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The log of the Star of India

Outline of Chapters

PART I -- UNDER THE RED DUSTER

Chapter 1 -- A Cold Collation Is Served

Description of the launching, and of the ship; her owners and builders; she is towed from Ramsey to Liverpool.

Chapter 2 -- "This Day We Arrived In Trincomalee . . ."

Maiden voyage; collision off St. David's head and resultant mutiny; a small fire in Liverpool. Flight from Madras, and dismasting; three months in Trincomalee; on to Calcutta for re-fit; death of her master.

Chapter 3 -- Emigrants, Coal -- and Ballast

End of her Indian trading, and sale to Shaw, Savill; emigrant-ship passages to Australia, New Zealand. Storms and casualties; a collision in Glasgow. Life in an emigrant-ship. Interim voyages to San Francisco and Iquique.

PART II -- NEW TRADES, NEW FLAGS

Chapter 4 -- The Case of the Dubious Hawaiian

Last voyage under the British flag; on to Hawaii; circumstances surrounding her change to Hawaiian registry, and later to U. S.; out from Puget Sound in the export timber trade. Her registry finally legalized by special act of Congress. Sold to the Alaska Packers.

Chapter 5 -- "Ships Dutis Atandat Tu"

The bark Euterpe, out of San Francisco to Alaska; another near mutiny on a maiden voyage. Life in a Packers' ship; pigs and cows aboard; packed with fishermen and cannery-hands; gambling; outlandish entries in log-book; another collision; her first encounter with sea-ice; trouble in Nushagak River.

Chapter 6 -- A Star Is Born

How Star of India got her name; birth of San Francisco's "Star" fleet, and its antecedents; her famous companions. Up before Congress again; bureaucratic red-tape and Congressional ignorance; the Gentleman from Ohio to the rescue; end of the old name. Additional Alaskan voyages; storms, fog, ice and dragging anchors.

Chapter 7 -- "That's Ice Ahead, Mister!"

Declining days of sail. More ice and storms; crude surgery by the mate; a whole fleet frozen in; near disaster at Cape Menshikov; loss of the Abner Coburn. A last spurt, and she beats the Packers' crack ship. Laid up.

