[Written for THE AMERICAN by Capt. M. V. Babbidge, of Gott's Island.]

in December, 1864, I was returning to Boston from Smyrna, Asia Minor, in the bark Race Horse, with a cargo of figs and raisins. I was one of the eight men before the mast. In the crew was one William Conway, a fine fellow, whom I liked exceedingly well.

A few days before we arrived in Boston he asked me which way I intended to go for the next voyage. I told him I had thought nothing about it. He said: "Let's you and I ship in the bark Springbok." He said he had been in her the voyage before, and that she was a fine vessel, and had the best man for a captain he ever sailed under. She ran as a packet between Boston and Cape Haitien, on the island of Hayti.

When we arrived in Boston, we went to the office of the owners of the Springbok, A. S. & G. W. Lewis, on the south side of Rowe's wharf, to ascertain where the ves- the Race Horse, and the captain wanted sei was, and when she was due. The him to go second mate, and he shipped owners told us that she was doe in one

Will Conway, as we called him, be- raltar, and was never heard from after. longed in Newburyport. He told me to go and tell the captain that he wanted a would be ready to sail, in time for him to join her. I did as he desired, and had no difficulty in getting a berth for each of

the captain, both mates, the stewards and one man before the mast were Norwetons burden, British register; was under land. I looked beri thoroughly over, and I learned that she was built in Falmouth, I know of," I replied. He said: "Mr. Eng., for a yacht, with any amount of brass work to be kept shining.

gunboat Sanorna, under command of Rearprize crew was put on board, and she was to pay a man when he joined a vessel. sent to New York and confiscated, but through some technicality she was still the next morning. The next morning I kept under the English flag, and was chartered by the firm of A. S. & G. W. Lewis, it was said for the term of ninety-nine ant. The captain was a fine Christian years, who ran her as a packet to Cape man, a member of Rev. Phineas Stow's Haitien, taking out general cargo, and returning with logwood and coffee.

The bark was fast being loaded, and Monday morning I asked Capt. Lorsen when he would need my chum, Will Conway. He told me to write for him to be on hand Thursday morning. I wrote him | board, that all who wished might attend and mailed the letter that forenoon.

Now comes what I think the most singular incident of my life. While the Springbok was being loaded, the bark exortation by the captain, closing with ce Horse, the one I and my chum had sailed in last was taken down to the head all might join in the singing. of Rowe's wharf and the stevedores com-- wain for Smyrns. I menced loading was down to:

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V 1 S Onl Capt. Searles, and also Mr. oped in smoke from the guns. ce, e, who was the captain's

in the Wednesday afternoon, the anchor, the land breeze died out and we are n. began. We were to meet at the ouse at 11 a. m., and I expected

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til 1 p. m., and was obliged to ship an-

At 3 p. m. a tug took us out of the dock and the pilot took charge, and in a short time we were out past Boston light. At four bells (6 o'clock) I took the wheel. At 7.30 seven balls were struck. This was something I had never known on shipboard before, and every man excepting myself at the wheel and the officer of the deck, filed into the cabin. In a few moments they were singing a beautiful sacred song. After the song, there was reading of the scriptures; then a prayer by the captain. And I, one who had always had great regard for Christianity, said to myself: It is good to be here.

In seven days we got a pilot to take us into Cape Haitien. The people are nearly all colored, and speak the French language. We were in port but three weeks. Cape Haitien was a rendezvous for Yankee gunboats during the Civil war, and their mail was sent to Boston on the Springbok. We completed the trip in forty-seven days. On arriving, the owners told me that my chum came down to the office when we had been gone about two hours. Find ing we had sailed, he went on board and went in her. She was reported when she passed in through the straits of Gib-

My chum had induced me to go in the Springbok, and he himself went in the chance for the pair of us. I was to write Race Horse, which vessel must have been him when the bark arrived and when she lost with all on board, the crew consisting of twelve men all told.

When we were paid off for the trip, Capt. Larsen said he would like for us all to go again; and as we knew the vessel I was somewhat surprised to learn that would be in port only a week or ten days, we told him we would be glad to go. We hung around the vessel while she was begians. The vessel looked to me to be ing loaded, and would be down to her what sailors would call a diving bell-288 every day. One day, as we were standing on the wharf, one of the men, a Russian the English flag, hailing from Turk's Is-Finn, said to me: "You are going second land. I looked her; thoroughly over, and mate this time, are you not?" "Not that Land, our mate, told me you were."

I was the only yankee on board. Just She had been fitted out by parties in then the captain came out of the cabin England for a blockade-runner with a and called me in. He asked me if I would full cargo of contraband of war, and was like to go second mate, and I told him I captured off the Elenthera island by the would. He said he would give me \$50 a month, and he handed me a \$50 treasury Admiral Charles Wilkes, when she was note bearing interest. That was my trying to get into some southern port. A month's advance, which it was customary

> The captain told me I could go on duty went to work, and although under foreign flag, there was nothing unpleas-Seaman's Bethel church. He had been presented with a Bethel flag, which, when in port Sundays away from Boston, he he would fly from the top gallant mast truck to let the crews of other vessels know that there would be services onthem.

The services would consist of sarced song, prayer, reading of the Scriptures, some familiar seaman's sacred song, that

While we were in Cape Haitien, about the middle of April, 1865, one morning, he captain wanted four gunboats came in sight. All were im. The mate said decked throughout with American flags the Springbok: "I'll at every place where a flag could be set. to me, feet soaked, if you We knew that some important event had bet Fq told him that Will taken place; and we soon received the joygo in was all right, and he ful news that Gen. Lee had surrendered. Conwould sail together, and The officers went on shore and got a per-wantedisappointed if I should that the control of the co The gunboats lay only a short distance 87 would have shipped at from us, and we were completely envel-

The next morning we have short, then we made sail, in order to get out before the sea breeze came in. Before we got our ere put on, and work of clearing dropped anchor again to keep from drifting foul of other vessels. Just then a boat put off from one of the gunboats and came m would be there early on that under our bow, and passing up the end of out for some unknown reason, he a large hawser, they sang out to us, ed to come. All the sailors were on "Make that fast 'round your foremast, d except William, the one who in- heave away on your anchor." As we had ed me to go in the Springbok, instead their mail they were anxious for us to be he Race Horse. Our captain waited on the way. They steamed out over the bar, and we were ready to catch the

breeze as it came in. In one week we got a pilot off High light, Cape Cod, and the first question he asked as he came over the rail was: "Did you hear that President Lincoln was assassinated?" You may imagine our great con-

sternation on learning the facts. We were soon in Boston, and after our cargo of logwood and coffee-and I might add, centipedes and scorpions-was discharged, as there was no freight ready to ship, it was thought best to lay off a while. Our mate was discharged for getting beastly intoxicated while we were in Cape Haitien, and I was to keep ship while she was lying by waiting for freight. My wife and I had been making our home in Charlestown, and as I had to be on board as ship-keeper, my wife volunteered to

We well remember the beautiful ship, Charles Luling, mentioned by Capt. Richardson, of Deer Isle, in his correspondence to THE AMERICAN a few weeks ago, as she lay just across the dock from us. The officers were all musicians, and nearly every evening would render some, very fine

music, which we enjoyed very much. After a while the vessel was chartered to load for Port au Prince, and as I did not want to be down there in the middle of the summer, I told the captain that he must get a new man to take my place. In a short time a new mate was shipped, and I was not needed as ship-keeper. Then I bid Capt. Larsen goodby, but I must say that some of the most pleasant experiences of my sea life was when I sailed under the English flag.

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Second Count Tuesday, July 9.

Gain in Votes Since the Count-Special Bonus Inducements.

proaching, and with it interest in the result is growing daily more keen, with friendly rivairy among the contestants for | 33 first place. The remaining days will witness an active campaign for more votes. New subscriptions are coming in, and the merchants are having wide and active demand for the merchant coupons.

If you are not a subscriber for THE AMERICAN, now is the time to start, or if you owe, now is the the time to pay. You have, no doubt, a friend among the contestants who would be delighted to have your votes.

Fifteen dollars in gold is worth considerable effort, and the energy put forth to nearer success at the finish when the piano will be awarded. There is nothing worth while obtained in this world with out energetic and thoughtful effort, and to become victor in this contest and to receive the reward that goes with it is certainly worth while.

If your efforts heretofore have been spasmodic, from now on make them continuous and determined. Enlist the men as well as the women folks in your behalf. They will enjoy THE AMERICAN, and will be glad to help you along to victory. Speak to your friends and neighbors and see how quickly they will respond. One of the beauties of this contest is that few are disappointed; there are twelve prizes. It is a time when you can ask your friends to show their friendship in a substantial way by assisting you.

The count of July 9 will be decisive as to the \$15, and its importance must not be overlooked, for your standing on that occasion is a sort of barometer to your following of friends, and, if you win, it will be the result of the efforts of yourself and friends.

THE AMERICAN has the laudable ambition to improve right along, and go regularly to every home in Hancock county: to stand for and promote those things which will be for the good of the community and to wield as great influence as possible for the upbuilding of the city of which we are justly proud.

For every seven yearly new subscriptions we will give 10,000 extra votes, making a total of 14,200 votes. For every seven renewal subscriptions,

8,000 extra, a total of 11,500 votes. For every seven back subscriptions 6,000

extra, a total of 8,800 votes. For every forty merchants' coupons brought to this office and counted by the publisher or his assistants, a bonus of 500 extra votes will be given, a total of 1,500

These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the con-

The names of the merchants who are giving handsome prizes and helping to make this contest a big success are as fol-

> A E Moore J A McGown J P Eldridge

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E G Moore

E F Robinson

H C Austin & Co

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Remember to have your friends trade with merchants who are giving coupons. Remember the \$15 in gold goes to the one who makes the greatest gain in num-Others were nominated, but as yet have

received no votes. These young ladies should by no means be considered out of the running, as all have been doing some work, and they will make the contest interesting for those who already have a

dollars's cash purchase.

Those who don't fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call at this office, or write us, and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with

Remember to have your friends trade with merchants giving coupons. Their advertisements appear in this issue in connection with our offer.

Following are the candidates:

	1	Elaine Donovan
	2	Susie E Jordan28,450
	3	Vera G Holt25,350
	4	Annie E Gray24,700
	5	Edythe Joy
	6	Mrs Harry Maddocks 11,400
	7	Gertrude Dorigan10,725
	8	Alice Clow9,775
	9	Marcia Bellatty9,575
	10	Bessie A Haynes
9	11	Helen Cousins8,075
i	12	Nellie Treworgy6,750
	13	Mrs Jas L Floyd5,175
	14	Marion Donnell3,850
	15	Anna Clark Salisbury3,475
	16	Christina Doyle3,050
	17	Mrs. Frank E. Gray
	18	Myrtle Monaghan
	19	Ruth Treworgy200
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says a policeman to a street crowd, and whacks heads if it doesn't. "Move on now," says the big, harsh mineral pills to bowe congestion and suffering follows. Dr. King's New Life Pills don't buildoze the bowels They gently persuade them to right action and health follows. 25c at all druggists.

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CASTINE NORMAL SCHOOL.

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Graduation Exercises Held Last Fri-

The graduation exercises of Castine nornal school were held last Friday evening. An Ellsworth girl, Miss Julia H. Barron, was salutatorian. Another county girl, Miss Addie M. Guptill, of Gouldsboro, delivered an essay.

The graduating class numbered thirty wo as follows: Guida L. Allen, Florence H. Ames, Bucksport; Bernice Ashley, Seal Cove; Julia H. Barron, Ellsworth; Edith E. Boss, Foxcroft; Abbie M. Buck, Orland; Louis B. Butler, Bluehill; Ernest L. Cookson, Albion; Maude V. Cummings Rockland; Vernie O. Dawe, Brockton; Clara B. Day, East Eddington; Clarence W Dickey, Monroe; Sarah A. Emery, South Bristol; Elvira P. Fifield, Stonington; Clara F. Furbish, Belfast; Addie M. Guptill, Gouldsboro; Katherine B. Haley Prospect; Agnes Hughes, Winterport; Ruth K. Kimball, Lovell; Emma A. Matthews, Grand Lake Stream; Margaret E. McCurda, North Whitefield; Clara M. McIntyre, Margie T. McIntyre, Bluebill; Rena V. Reed, West Tremont: Bernice M. Rich, Bradley; Amy K. Richardson, Castine; Flora M. Seeley, Searsport; Myra J. Springer, Ellsworth; Hattie E. Tolman Clara F. Webster, Vinalhaven; Miriam C. Turner, Isle au Haut.

New Boston-New York Water Route The Eastern Steamship Corporation started the service of its all-the-way-bywater route to New York on June 10 when the great steel steamships Massachusetts and Bunker Hill were placed in service for the season.

The Massachusetts made the initial trip from Boston on the date named. Sinc last season these great ships have bad about \$400,000 expended upon them for equipment and rearrangement of their passenger carrying facilities.

The changes involve provision for the use of oil instead of coal ;as fuel; for an enlarged and improved main deck diningroom; a hurricane deck cafe and the addition of many attractive staterooms. All of the inside staterooms bave been equipped with electric fans, this provision being a decided innovation on steamers engaged in service hereabouts.

Another feature which will add greatly to the attractiveness of these beautifu! ships is the fact that they appear in a summer suit of white. They have heretofore been painted black.

These splendid ships are more than ever representative types of modern coastwise craft, and a most successful season is predicted for them, as they will surely appeal to the army of discriminating travelers from Boston destined for New York and points beyond.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

Owing to a confliction of dates of the engagements of the convention speaker, Hancock county has changed its convention day. Mrs. Livingstone can give the entire day of June 25, instead of the 26th as has been previously announced.

The opening rally will be on Monday evening, June 24. It is hoped that delefor attending, as the full summer schedule of boats will be in effect June 24. Every Remember that ten of our leading mer-chants are interested in this contest, and give twenty-five vote coupons with every

Nominated by the Governor.

Among nominations by the governor re cently announced were the following in Hancock county:

Agent for the prevention of cruelty to animals, Sewall E. Nickerson, Amberst. Justice of the peace, Fernando F. Morse. Swan's Island.

WEST SURRY.

W. C. Bowden, of Brewer, was called here last week by the illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Lufkin.

An entertainment was given at the schoolhouse in district No. 5 by the teacher and the pupils June 8. Ice-cream and cake were sold. The proceeds were to defray the costs of graduation. A fine time is reported.

The woman of to-day who has good health, good temper, good sense, bright eyes and a lovely complexion, the result of correct living and good digestion, wins the S. Blake's Saturday for the summer. admiration of the world. If your digestion is faulty Chamberlain's Stomach and

Liver Tablets will correct it. For sale by

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing The American's Piano Voting Contest.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT - The piano and popular ladies' voting contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles strictly, with justice and fair-ness to all concerned. With the above principles, it is an assured success.

2. PRIZES-The capital prize will be an Obermeyer & Sons piano. Also other valuable prizes to the amount of many dollars which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES-Young ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter the contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful \$400 Obermeyer & Sons piano, and additional premiums will be distributed in accordance with the contestants' standing at the final count.

4. TIE VOTES-Should any of the conestants tie in votes, The Publishers Music Company will award a similar prize according to standings at final count. 5. VOTES CLASSED - Votes will be

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days. No votes accepted at less than regu-lar price of the newspaper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this publication will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestants. Votes after being voted cannot be transferred to another. All agents commissions are suspended during con-All agents'

Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or any other person positively will not give you any information on the subject. The keys of the ballot box shall be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if

The contest shall close on a day which will be announced later. Ten days prior to closing contest, the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box and take same to a bank, where the same will be in a place where voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count the votes and announce the names of the ladies winning in their turn.

The last ten days all voting must be done in a sealed box at the bank. If you do not wish anyone to know whom you are voting for, place your cash for subscriptions, together with your coupons, in 0 years new subscriptions,
30,000 votes 30.00
6. INSTRUCTIONS — Results as to will give every one a fair and square deal.

The Following Merchants Give Valuable Prizes and Coupons.

PRIZE: To be announced. VALUE, \$5.00 PRIZE: Combination Manicure and Toi-

DONATED BY A. E. Moore,

Dry and Fancy Goods, Millinery, Boots and Shoes.

We give a 25-vote coupon with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for coupons.

PRIZE: PLUSH ROBE. VALUE, \$6.00 PRIZE: DIAMOND RING. VALUE, \$20 DONATED BY

J. A. McGown,

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cash purchase. Ask for coupons. PRIZE: To be announced. VALUE, \$5.00 PRIZE: CARVING SET. VALUE, \$5.00

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We give a 25-vote coupon with each \$1.00 cash purchase, except grain and sugar.

Ask for coupons.

CAPE ROZIER.

Repairs are being made on the town Mrs. B. R. Dyer is spending a few days at Dark Harbor.

Clarence Gray, and wife of Castine, are visiting C. M. Gray. Jesse Gray has rented his house for the

Edward Collins and friend arrived at J Mrs. Albert Gray underwent a success-

summer to New York parties.

ful operation at Belfast hospital Friday. Mrs. H. B. Woodward and grandson. Lincoln Fairley, are at Maurice Gray's

MAN COUGHS AND BREAKS RIBS. MAN COUGHS AND BREAKS RIES.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side, and his doctor found two ribs had been bro'en. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonsful end a late cough, while persistent use route obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure it's a godsend to humanity", writes Mrs. Effic horton, Columbia, Mo. "for I believe I would have consumption to-hay, if I had not used this great remedy." It's guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bott'e or 50-cent or \$1.00 size at all druggists.

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