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# The Roll-Call Of The Reef

## The Roll-Call Of The Reef

"Yes, sir," said my host, the **quarryman**, reaching down the **relics** from their hook in the wall over the **chimney-piece**; "they've hung there all my time, and most of my father's. The women won't touch 'em; they're afraid of the story. So here they'll **dangle**, and gather dust and smoke, till another **tenant** comes and **tosses** 'em out o'doors for rubbish. **Whew!** 'tis **coarse** weather, surely."

He went to the door, opened it, and stood studying the **gale** that beat upon his **cottage-front**, straight from the **Manacle** Reef. The rain drove past him into the kitchen, **aslant** like **threads** of gold silk in the shine of the **wreck-wood** fire. Meanwhile, by the same **firelight**, I examined the relics on my knee. The metal of each was **tarnished** out of knowledge.

But the **trumpet** was **evidently** an old **cavalry** trumpet, and the threads of its **party-coloured sling**, though **fretted** and **dusty**, still hung together. Around the **side-drum**, **beneath** its cracked brown **varnish**, I could hardly trace a royal **coat-of-arms** and a legend running, "Per Mare Per Terram" the motto of the **marines**.

reef - refować, rafa

**quarryman** - pracownik kamieniołomu, skalnik  
**relics** - przeżytek, relik, relikwia  
**chimney-piece** - gzyms kominka  
**dangle** - wymachiwać, kusić, dyndać, zwisać  
**tenant** - dzierżawca, najemca  
**tosses** - podrzuca, rzut, rzucenie  
**whew** - fiu fiu  
**tis** - tak, (ti) it is - to jest  
**coarse** - szorstki, chropowaty, zgrzebnny, ostry, gruboziarnisty, ordynarny, lichy

**gale** - wichura  
**cottage-front** - front domku  
**manacle** - kajdanki, zakuwać, zakuć  
**aslant** - na bakier, krzywo, na ukos, na skos  
**threads** - nić, nitka, wątek, temat  
**wreck-wood** - drewno z wraków, zniszczone drewno  
**firelight** - światło ognia, blask ognia  
**tarnished** - śniedzić, zaśniedzić, brukać, zbrukać

**trumpet** - trąbka, trębacz, trąbienie, grać na trąbka  
rąbce, trąbić  
**evidently** - najwyraźniej, ewidentnie, zauważalnie  
**cavalry** - jazda, kawaleria, konnica  
**party-coloured** - w kolorze imprezy  
**sling** - proca, temblak, pas, podwieszka  
**fretted** - ozdobiony ornamentami lub grawerunkami, przejmować się, martwić się, próg  
**dusty** - zakurzony, pylisty, zgaszony, złamany  
**side-drum** - bębenek, werbel  
**beneath** - pod, poniżej  
**varnish** - lakier, lakierować  
**coat-of-arms** - herb  
**marines** - piechota morska

Its **parchment**, though black and **scented** with **woodsmoke**, was **limp** and **mildewed**; and I began to **tighten up** the **straps**"under which the **drumsticks** had been **loosely thrust**"with the **idle** purpose of seeing if some music might be **got out of** the old drum yet.

But as I turned it on my knee, I found the drum attached to the **trumpet-sling** by a curious **barrel-shaped padlock**, and paused to examine this. The body of the lock was composed of **half a dozen brass rings**, set accurately edge to edge; and, rubbing the brass with my thumb, I saw that each of the six had a series of letters **engraved** around it.

I knew the trick of it, I thought. Here was one of those word **padlocks**, once so common; only to be opened by getting the rings to spell a certain word, which the dealer **confides** to you. My host shut and barred the door, and came back to the **hearth**.

"**'Twas** just such a wind"east by south"that brought in what you've got between your hands. Back in the year 'nine, it was; my father has told me the tale a score o'times. You're **twisting** round the rings, I see. But you'll never guess the word.

**Parson** Kendall, he made the word, and he **locked down** a couple o'ghosts in their **graves** with it; and when his time came he went to his own grave and took the word with him."

"Whose ghosts, **Matthew?**"

"You want the story, I see, sir. My father could tell it better than I can. He was a young man in the year 'nine, **unmarried** at the time, and living in this very cottage, just as I be. That's how he **came to** get **mixed up** with the tale."

He took a chair, lighted a short pipe, and went on, with his eyes fixed on the dancing **violet** flames:

"Yes, he'd ha'been about thirty year old in January, eighteen 'nine. The storm got up in the night o'the **twenty-first** o'that month.

**parchment** - pergamin  
**scented** - pachnące, zapach, woń, perfumy, trop, ślad, zwiędzić, zwęszyć  
**woodsmoke** - dym drzewny  
**limp** - utykać, utykanie, wiotki, zwiotczały, przywiedły, słaby, bezwładny, chromy  
**mildewed** - pleśń, pleśnieć, spleśnieć  
**tighten up** - zaostrzyć (np. przepisy, regulacje)  
**straps** - paski, ramiączko  
**drumsticks** - podudzia, pałeczka, udko  
**loosely** - luźno  
**thrust** - pchnięcie, forsować, sforsować  
**idle** - nic, leniwy, jałowy, pusty, bezczynny, daremny  
**got out of** - wyjść, opuścić, wyjeżdżać, uciec

**trumpet-sling** - Uprząż do trąbki, wieszak na trąbkę  
**barrel-shaped** - beczkowaty  
**padlock** - klódka  
**half a dozen** - pół tuzina, sześć; niewiele, kilka (np. osób, rzeczy)  
**brass** - mosiądz, instrument dęty blaszany, mosiężny  
**rings** - dzwienceć, dzwonić, pierścień, kółko  
**engraved** - grawerować, ryć, wyryć, zryć

**padlocks** - klódka  
**confides** - zwierzać się, powierzać

**hearth** - palenisko, ognisko domowe

**twas** - było  
**twisting** - skręcanie, (twist) skrócić, wykręcić, kręcić, skręcony, kręty

**parson** - duchowny, pleban, pastor, proboszcz  
**locked down** - zablokować, zabezpieczyć  
**graves** - grób, mogiła, poważny

**Matthew** - Mateusz, Maciej, Ewangelia Mateusza

**unmarried** - niezamężna, nieżonaty  
**came to** - przyjść  
**mixed up** - zagubiony; bezładny; mieszany

**violet** - fiolet, fiolek, fioletowy

**twenty-first** - dwudziesty pierwszy

My father was dressed and out **long before daylight**; he never was one to **bide** in bed, let be that the gale by this time was pretty near lifting the **thatch** over his head.

Besides which, he'd fenced a small 'taty-patch that winter, down by **Lowland** Point, and he wanted to see if it stood the night's work. He took the path across **Gunner's Meadow**"where they buried most of the bodies **afterward**.

The wind was right in his teeth at the time, and once on the way (he's told me this often) a great **strip** of **oarweed** came flying through the darkness and **fetchd** him a **slap** on the cheek like a cold hand.

He made shift pretty well till he got to Lowland, and then had to drop upon hands and knees and **crawl**, digging his fingers every now and then into a **shingle** to hold on, for he declared to me that the stones, some of them as big as a man's head, kept rolling and driving past till it seemed the whole **foreshore** was moving **westward** under him.

The fence was gone, of course; not a stick left to show where it stood; so that, when first he came to the place, he thought he must have missed his **bearings**.

My father, sir, was a very religious man; and if he reckoned the end of the world was at hand"there in the great wind and night, among the moving stones"you may believe he was certain of it when he heard a gun fired, and, with the same, saw a flame **shoot up** out of the darkness to **windward**, making a sudden **fierce** light in all the place about.

All he could find to think or say was, 'The Second Coming! The Second Coming! The **Bridegroom cometh**, and the **wicked** He will **toss** like a ball into a large country'; and being already upon his knees, he just **bowed** his head and '**bided**, saying this over and over.

"But by'm by, between two **squalls**, he made bold to lift his head and look, and then by the light"a **bluish** colour 'twas"he saw all the coast **clear away** to Manacle Point, and off the **Manacles** in the thick of the weather, a **sloop-of-war** with **topgallants** housed, driving **stern foremost toward** the reef. It was she, of course, that was burning the fire.

**long before** - dużo wcześniej  
**daylight** - światło dzienne  
**bide** - przebywać, (dial.) poczekać, zaczekać  
**thatch** - pokryć strzechą, strzecha

**lowland** - nizina

**gunner** - artylerzysta, kanonier, bosman  
**meadow** - łąka  
**afterward** - potem, później, następnie

**strip** - zdzierać, zabierać, rozbierać się, pasek, skrawek  
**oarweed** - różyczka, rodzaj rośliny  
**fetchd** - przynieść, sprowadzić, pójść po, osiągnąć wartość  
**slap** - klaps, klepięcie, policzek

**crawl** - pelzać, czołgać się, raczkować, kraul  
**shingle** - przycinać krótko, żwir, kamyki, gont, kamienista plaża, krótka fryzura damska  
**foreshore** - nabrzeże, obszar zalewany, przybrzeże  
**westward** - na zachód

**bearings** - (bear) nosić, ścierpieć, wytrzymać, rodzić, znosić, postawa, łóżysko, położenie

**shoot up** - wystrzelić w górę, wzrosnąć; szprycować się czymś (np. narkotykami); postrzelić kogoś lub coś; urosnąć, rosnąć szybko (o dziecku)

**windward** - nawietrzny, nawietrzna  
**fierce** - zaciekle, zawzięty

**bridegroom** - pan młody, nowożeniec  
**cometh** - nadchodzi  
**wicked** - zły, nikczemny, niegodziwy, szelmowski, okropny, wspaniały, okropnie  
**toss** - podrzucić, rzut, rzucenie, rzucać, rzucić  
**bowed** - zginać się, uklonić się, kłaniać się, łuk, kokarda  
**bided** - 'bided – (abide) wytrzymywać, trwać, oczekiwać, obstawać, przebywać

**squalls** - szkwał  
**bluish** - niebieskawy, sinawy  
**clear away** - uprzętać coś, usuwać coś  
**manacles** - kajdanki, zakuwać, zakuć  
**sloop-of-war** - ślup wojenny  
**topgallants** - maszt powyżej stengi lub będący przedłużeniem stengi  
**stern** - rufa, surowy, srog, poważny  
**foremost** - przede wszystkim  
**toward** - ku, do, w stronę, w kierunku

My father could see the white **streak** and the ports of her quite plain as she rose to it, a little outside the **breakers**, and he guessed easy enough that her captain had just managed to wear ship and was trying to force her nose to the sea with the help of her small **bower anchor** and the **scrap** or two of **canvas** that hadn't yet been blown out of her.

But while he looked, she fell off, giving her **broadside** to it, foot **by foot**, and **drifting** back on the breakers around **Carn Du** and the Varses. The rocks lie so thick **thereabout** that 'twas a **toss up** which she struck first; at any rate, my father couldn't tell at the time, for just then the **flare** died down and went out.

"Well, sir, he turned then in the dark and started back for Coverack to cry the **dismal tidings**" though well knowing ship and crew to be past any hope, and as he turned the wind lifted him and **tossed** him forward 'like a ball,' as he'd been saying, and **homeward** along the foreshore.

As you know, 'tis ugly work, even by daylight, picking your way among the stones there, and my father was **prettily knocked about** at first in the dark.

But by this 'twas nearer seven than six o'clock, and the day spreading. By the time he reached North Corner, a man could see to read print; hows'ever, he looked neither out to sea nor toward Coverack, but headed straight for the first cottage "the same that stands above North Corner today.

A man named Billy Ede lived there then, and when my father **burst into** the kitchen **bawling**, 'Wreck!

wreck!

'he saw Billy Ede's wife, Ann, standing there in her **clogs** with a **shawl** over her head, and her clothes **wringing** wet.

"Save the **chap**!" says Billy Ede's wife, Ann. "What d'ee mean by crying **stale** fish at that rate?"

"But 'tis a wreck, I tell 'e."

"'T'v a-zeed'n, too; and so has every one with an eye in his head."

**streak** - smuga, passa

**breakers** - bałwan, łamacz, właściciel składnicy złomu

**bower** - (bow) kłaniać się, kokarda, altana

**anchor** - zakotwiczyć, przymocować, kotwica, oparcie

**scrap** - złom, pobić się, skrawek, strzęp, resztki

**canvas** - grube płótno, płótno z żagli, brezentowy

**broadside** - szeroka strona, salwa burtowa

**by foot** - pieszo

**drifting** - dryft, zaspą, dryfować

**carn** - samochód, kopiec

**thereabout** - mniej więcej, w przybliżeniu, gdzieś w pobliżu

**toss up** - podrzucać do

góry (monetę), rzucać (monetą), zagrać w orla i reszkę

**flare** - blask, rakietnica, flara, szwedy, klosz

**dismal** - ponury, okropny, posępny

**tidings** - wieści

**tossed** - podrzucony, rzut, rzucenie

**homeward** - do domu, ku domowi

**prettily** - ładnie

**knocked about** - maltretować, stłuc, sprać (kogoś)

**burst into** - zapłonąć; wybuchać lub wybuchnąć gromkimi brawami lub śmiechem lub płaczem

**bawling** - (bawl) ryczeć, wyć, wrzasnąć

**wreck** - wrak

**clogs** - chodaki, drewniak, zapychać, zapchać  
**shawl** - szal

**wringing** - (wring) wymuszać, wyciskać, wyżąć, wykręcić, wykręcanie

**chap** - kapelus, spowodować spierzchnięcie, chłop, facet

**stale** - nieświeży, stęchły, banalny, męczący



"And with that she pointed straight over my father's shoulder, and he turned; and there, close under Dolor Point, at the end of Coverack town he saw another wreck washing, and the point black with people, like **emmets**, **running to** and fro in the morning light.

While he stood staring at her, he heard a trumpet sounded on board, the notes coming in little **jerks**, like a bird rising against the wind; but **faintly**, of course, because of the distance and the gale blowing" though this had dropped a little.

"She's a transport," said Billy Ede's wife, Ann, 'and full of **horse-soldiers**, fine long men. When she struck they must ha' pitched the horses over first to **lighten** the ship, for a score of dead horses had washed in **afore** I left, **half an hour** back. An' three or four soldiers, too" fine long **corpses** in white **breeches** and jackets of blue and gold. I held the **lantern** to one. Such a straight young man.'

"My father asked her about the **trumpeting**.

"That's the **queerest** bit of all.

She was **burnin'** a light when me an' my man joined the crowd down there.

All her **masts** had gone; whether they carried away, or were cut away to **ease** her, I don't **rightly** know.

Her **keelson** was broke under her and her bottom **sagged** and **stove**, and she had just settled down like a setting **hen**" just the **leastest** list to **starboard**; but a man could stand there easy.

They had **rigged up** ropes across her, from **bulwark** to bulwark, an' beside these the men were **mustered**, holding on like **grim** death whenever the sea made a clean **breach** over them, an' standing up like heroes as soon as it passed.

The captain an' the officers were **clinging** to the rail of the **quarter-deck**, **all in** their golden uniforms, waiting for the end as if 'twas King George they expected.

There was no way to help, for she lay right beyond cast of line, though our folk tried it fifty times.

**emmets** - mrówka

**running to** - biec do kogoś z prośbą o pomoc; włączyć do rzeczy, które lubisz; stać na coś, być wystarczającym na coś

**jerks** - szarpać, pchać, cisnąć, szarpnięcie, nagły ruch

**faintly** - lekko, słabo

**horse-soldiers** - żołnierze konni

**lighten** - zmniejszyć, rozjaśnić, rozładować, odciążyć

**afore** - wcześniej

**half an hour** - półgodzinny (np. seans)

**corpses** - zwłoki, trup, ciało

**breeches** - poród pośladkowy, zamek, tylec, tylek, gacie, galoty, tył

**lantern** - latarnia

**trumpeting** - (trumpet) zatrąbić, chwalić się, trąbka, trębacz, trąbienie, wezwanie

**queerest** - dziwaczny, dziwny, queerowy

**burnin** - spalić

**masts** - maszt

**ease** - złagodzić, ułatwić, odciążyć, uwalniać, łatwość, swoboda, wolny czas

**rightly** - słusznie, dobrze

**keelson** - nadstępką, kilson

**sagged** - zwiotczały, wgnieść, obwisnąć, osłabnąć, spaść, zapaść

**stove** - kuchenka, piecyk

**hen** - kura, kurzy

**leastest** - najmniej

**starboard** - sterburta

**rigged up** - uzbrojony; sklecony; sfalszowany, ustawiony

**bulwark** - wał, szaniec

**mustered** - zebrać, zbierać, zdobyć, apel

**grim** - ponury, zacięty, nędzny, okrutny

**breach** - naruszenie

**clinging** - czepianie się, uchwycić się czegoś, przylgnąć, opinać

**quarter-deck** - tylny pokład

**all in** - cały w; łączny; wykończony