

Extract from : "The Flag of the Southern Cross" - by Frank C. Bowen.

The old "Euterpe" was as slow as ever, but under Captain Streeter, with Mrs. Streeter as a real mother to the cadets, she was the happiest ship afloat. They had no children of their own and they made the ship a real home whose benefits extended from her own cadets to many a lonely visitor from other vessels.

Captain Streeter was a character, and so was his steward, Fred Trimmer. The saloon table was always set beautifully with really good silver and there was the same routine pleasantries at every meal. The dish with its silver cover would be set before the captain who would always ask :-

"Well, George" - his name being Fred - "What have we for dinner to-day?"

"What would you like, Sir?"

"Well, George, I think I could fancy a little venison, to-day."

"Just what it is, Sir, Venison to-day, Sir," and he would whip off the silver cover with the air of a maitre d'hotel - but it was always the same old "salt horse" just the same.

Many a senior master who served under Captain Streeter as a cadet or officer remembers his simple, kindly humour and the sweetness of his wife, and happily they were not the only ones under the flag which became famous for its cadets.

