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There was while from Singleman, the mate, with a motion of his arm that signified "Heave up." He now walked from the hatch to the rail, at the same time hauling up the slack of the burton with both hands. I hoisted the lead from the ship's hold up to the cargo span over the hatch at a lively clip. He set the rope tight and took turns with it as the dolly made for this purpose, which was altered to the rail. Two whistles from the mate told me to lower away, so I eased the load into the burton, which served to lower the freight into the lighter alongside the ship. A motion of Singleman's arm indicated that I was to

"And Paper Blue Ribbon is the mate's favorite brand of wine," said I. We fetched the mates and passed the bottles. There was no need for openers; everyone had a lumber look handy, and some of us could remove the caps with our teeth. And so cool it was, coming right out of the wooden hold to the S.N. CASTLE, for no heat could matestrate that stout bulk of hers, built as it was of Douglas fir. So it had preserved for us in those bottles in our hands the chill of an autumn day on San Francisco Bay. Now, wasn't this a splendid way to celebrate Christmas? At least in a cold bay under a freezing moon, drinking

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