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A Queer Capture

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In the year 1884 the British survey steamer Comet left Bombay to survey the Maldive islands.

The Comet had shipped ten men before starting out, all half castes and, as appeared later on, members of a secret band that had sworn vengeance on anything British. These men mutinied and, having got possession of the brig, ran her into Shark bay, on the northernmost island. The captain and other officers were set afloat on a raft, unprovided with sail, water or provisions, and no doubt they perished in the storm that swept over the waters next day.

The leader of the half castes was a man known as Dondra. He was a sailor by occupation and probably as great a ruffian as could be found in all India. When a start was made from Shark harbor a course was laid for Ceylon, and during a voyage lasting four weeks the Comet captured seven coasting vessels. In each and every case the crews were put to death, the cargoes transhipped and the craft scuttled.

It was piracy after the old style, except that the brig did not dare attack larger vessels. Her acts finally reached the ears of the authorities, and men-of-war started from Bombay and Calcutta to overhaul her.

After sailing part of the way up the coast of Ceylon the Comet put about, and she was halfway back to her harbor of refuge when the *Serpent* (man-of-war) sighted her. It was during a heavy gale, and nothing could be done but chase. It was three days before the *Serpent* fired a gun. Just as evening was coming on on the third day and after the mutineers had refused to surrender she crept up and fired a broadside into the brig and sent her to the bottom. It was supposed at the time that everybody aboard was drowned, but two months later news reached Bombay that Dondra and four other half castes had got away in a boat and reached an island at the mouth of the gulf of Manaar. A gunboat was sent down to make an investigation and a reward of £2,000 offered for the five men.

In the month of September of the year mentioned the bark *Southland*, bound from Liverpool to Bombay, was making her way up the Malabar coast under light breezes. One night in the middle watch it fell a dead calm, and this state of weather continued all next day and night. At midnight on the second night the officer of the deck heard faint shouting and singing to the east, and as no vessel had been sighted in that direction he was mystified. As the noises continued the mate awoke the captain, and it was finally decided that there were men afloat in a small boat a mile or so away. We burned a flare to guide them and heard shouts in reply, but it was two hours before a yawl crept up to us out of the darkness. The little craft contained five half castes Hindoos, and they were suffering terribly for the want of food and water. There was but one oar and no sail.

The story told by the men, all of whom spoke English fairly well, was that they were part of the crew of a coaster named the *Emerald* and while she was making her way up the gulf of Manaar she had been struck by a squall and turned turtle. They had clung to her bottom for several hours, but had finally managed to loosen the boat and drift out to sea. They claimed to have been afloat for three days. We had no room to stow their boat, and it was cast adrift, but not before we had seen that her name had been erased.

When questioned separately the stories of the men did not agree, but as we had heard nothing about the pirates we could not make out what the fellows had been up to. Their leader was an impudent swaggerer, who would not promise to do any work in return for his passage to Bombay, and he had not been aboard two days when the captain ordered him into irons. This action sobered him up, and presently he was as humble as you please and begging for his release. When restored to liberty he was zealous in his duty, and all suspicions on our part would have been lulled but for a discovery made by one of the apprentices who understood the Hindoo language.

Thinking themselves alone in the fore-castle one afternoon, the strangers plotted to take the ship, and the lad overheard every word and carried the news to the captain. He passed word to the crew, and of a sudden the Hindoos were fallen upon and made prisoners.

Not three hours later the gunboat from Bombay boarded us to give us the news about the pirates and ask that we keep our eyes open for them. Great was the surprise of her commander to find that we had prisoners aboard who answered to the description of those he was after.

The Hindoos saw that the game was up, and one of them made a confession. Their leader was Dondra himself, and they had been hiding on an island in the gulf. Learning that their whereabouts was known, they had put off to sea in a panic and in a boat stolen from another vessel. Two of their number had been stabbed to death during a quarrel and their bodies thrown overboard. The five survivors intended to fall upon our crew of eleven men and murder us all.

Of course the men were surrendered to the gunboat, and upon being taken to Bombay proof sufficient to hang them was easily obtained, and within three months of their boarding us in mid-ocean they were dangling at the ends of hangman's ropes. We had done little or nothing to bring about their capture, but the government of India paid us the reward and added its thanks to the money. M. QUAD.

HOW TO ENJOY A LUAU.

Promotion Committee Has Issued a Pamphlet of Interest.

The Promotion Committee has prepared a neat brochure for the information of tourists who may wish to indulge in the pleasures of a native luau. Bound in scarlet, the little book is certain to command attention and the bill of fare suggested, with the accompaniment of native hulas, in a native village in Hawaiian style, and, presumably with the traditional "pretty smiles" should prove alluring.

Here is the menu:

Puaa Kalua—Pig cooked with hot stones in ti leaves under ground.
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Moa Me Ka Luau—Chicken cooked with luau in coconut sauce.

I'a Lawala—Fish baked in ti leaves under ground.

I'a Maloo—Dried fish.

Oio Ai Maka—Raw fish.

Hee Maloo—Dried squid cooked in ti leaves under ground.

Hee Maka—Raw devil fish.

Papa'i Mo'a—Boiled crabs.

Papa'i Maka—Raw crabs.

Alamihis—Smith salted crabs.

Opae—Shrimps.

Opihis—Small shell fish.

Hau Pia—Hawaiian starch cooked with coconut.

Wana—Sea Eggs.

Uala—Sweet potatoes baked under ground.

Koelapalau—Mashed sweet potatoes with coconut milk.

Inamona—Kukui nuts cooked and pounded with salt.

Poi—Hawaiian taro boiled or steamed and then pounded and mixed with water into a porridge and then fermented for a few days.

When it is understood that this program includes hula dances in the real old fashioned style the scale of prices for the entertainment seems ridiculously small. This is how it is scheduled: Party of five, \$24 each; party of ten, \$12 each; party of fifteen, \$10 each; party of twenty, \$8.50 each; party of twenty-five, \$7.50 each; party of thirty, \$6 each; party of forty, \$5 each.

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