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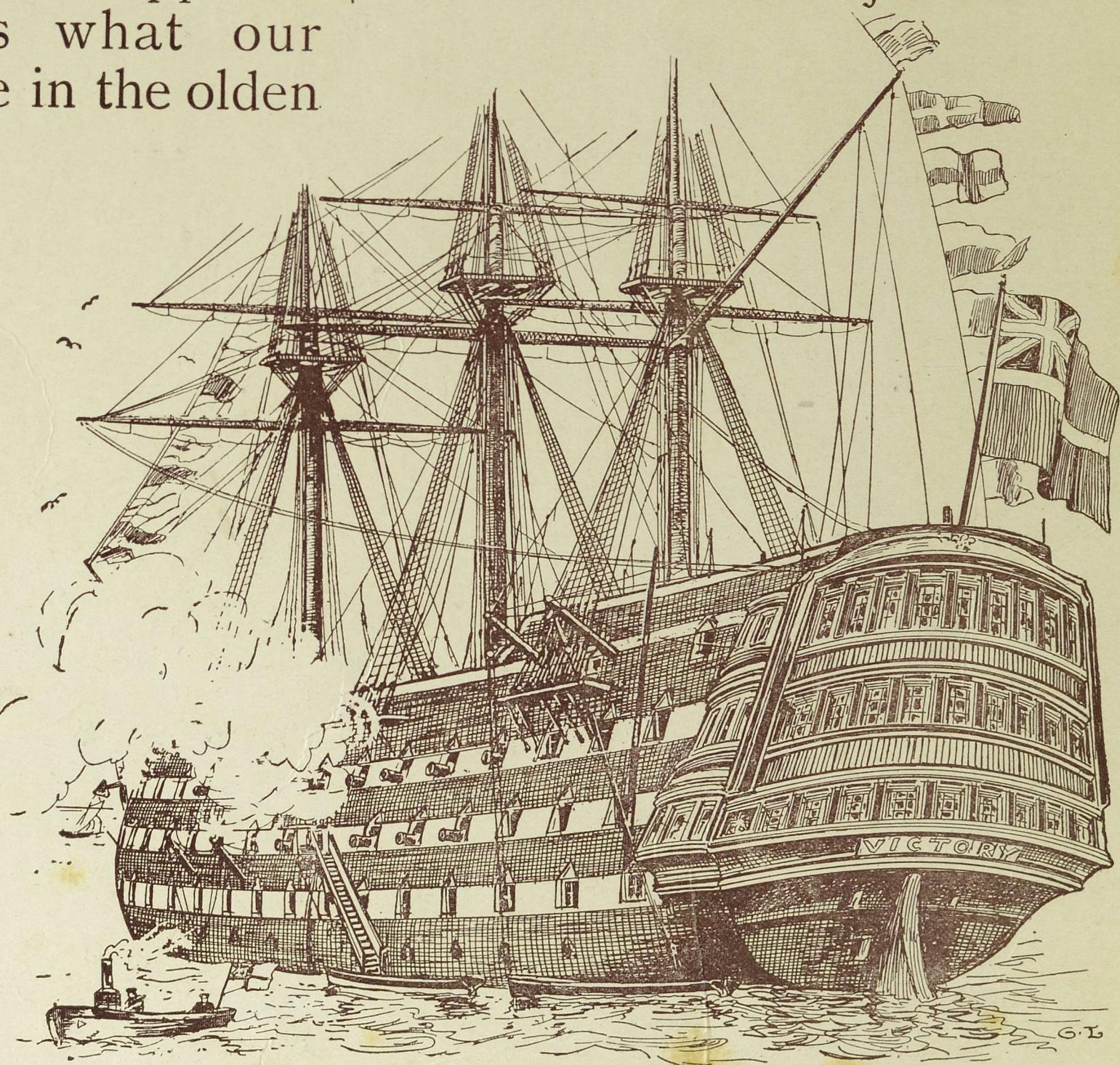
**L**YING in Portsmouth Harbour is a fine old ship, which brings back to our mind the first Admiral who ever lived. The ship is the *Victory*, on board which the brave Admiral Nelson was killed, nearly a hundred years ago, in the great fight at Trafalgar. Our picture shows the old ship firing a salute in honour of King Edward VII.

The picture on the opposite page shows us what our sailors looked like in the olden days when Nelson was alive; and the flags make up the world-known signal which the Admiral used in his last battle, "England expects that every man will do his duty."

How odd the gunner looks with his pigtail. That was the way

in which the men-of-war's men always used to wear their hair. The young midshipman is giving the word of command, while close behind is a lively sailor laddie.

The officer in the blue coat is the ship's captain, and he is talking to a captain of marines. We still have marines on our warships; they are "soldiers and sailors too," and the real sailors call them "jollies."



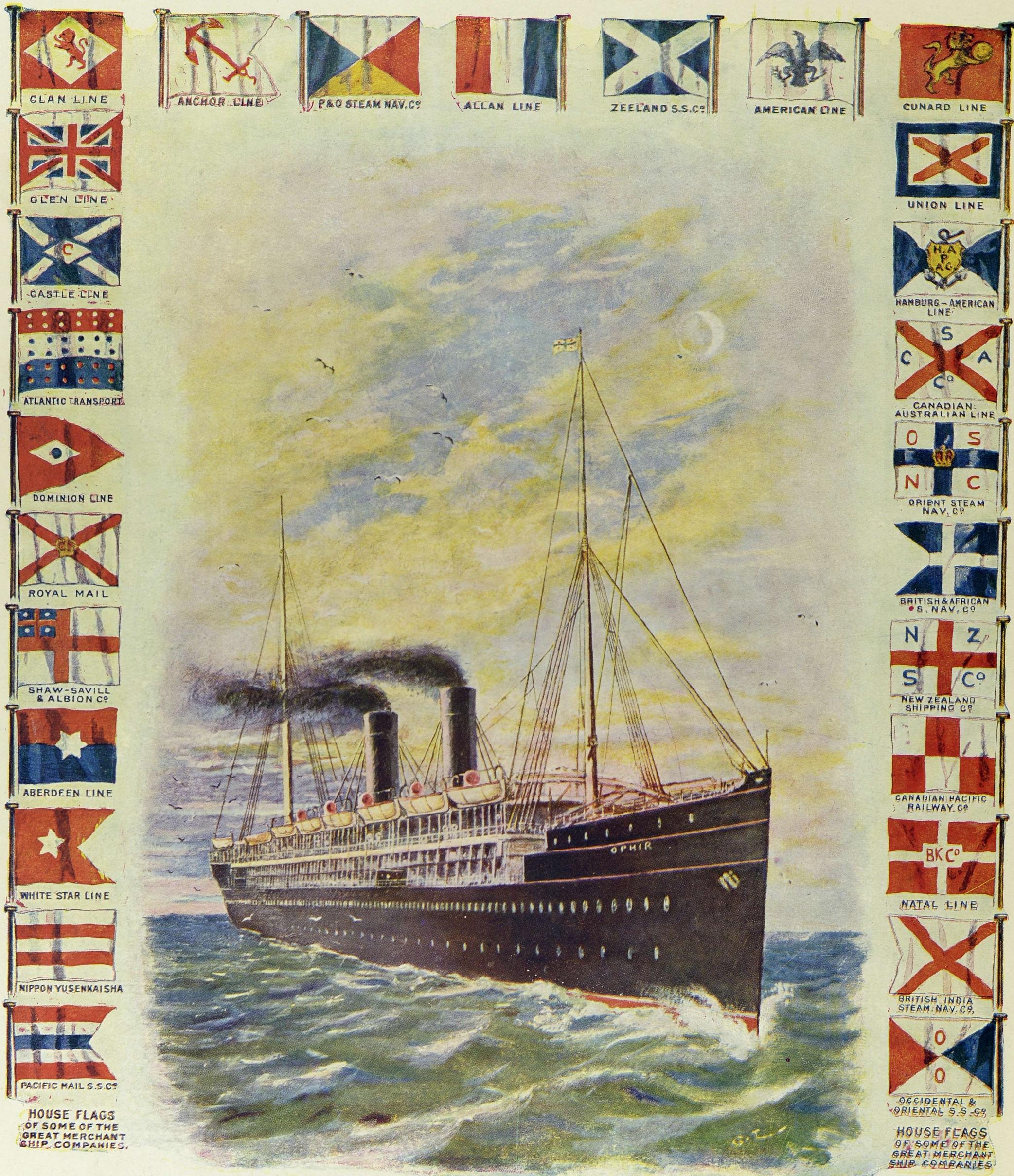
The "Victory," Nelson's Flagship, Firing a Salute in Honour of King Edward VII.

Nelson's  
Famous Signal  
at Trafalgar.



A Gunner Firing  
a Big Gun at the  
Command of a Midshipman.

Officers and Men of Nelson's Time.



A Liner at Sea.

Have you ever seen a liner? A liner is a big steam-

ship which carries passengers and goods across the ocean.



A Spoon-and-  
Egg Race.

Passengers on a big steamer sometimes have jolly games. | The boys having a spoon-and-egg race find it hard work.



Fun on Board  
Ship.  
King Neptune  
holds  
his Court.

Here is more sport! One sailor has dressed up as Father Neptune; two others are playing tricks on the young Jack Tars.

Our bluejackets have all kinds of work to do on board a man-of-war. One of our pictures shows them climbing the rigging; in another we see a sailor in diver's dress, who is going down to the bottom of the sea. Aloft or below, it is all one to Jack! Sometimes we call Jack the handy-man, because he is able to do so many things. He can scrub the floor (look at the two swabbing the deck); he can use his needle or a sewing machine, and cut out and make his own clothes.

Would you like to know how the sailors pass their time on board ship? Soon after day-break they turn out, lash up their hammocks, take them on deck, and stow them away in the nettings. Then they wash, have breakfast, and are inspected by one of the officers. After breakfast they go to their work, practise seamanship or gunnery, and have rifle and cutlass drill. At a quarter to twelve "Cooks of messes to the galley" is sounded, the

decks are cleared up, and at noon dinner is ready.

After dinner there is more work till four, when supper is served; and soon afterwards the men are free to do as they like, and pass the time



A Step Dance.

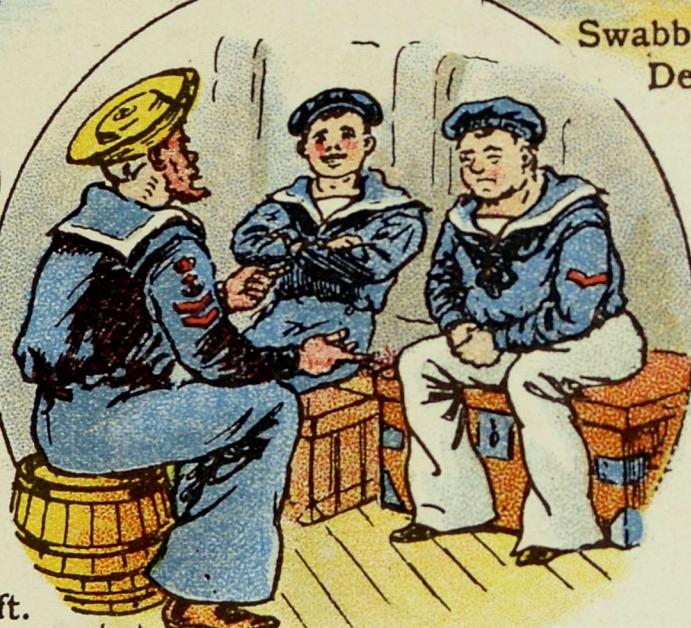
in spinning yarns, writing home, or singing and dancing. At half-past seven or eight hammocks are piped down, and those who wish can turn in. About an hour afterwards lights are put out, and only those men who have to work the great ship, or to keep watch, remain awake.



Jack Going Aloft.



Swabbing the Decks.



Spinning a Yarn.



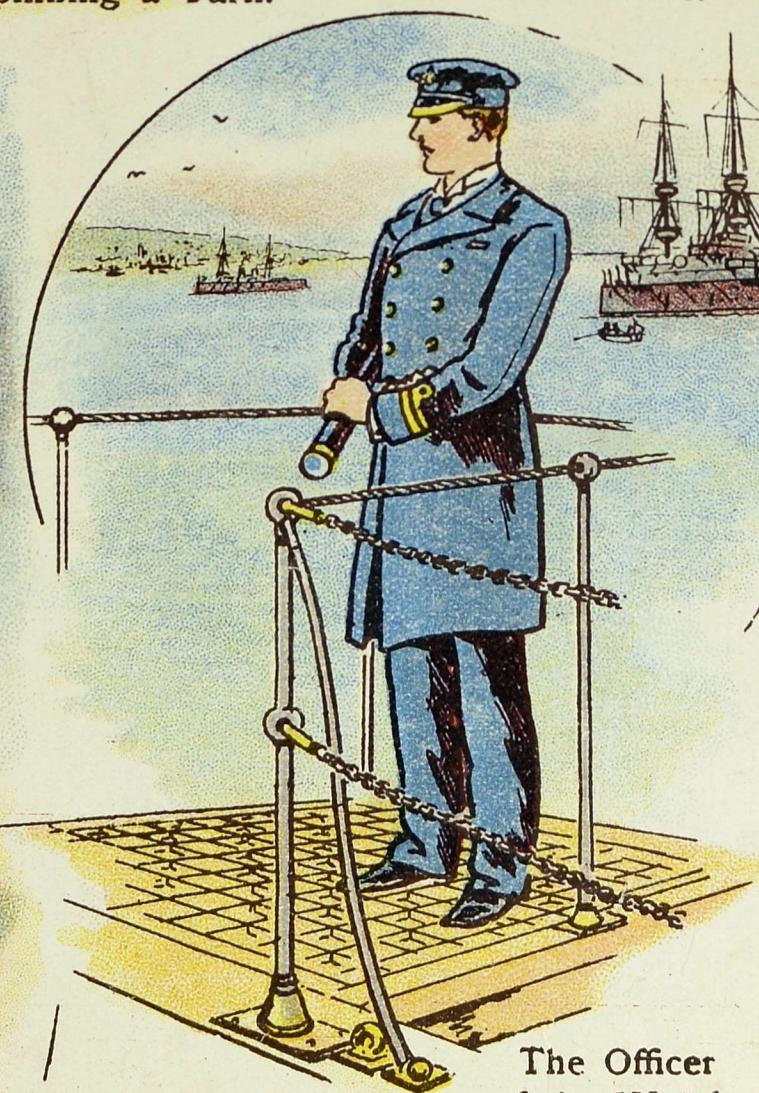
Writing Home.



Jack Going Below.



Jack Prepared.



The Officer of the Watch.



The Bugler.

Life on Board a Man-of-War.



First-Class Torpedo Gunboat.

First-Class Battleship



Steel-Armoured Battleship.

Torpedo-Boat Destroyer.

First-Class Cruiser.

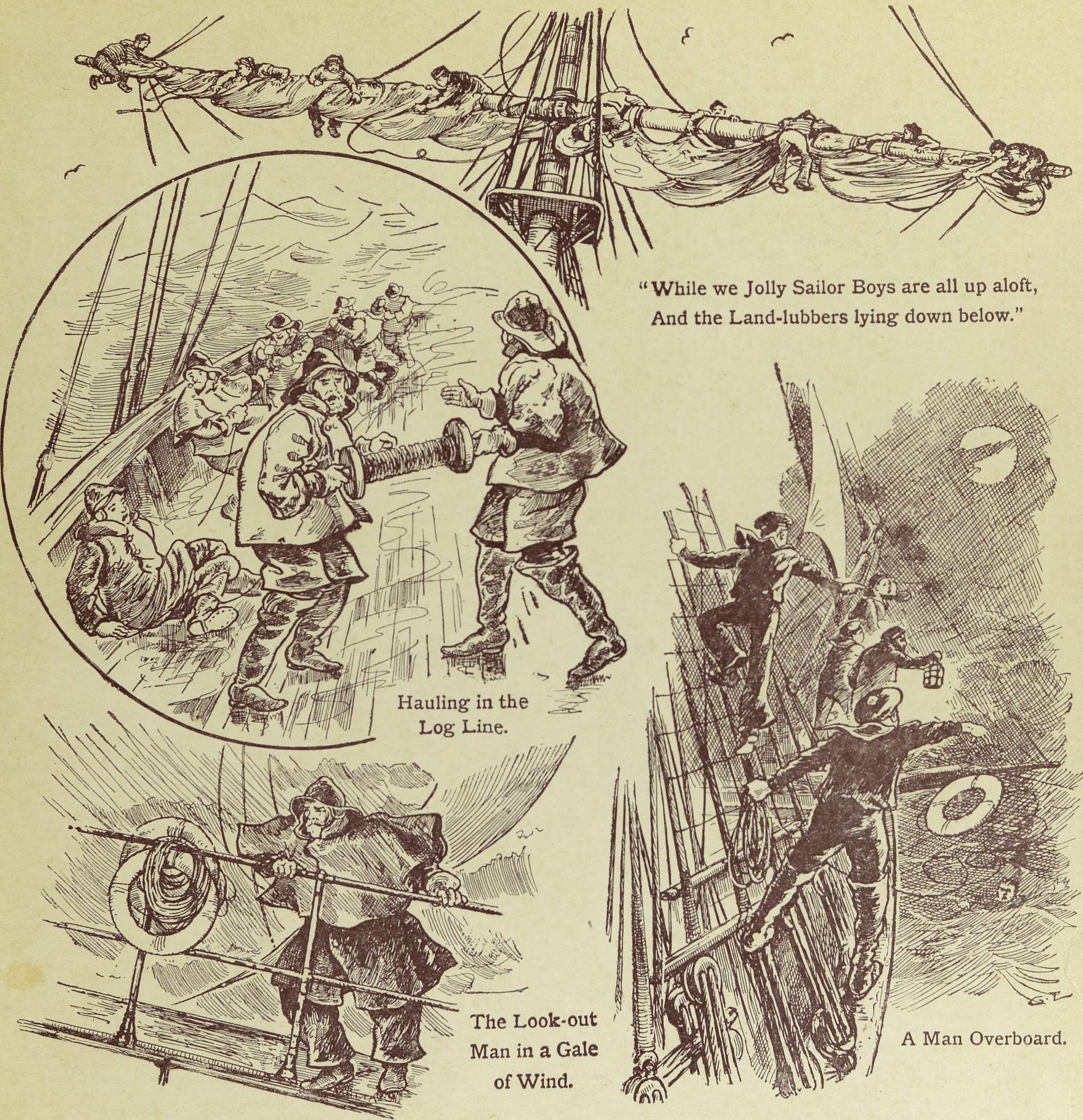


Flags of Foreign Merchant Ships.



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A Merchantman being Towed up the Thames.



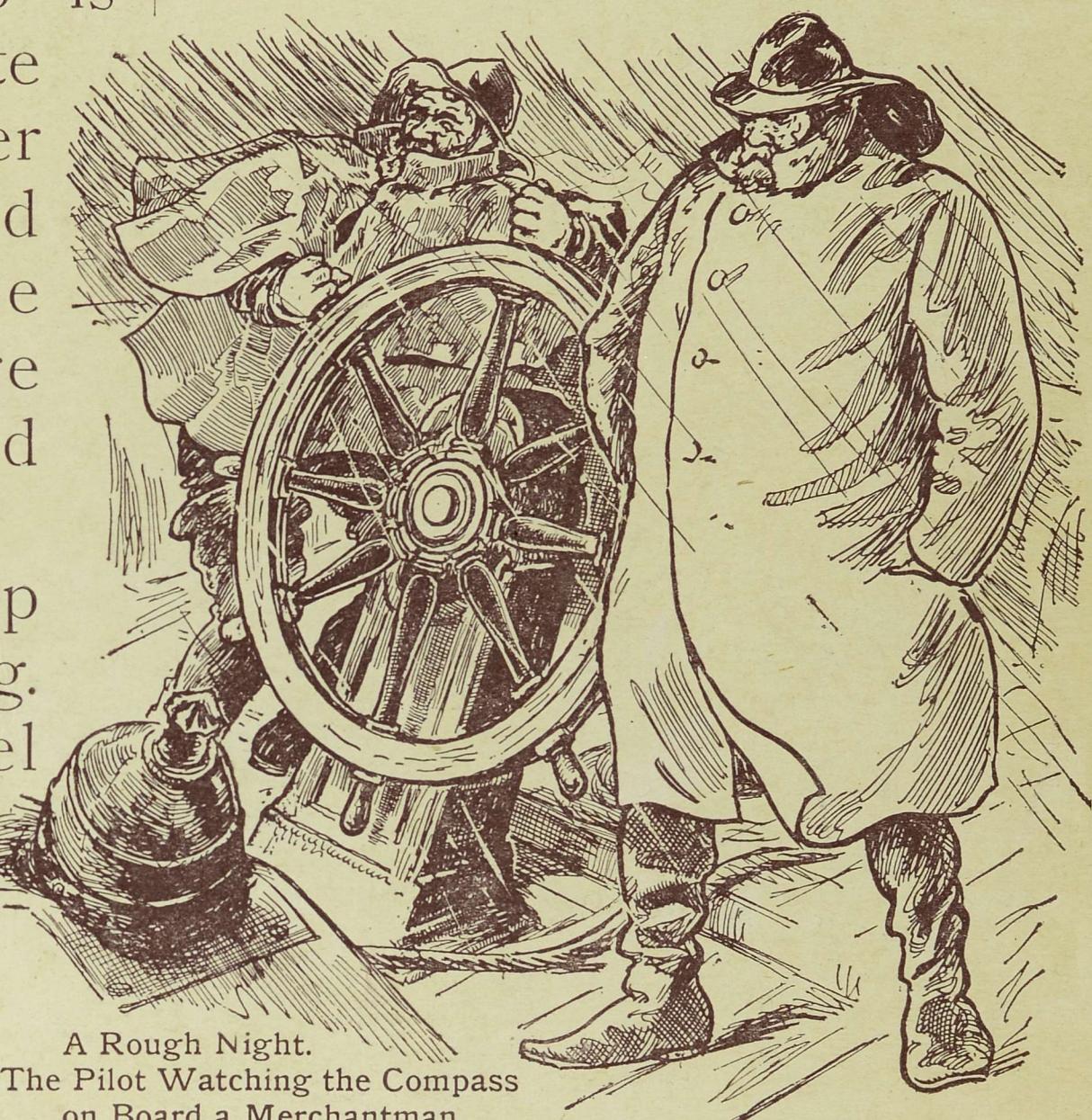
There are many dangers on the sea, and sailors have to be careful as well as brave. See the look-out man, in a gale of wind, as he peers through the storm.

Sometimes a poor fellow falls overboard, and then his mates hasten to throw him a lifebelt, so that he can keep himself afloat until they launch a boat.

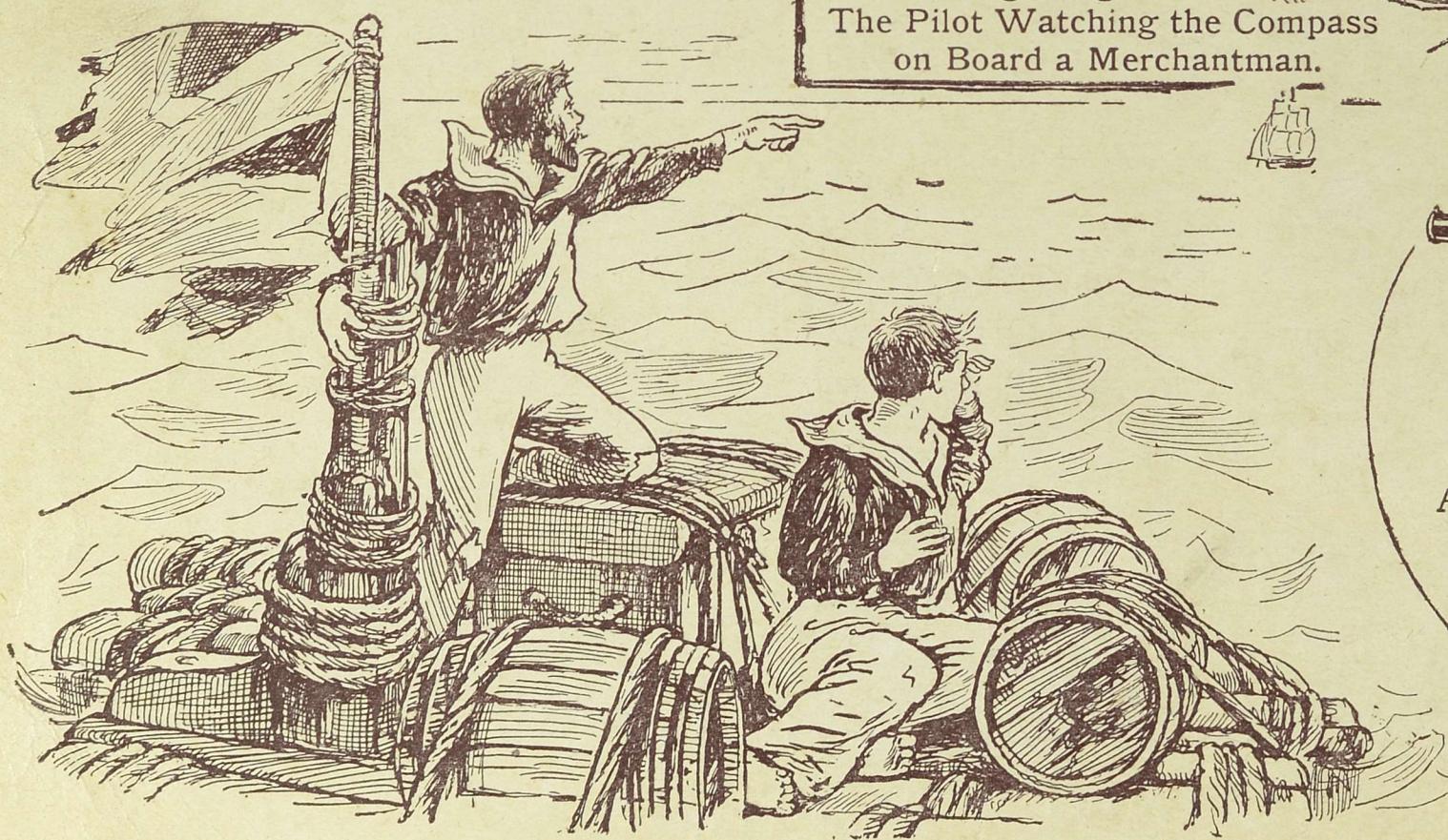
The pilot is a very important person, who guides the vessel into port. He studies the tides, and knows how to avoid all the dangerous places near the port. A pilot ship is known by its flag of white and red, and the number marked on its bow and sails. Do you see the number on the picture opposite, and the red and white flag at the top?

A ship wanting the help of a pilot hoists a blue flag. At night a pilot vessel shows a steady white light, and a flare every fifteen minutes.

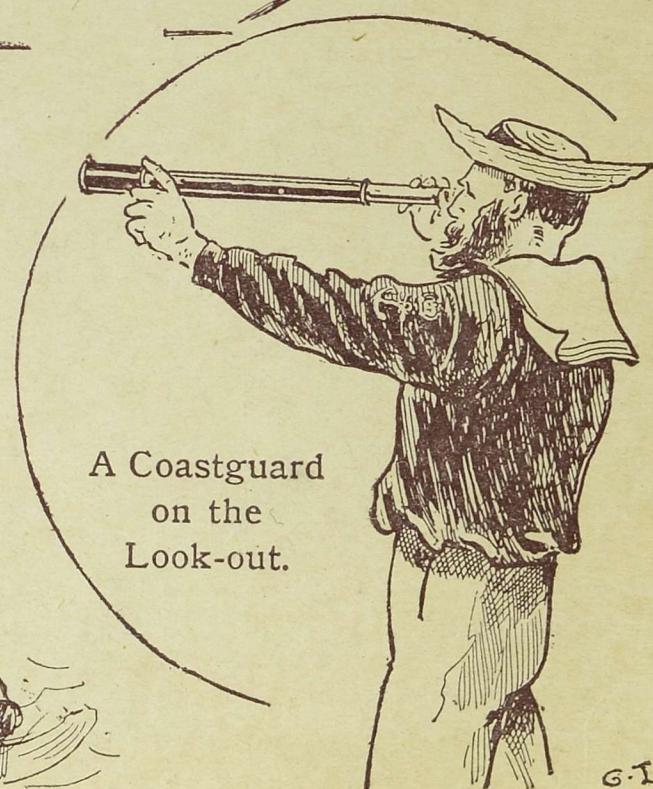
The coastguard is a sailor who lives on shore to guard our coasts, and see that no smuggling is done. The other picture shows a wreck.



A Rough Night.  
The Pilot Watching the Compass  
on Board a Merchantman.



Shipwrecked Sailors.—“A Sail! A Sail!”



A Coastguard  
on the  
Look-out.

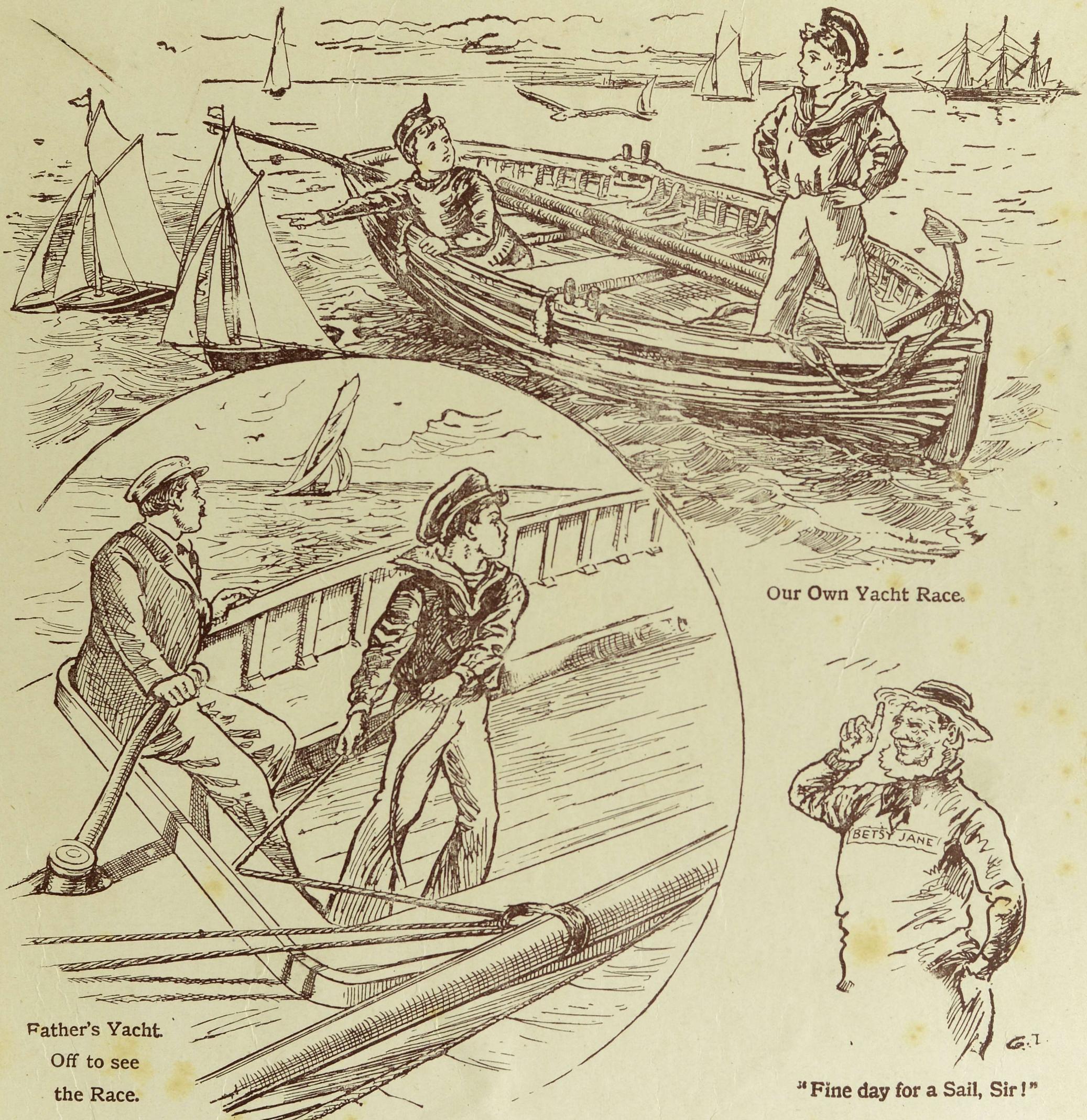
G.T.



A Pilot Boat.



A Yacht Race.



Father's Yacht.  
Off to see  
the Race.

Our Own Yacht Race.



"Fine day for a Sail, Sir!"

Most boys love the sea. Here are two having fine fun sailing their small yachts. What a happy youngster that one must be who is in a real

yacht off to a big race. I wonder if his father's boat will win a prize? I hope so, for if it does not the young sailor will be very sorry.

