete Outfit. Family Lawyer—I understand that you are a suitor for the hand of the daughter of my millionaire client?

THE CANONS OF TAXATION.

Bar Marks Whereby to Distinguish Good From Bad Taxes.

All taxes must evidently come from the produce of land and labor, since there is no other source of wealth than the union of human exertion with the material and forces of nature.

The mode of taxation is, in fact, quite as important as the amount. As a small burden badly placed may distress a horse that could carry with ease a much larger one properly adjusted, so a people may be impoverished and their power of producing wealth destroyed by taxation, which, if levied in another way, could be borne with ease.

But we need not go abroad for illustrations. The production of wealth in the United States is largely lessened by taxation, which bears upon its processes.

This checking of production is in greater or less degree characteristic of most of the taxes by which the revenues of modern government are raised.

All such taxes have a tendency to reduce the production of wealth, and should, therefore, never be resorted to when it is possible to raise money by taxes which do not check production.

Taxes levied upon the value of land cannot check production in the slightest degree until they exceed rent, or the value of land taken annually, for, unlike taxes upon commodities, or exchange, or capital, or any of the tools or processes of production, they do not bear upon production.

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would be closer, and, consequently, labor and capital would be enabled to produce much more with the same exertion.

There is yet an even more important way by which, through its effect upon distribution, the taking of rent to public uses by taxation would stimulate the production of wealth.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

An English inventor offers a system by which coal gas compressed to one-eighth its natural bulk can be carried about and utilized as an illuminant when desired.

The council of hygiene in Paris, it is said, is about to take steps to suppress the use of old magazines and newspapers for wrapping up food.

Prof. Mosso, of Turin, finds that the blood of eels is poisonous when injected into the veins of dogs and other animals, and that an eel weighing five pounds contains poison enough to kill ten men.

At a recent meeting of the Geological Institute at Vienna, a report was read on the remarkable fall of meteorites observed in December last at Jelica, in Servia.

A London physician and surgeon recently analyzed a man and gave the results to his class in chemistry. The body operated upon weighed 154.4 pounds.

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