

DARING SEA ROVER

An Audacious Commerce Raider of the Days of 1863.

READ'S CAMPAIGN OF TERROR.

For a Time This Clever Young Confederate Naval Officer, by the Havoc He Wrought, Had the Shipping Trade of the North in a State of Panic.

The daring and romantic exploits of the roving commerce destroying cruisers in the great European war recall the deeds of a very brave and clever officer who acted as a commerce destroyer in the service of the Confederate navy.

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YOUR FISHING OUTFIT.

Have it in Perfect Shape When the Time Comes to Use It.

Varnishing a fishing rod is simple enough if one will only take the time, and it is easy to make a ten dollar rod look like the expensive, made to order article.

The books and the magazines will tell you to "flow" the varnish on. For get it. Use as little varnish on the brush as possible and work it out until the brush slides off the rod.

White waiting for the varnish to dry, the method of a man is not naturally the best.

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THE BULK OF AN ESTATE

By HELEN APHERSON

Old Mrs. Bartow was a queer old woman. She had property sufficient to keep her in comfort, and if she had any more no one except herself, was aware of it.

When John was eighteen years old he was offered a position in a distant city, and it was considered advisable by his mother and himself that he should accept it.

After Mary had lived with Mrs. Bartow some six or seven years the old lady was puzzled to know just how to leave at her death some \$20,000 she possessed.

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Desperate Wagers.

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NEW YORK'S CURB BROKERS

Their Grotesque Hats Show All the Colors of the Rainbow.

The stranger standing on the sidewalk of Broad street watching with amazed interest the gesticulatory antics of the brokers in the street as, with arms uplifted and rapidly wriggled fingers, they telegraph their transactions to watchers in the windows of the neighboring buildings is sure to find his attention fixed next on the riot of color in the brokers' hats.

Men whose garb is otherwise sober enough and who perhaps on wet or sloppy days are wearing rubber boots have on their heads hats or caps in all the colors of the rainbow, separately or in combination.

On a winter day you may see a man wearing a white cotton or linen hat such as is worn in the country, or by the seashore in summer, but this is jammed down on the top of a warmer felt hat.

Why do these busy men wear these fancy hats? The stranger asks. He is told that some wear them because they like the lively colors—a tender movement through all the turmoil with such hats for sale—and other men wear them, the stranger is told, so as to be easy of identification by the men to whom they signal and who signal down to them from the windows of the buildings on either side.

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HOURS OF LABOR.

Hard Work With No Time Limitations the Road to Success.

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A Bluff In The Aegean Sea

By F. A. MITCHEL

During the second year of the pan European war I commanded a 2000 ton tramp steamer called the Ajax.

I left Smyrna in August, 1915, with a cargo of rugs and other Asiatic goods for the port of New York.

One day while passing between two Greek Islands I was called from the noon meal by the lookout, who reported a small craft resembling a tug putting out from a cove and steering a course with the evident intention to head us off.

Through my glass I saw that she carried the German flag. Now, I did not believe that any German craft would be sailing in those waters, which were occupied by the allied fleets, especially the British.

One man who appeared to be commander wore the uniform of a German naval officer, but I believed he had obtained it without having a commission. He was whiter than his men and might have been a European.

One thing I noted particularly—there was no appearance of caution. Whatever armament there was doubtless consisted of such weapons as could be wielded by individuals. However, while I looked a port was opened and the nose of a little larker appeared.

With its appearance the commander of the tug called through a megaphone something in German which one of my men who understood the language thought to be a demand for surrender. A submarine was ready to blow us out of water. We were given ten minutes to take to the boats.

Never was there a more palpable case of bluff. There was no submarine, nothing which could be relied on to sink us. We were in danger of being boarded and overpowered by Asiatic pirates playing the submarine act.

There were a few small arms aboard, but not enough of them or men to use them to put up an adequate defense.

But we had a means of defense that I had often thought of using in case of being attacked by the small enemies that infest certain Asiatic coasts.

I determined to try it now. I had plenty of hose, and I ordered it attached to the steam coaks of the boiler. There were two hoses which could be used separately. I asked for more time from the pirate and was told that not a minute would be granted. So I ordered the men to pretend to begin the work of lowering the boats, and they made a great ado with the ropes, but accomplished nothing.

The few minutes they were thus engaged we were attaching the hose to the boiler and running the nozzles on deck, where they were hidden under the gunwale. When all was ready I ordered the men away from the boats, and word was shouted to the pirate that if he wanted our ship to come and take it or if he intended to blow us up to do so.

This was evidently not in his calculations. There was a conference among them; then we could see arms brought on deck. It was evident that they intended to board us. Meanwhile they ran up against us and were about to lash to us when I took a hose and, pointing it down at them, sent a stream of scalding water among them, which caused them to desist and get out of range as soon as possible.

A number of them had been scalded just enough to make them furious with pain, and, after taking time to consider, they launched a rowboat carried on their deck and manned it, and while the tug came under our bows the rowboat approached our stern. There was some protection for them both fore and aft, but as soon as a man appeared at either point he received a dose of steam that sent him howling back, and some of them were knocked into the fire.

Beware of Food Fads.

Dieting a Serious Matter, Warns the Public Health Service.

"Pray, Mr. Abernethy, what is a cure for gout?" was the question of an indolent and luxurious citizen.

"Live upon sponges a day and earn it," was the cogent reply.

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The Whole Bunch.

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Practical Health Hint.

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They Come Back.

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