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HAPPY (Continued.)
"I'm thinking all isn't quite as it should be aboard of this ship, sir," said he. He was a hard faced man, and yet I could see that he had been startled.
"What's the matter?"
"Murder's the matter, sir. There's a man here with his brains beaten out."
"Killed in the storm," said I.
"Maybe so, sir. But I'll be surprised if you think so after you have seen him."
"Where is he, then?"
"This way, sir—here in the main deckhouse."

There appeared to have been no accommodation below in the brig, for there was the after house for the captain, another by the main hatchway with the cook's galley attached to it and a third in the fore-castle for the men. It was to this middle one that the mate led me. As you entered, the galley with its litter of tumbled pots and dishes was upon the right, and upon the left was a small room with two bunks for the officers. Then beyond there was a place about 12 feet square, which was littered with flags and spare canvas. All round the walls were a number of packets done up in coarse cloth and carefully lashed to the wood-work. At the other end was a great box, striped red and white, though the red was so faded and the white so dirty that it was only where the light fell directly upon it that one could see the coloring. The box was by subsequent measurement 4 feet 3 inches in length, 3 feet 2 inches in height and 3 feet across—considerably larger than a seaman's chest.

But it was not to the box that my eyes or my thoughts were turned as I entered the storeroom. On the floor, lying across the litter of bunting, there was stretched a small dark man, with a short curling beard. He lay as far as it was possible from the box with his feet toward it and his head away. A round crimson halo was printed upon the white canvas on which his head was resting, and little red ribbons wreathed themselves round his swarthy neck and trailed away on to the floor, but there was no sign of a wound that I could see, and his face was as placid as that of a sleeping child. It was only when I stooped that I could perceive his injury, and then I turned away with an exclamation of horror. He had been poleaxed, apparently, by some person standing behind him. A frightful blow had smashed in the top of his head and penetrated deeply into his brain. His face might well be placid, for death must have been absolutely instantaneous, and the position of the wound showed that he could never have seen the person who had inflicted it.

"Is that foul play or accident, Captain Barclay?" asked my second mate demurely.
"You are quite right, Mr. Allardyce. The man has been murdered—struck down from above by a sharp and heavy



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weapon. But who was he, and why did they murder him?"
"He was a common sailor, sir," said the mate. "You can see that if you look at his fingers." He turned out his pockets as he spoke and brought to light a pack of cards, some tarred string and a bundle of Brazilian tobacco.
"Hello! Look at this!" said he.
It was a large open knife with a stiff spring blade which he had picked up from the floor. The steel was shining and bright, so that we could not associate it with the crime, and yet the dead man had apparently held it in his hand when he was struck down, for it still lay within his grasp.
"It looks to me, sir, as if he knew he was in danger and kept his knife handy," said the mate. "However, we can't help the poor beggar now. I can't make these things out that are lashed to the wall. They seem to be idols and weapons and curios of all sorts done up in old sacking."

"That's right," said I. "They are the only things of value that we are likely to get from the cargo. Hail the bark and tell them to send the other quarter boat to help us to get the stuff aboard."
While he was away I examined this curious plunder which had come into our possession. The curiosities were so wrapped up that I could only form a general idea as to their nature, but the striped box stood in a good light where I could thoroughly examine it. On the lid, which was clamped and cornered with metal work, there was engraved a complex coat of arms, and beneath it was a line of Spanish which I was able to decipher as meaning "The treasure chest of Don Ramirez di Leyra, knight of the order of St. James, governor and captain general of Terra Firma and of the province of Veraquas." In one corner was the date 1696, and on the other a large white label, upon which was written in English, "You are earnestly requested upon no account to open this box." The same warning was repeated underneath in Spanish. As to the lock, it was a very complex and heavy one of engraved steel with a Latin motto which was about a seaman's comprehension.

By the time I had finished this examination of the peculiar box the other quarter boat with Mr. Armstrong, the first officer, had come alongside, and we began to carry out and place in her the various curiosities, which appeared to be the only objects worth moving from the derelict ship. When she was full, I sent her back to the bark, and then Allardyce and I, with the carpenter and one seaman, carried the striped box, which was the only thing left, to our boat and lowered it over, balancing it upon the two middle thwarts, for it was so heavy that it would have given the boat a dangerous tilt had we placed it at either end. As to the dead man, we left him where we had found him. The mate had a theory that at the moment of the desertion of the ship this fellow had started plundering and that the captain in an attempt to preserve dis-

man, with glistening eyes, to reckon up how much it might be worth to each of us when the shares of the salvage came to be divided.
"If the paper said that they were antique, Captain Barclay, then they may be worth anything that you may like to name. You wouldn't believe the sums that the rich collectors give. A thousand pounds is nothing to show for our voyage or I am mistaken."
"I don't think that," said I. "As far as I can see they are not very different from any other South American curios."
"Well, sir, I've traded there for 14 voyages, and I have never seen anything like that chest before. That's worth a pile of money just as it stands but it's so heavy that surely there must be something valuable inside it. Don't you think that we ought to open it and see?"
"If you break it open, you will spoil it as likely as not," said the second mate.
Armstrong squatted down in front of it, with his head on one side and his long, thin nose within a few inches of the lock.
"The wood is oak," said he, "and it has shrunk a little with age. If I had a chisel or a strong bladed knife, I could force the lock back without doing any damage at all."
The mention of a strong bladed knife made me think of the dead seaman upon the brig.



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discipline had struck him down with a hatchet or some other heavy weapon. It seemed more probable than any other explanation, and yet it did not entirely satisfy me either. But the ocean is full of mysteries and we were content to leave the fate of the dead seaman of the Brazilian brig to be added to that long list which every sailor can recall.
The heavy box was slung up by ropes on to the deck of the Mary Sinclair and was carried by four seamen into the cabin, where between the table and the after lockers there was just space for it to stand. There it remained during supper, and after that meal the mates remained with me and discussed over a glass of grog the event of the day. Mr. Armstrong was a long, thin, vulturelike man, an excellent seaman, but famous for his nearness and cupidity. Our treasure trove had excited him greatly, and already he had

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