

A SHIP OF '49.

A ROMANCE OF CALIFORNIA.

IN THREE PARTS--PART I.

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It had rained so persistently in San Francisco during the first week of January, 1854, that a certain quagmire in the roadway of Long Wharf had become impassable, and a plank was thrown over its dangerous depth.

The plank led to the door of a building that was a marvel even in the chaotic frontier architecture of the street. Two houses on either side--irregular frames of wood or corrugated iron--bore evidence of having been quickly thrown together, to meet the requirements of the goods and passengers who were once disembarked on what was the main beach of the infant city.

It was in fact a building that had been built on a narrow strip of ground, and its architecture was a curious mixture of the old and the new, the solid and the flimsy.

It was in fact a ship. A ship ashore and abandoned on the beach years before by her god-seeking crew, with the debris of her world of stores and cargo, overgrown by the wild growth of the strange city and the reclamation of the muddy flat, wherein she lay, unheeded and unloved, her rotting cut of by waves and quays and breakwaters, jostled at first by sheds, and then impacted in a block of solid warehouses and dwellings, her rudder, port and counter boarded in, and now gazing hopelessly from her cabin windows upon the busy street before her.

Least of all, perhaps, her present owner and possessor, Mr. Abner Nott. For by the iron circumstances Mr. Nott was a far wiser farmer who had never seen a ship before, and a larger stream of water than a tributary of the Missouri river.

"That's right--for I've come to buy the ship and outfit--just the same, with the two fifty rats she stands on."

"Slight wants to buy her? Slight?" echoed Rosey indignantly.

"You bet! Slight, the big financier, the smartest man in Frisco."

"That's so," said Mr. Nott, drawing a long breath, "there's suthin in that."

"How can you say that, father?" said Rosey, with a slight increase of color.

up her book, and leaning her head on her hand, once more became absorbed in its pages.

"It was still raining, and the wind, which had increased to a gale, was dashing the drops against the slanting cabin windows with a sound like spray."

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FIVE FINE FELLOWS.

The "Globe" Artist Takes a Peep at the Lower House of the Legislature.

He Illustrates a Quintet as Samples More of Moral Than of Manly Beauty.

Men Who Have Risen by Toll and Grit Unaided by Prestige of Birth.

How to Become Speaker of the House Taught in One Short Lesson.

Review of the Causes Contributing to the Present Political Proximity of the Other Four.

The Globe artist this week transfers his labors from the senate to the house of the Minnesota legislature, and presents a group of five representative members of that body for the inspection and consideration of their constituents.

The artist has a right to be proud of his work, especially of that portion which has found an abiding place in the Empire state of the Northwest.

It was a figure so extraordinary that even in the strange masquerade of that early civilization it was remarkable: a figure with wavy hair and a long beard, and a face that seemed almost a mask.

It was an infelicitous action, for the stranger, who evidently had not noticed the presence of the young girl, started, took a hasty retreat, and left her standing in the street, with a look of indignation on her face.

Thump! Thump! The house will please come to order. The foregoing is the preparatory signal and qualified mandate by which the Twenty-fifth house of the Minnesota legislature is called to order by Speaker Gibbs.

"What is it, father?" said Rosey's voice from the stateroom on the right--Rosey's own bowler.

"Nothing," said Mr. Nott, with an affectionate languid calmness; "only wanted to know if you was comfortable. It's an awful busy night in town."

"I reckon that's tons of gold gold to the states to-morrow."

"Yes, father."

"But he is a sharp, father, and he really wants to buy the ship."

"How do you know he knew it, father?" responded Rosey.

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