





## OLD TIME SEA COOKS

THEIR DUTIES AND PERQUISITES IN THE BRITISH NAVY.

Many Sources of Revenue For the Boats of the Gallies—There Were Other Things They Had to Do Besides Preparing the Meals.

Sea cooks were and are very necessary persons in the internal economy of the ship of war, but there were rogues among them as among all classes of men, says the London Globe. There were sea cooks who rose by the aid of influence and knavery to very lucrative positions. Lord Nottingham, when lord high admiral, gave a patent to his own cook to appoint all the cooks in the navy.

Stewards, purveyors, cooks and bakers are classed together by one writer as the chief beneficiaries under the system of speculation and perquisites which at one time made the navy a happy hunting ground for the rascals of the country. But they were not all permitted to ply their trade with impunity, and one sea cook got seven years' hard labor from Sir John Fielding for a long series of frauds. And in sentencing the man the judge expressed his regret that he could not order him to be hanged at the hospital gates.

Pea soup was generally the best ration the men had and was certainly served in the skins, sometimes two to each man, and a good natured cook was frequently prevailed upon to cook cakes and duffs that the men had made themselves, demanding for his services either a pot of grog or a portion of the dish he cooked.

Sometimes, however, he could only be bribed by money, and in that way increased his pay of 35 shillings a month, in addition to which he was allowed 10 shillings in receipt of a pension of 11s. 8d. per month. Besides these sources of revenue he also made a good deal of money from the sale of "slush," the fat scraped from the ship's coppers after each meal had been served, and a half of which was his perquisite. The other half belonged to the ship for greasing the bottom and running tackle.

The ship's cook was, moreover, honored with a guard of two marines, who stood sentry over the door of the galley during the preparation of meals to prevent unwarranted raids upon the provisions by ship's thieves; he did not wear a uniform nor was he expected to keep watch, being allowed to sleep in comfort and comparative privacy throughout the night on the lower gun deck. But, on the other hand, he had some duties not connected with food, among them the preparation when the ship was in port of a hot poker for firing salutes.

And it was an established custom of the navy that the ship was not properly paid off until the pennant was struck by the cook. This operation he was expected to perform as the last officer of the ship, and until he had done it no officer could consider himself discharged or at liberty to leave the port. This rule held good though every seaman had left the ship, and sometimes the cook himself, in a fit of absentmindedness, went off without carrying out the task, and had to be routed out again before the pennant could be hoisted for their homes. There were some seamen alive today who have heard the phrase, "Every man to his station, and the cook to the foremast," and the landsman who has read Marryat will always connect the man of the galley with the famous phrase, "Son of a sea cook."

In addition to the ship's cook, of course, there were, as now, the mess cooks, men who were appointed by the seamen themselves to be presidents of the messes for the week, and who had to receive the provisions for the mess from the purser at the daily issuing of victuals and who had to hand these on to the ship's cook in good time. As compensation for this trouble the mess cook drew a cook's or double portion of grog, and he deserved it, for his duties were arduous and his critics severe.

If he spoiled the duff he was tried by a jury of the mess, and his jury was gathered by holding a mess swab or beating a tin dish between decks forward. He was condemned to most painful punishments if found guilty. He was also the carrier for the mess, and in order to prevent favoritism a blindfolded member of the mess was required to call out the name of the person who was to receive the portion as it was placed on the plate. Small or large, that portion was given to the man named, and probably no more satisfactory method of dealing with the question could have been found.

Telling the Time. One of the accurate ways of telling the time is to use your hand as an hour mark. Nothing simpler. All farmers not possessed of watches or clocks and who have some practical notions of common utilities not only ask by hand, but given to us by the Creator, know the rule. It is necessary to keep in mind the hour of sunrise and sunset and to hold the arm straight out from the shoulder, with the hand at right angles, bending from the wrist forward. If the sun sets at 7 o'clock, any sun still high in the heavens close one eye and make three measures of the width of the palm near the thumb. Each measure means one hour. Three measures given to three hours—47 that the time thus obtained is 7 less 3, or 4 o'clock. With practice you can beat the average watch.—New York Press.

Horses and Oil Cakes. "Say, d'you know anything 'bout hosses, hey? D'ye know they'll eat pork? Well, they will when it's fed 'em an' they have to. The heavens stops subsequent, though they're an all-fired sight worse afterwards." Belle went right onto a meat diet, hog meat an' oil cakes. Yep, linsed oil—it'll fat a rail fence. Belle took on weight amazin'. Curious thing 'bout oil cakes, though. Once a hoss has his hand fast on 'em an' then groves pickin' ag'in, there ain't nothin' in the world'll push flesh onto him a second time. You can try as much as you're mind to; it ain't no use.—American Magazine.

Somnolency. Talking in sleep is more common than is generally supposed. Of 200 students between the ages of twenty and thirty 41 per cent of the men and 37 per cent of the women talked in their sleep, and most of them could answer questions.—Harper's Weekly.

True of Trouble. He had a good opportunity but he didn't take the trouble to improve it. "Yes, it's a funny thing about trouble, isn't it? If you don't take it you'll have it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Leaves seem light, useless, idle, wavering and changeable—they even dance. Yet God has made them part of the oak.—Leigh Hunt.

## HOW FAME COMES.

Men Who Became Great Through Accident or Chance.

Accident has played an important part in the making of great men. If Cooper had never been challenged by his wife to write as good a story as an English novel he had been reading he might never have been one of the great novelists.

If Napoleon had persisted in his attempts to be a writer of essays after the fashion of the military academy the world would not have known this great general. If Shakespeare had not failed as a wool merchant and turned actor and then, becoming dissatisfied with himself as an indifferent playwright, applied himself to writing there would never have been this great dramatist, and no doubt the plays of today would have been inferior to what they are.

Cowley, became a poet purely through chance. When only a boy he found in his mother's attic a copy of Spenser's "Faerie Queene" and, becoming enchanted by the rhyme, determined to write poetry for himself.

Gibbon tells that it was while he was at Rome among the ruins of the capitol that he was first moved to write the history of the rise and fall of that great empire. Probably he had not taken a walk on that certain sunny day he would never have conceived the work that afterward made him famous.

Cornelle, the French poet, was in the habit of making verses for his friends. Being flattered by their criticism, he gave up his profession as a lawyer and turned writer.

Franklin discovered electricity by accident, and Moliere was turned to writing comedy, from the tapestry trade, by a reprimand from his father for leading a dissipated life.

Newton discovered the force of gravitation through a mere chance. When a student at Cambridge he went one day to the country. Being weary with his rambles, he sat down beneath an apple tree, and while he was musing there a sudden roused by a severe fall from an apple which, falling from the branches, struck him on the head. He was surprised at the force of the blow from so small an object, and this led him to deduce the principle of gravity.

Planchette became an eminent astronomer through chance. Because of ill health he was taken from school, and, wishing to have some books to read while in confinement, he borrowed a book on astronomy. He was so interested in this volume that he procured others and at length adopted the study as a profession.

Pennant, the authority on natural history, received his propensity in that direction through a chance pursuit of a book, which he found on a table, in the house of a friend, and Sir Joshua Reynolds was first moved to his profession of painting portraits by casually reading Richardson's treatise.—Sunday Magazine.

Mistakes of Authors. The author of "Don Quixote" makes the party at the Crescent tavern eat two suppers in one evening. Scott, in one chapter, "Franklin" gives the Christian name of Malvoisin as Richard, subsequently altering it to Philip. Pope makes a weasel eat corn. Kingsley makes John Brumlecombe read the prayer for "All sorts and conditions of men."

Elizabeth the prayer book did not contain it. Sir Archibald Alison speaks of "Sir Peregrine Pickle," when he means Sir Peregrine Maitland, and the same author translated "drott de timber" as "drott de timber," which is only equaled by Victor Hugo's translation of "Fifth of Forth," "premier de quatre."—London Academy.

Hard Frying. This story is told by a clergyman of North Carolina: "An old colored man stole a pig and after getting home with the animal knelt to pray before eating it. His wife heard him praying to the Lord to forgive him for stealing the pig. She went to sleep with Uncle Eph still praying. Later in the night she woke up and saw her husband still kneeling in prayer. At daybreak his supplications had not ceased. 'Eph, if you don't stop, I'm going to bed,' cried his wife. 'Let me alone, 'Riah; de mo' I tries to 'splain to de Lord how I come to steal dat pig de wusser I gits mixed.'—Buffalo Commercial.

Learned Better. "My daughter has learned one thing at boarding school," exclaimed the man, "and that is how to write a legible hand."

"How did it happen?" asked a friend. "She kept writing home for money," said No. 1, "and I sent back word I couldn't read a word of her letters. It soon cured her of that Chinese chirography."—Detroit Free Press.

Appropriate. "You in the hotel business?" snorted Dumley's friend. "Why, you were never intended for a hotel man."

"Maybe not," replied Dumley, "but I'm in for it now. I notice all the swell hotels have a motto, and I thought you might suggest."

"Better make yours, 'Mistakes will happen.'"—Philadelphia Press.

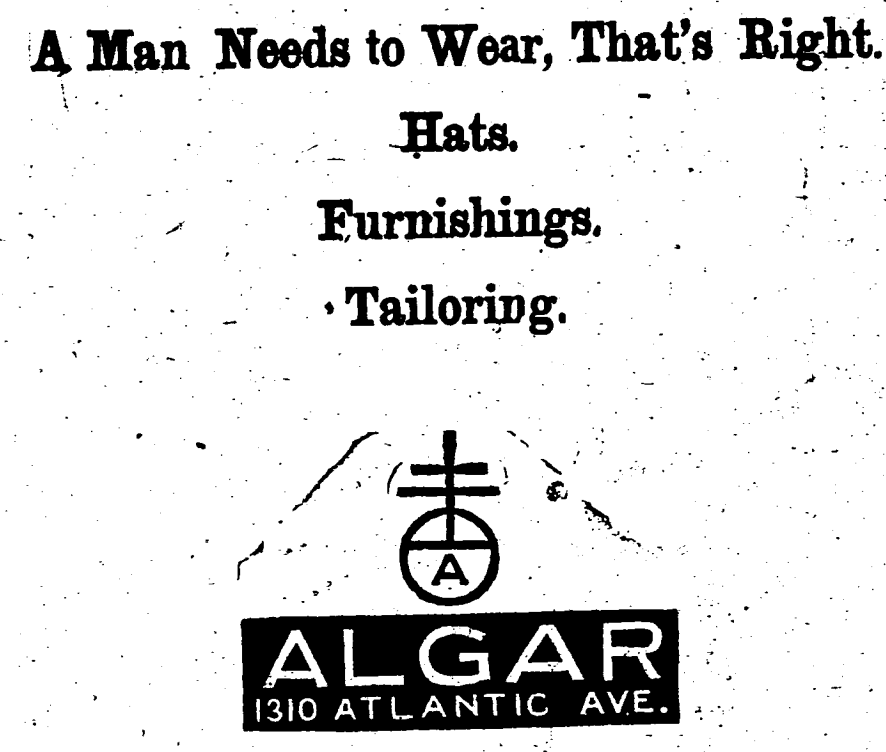
His Hate and Her Hate. She—Did you ever stop to figure out how many hats in a year you could buy with the money you throw away on cigars? He—Sure I have, dear. I could buy about fifty for myself, but only about three for you!—Yonkers Statesman.

Hardly. "Why do girls wear engagement rings?" "On the same principle that a person ties a string around his finger—so they forget they're engaged."—Answer.

Indelicate. "Darling, yours shall be a sunny lot in life."

"Now, look here, George, are you talking of your behavior or of where we are going to build in the suburbs?" "The wife—No, I was talking of your behavior."—Baltimore American.

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My mother made a patchwork quilt  
When she was seventeen,  
With roses of red cotton,  
And leaves and stems of green.

A thing of beauty it was deemed,  
And still it is to see,  
For when her quilts were portioned  
round.

This one came down to me.

I keep it as she used to keep,  
To treasure and to love,  
And only bring it forth to grace  
A favored festival day.

But sometimes in the rainy spell,  
When orchards are in flower,  
I spread it on my chamber bed  
To while a lonesome hour.

And as I trace her handwork,  
In stitches fine and true,  
And think how patiently she toiled,  
Those maiden moments through.

That flower and leaf might stay beyond  
The span of her own days,  
I think that in her silent task  
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Dream to outlast the hour,  
When twenty springs have swept  
As lives her patchwork flower?

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"PAPA IS GOING TO MARRY AGAIN."

tion would have done, and they made no effort to conceal their feelings.

"I never, never can call that man father," said Millie.

"My dear, he doesn't want you to," said Mrs. Beverley.

"I can't endure the sight of him," pouted Millie. "And Charley says exactly the same thing."

"Charley is a disobedient, ungrateful son," sobbed Mrs. Beverley.

But here Mr. Beverley himself came to the rescue.

"Young people," said he, "I don't object to your making yourselves as miserable as you like, but you mustn't torment your mother. I'll have none of this."

Millie lost no time in carrying this revolutionary speech straight to her brother.

"Very well," said Charley, coolly, "we'll accept the challenge."

"I'll not submit to his tyranny," said Millie. "I've got a plan."

"So have I," said Charley, "lots of 'em! only they don't seem to work when I try to put them into practice."

"I've been writing to Louise Vane," said Millie.

"I've seen her as if I had heard the name before, now that you mention it," said Charley, rumpling up his brown, curly hair. "But why should you write to her—and what has she to do with our affairs?"

"The sympathies so thoroughly with me," said Millie, "she considers second marriages as sinful as I do. And she has asked me to come to her and stay as long as I please. There is a nice hotel in the village, Charley; and her father is very hospitable. And there is a fine supply of trout and beautiful shooting, Louise writes, and plenty of agreeable society."

"Not a bad idea," said Charley, reflectively.

"Oh, George, what shall we do?" cried Mrs. Beverley, turning pale when she comprehended that her children were gone.

"Give 'em their heads," said her husband, composedly drinking his coffee. "Never drive young coots with a boot. They'll be glad to come back in six weeks or less."

"But it's such a rum about nothing," said Mrs. Beverley, half laughing, half crying.

"That's the beauty of it," said her husband. "That's precisely what they enjoy! The jolly fellow shook with laughter."

Louise Vane recalled her former schoolmate with affection.

Her father, a stately, middle-aged gentleman, spoke a few kindly words of welcome.

"Oh, dear!" said Millie, when she was alone with her friend. "I do hope we shall not disturb Mr. Vane."

"Nothing disturbs papa," said Louise. "He will never think of noticing such chicks as we are. Every old maid and widow in the village has tried to marry him ever since poor mamma died."

"How dare they?" said indignantly Millie. "I think the Legislature ought to pass a law against second marriages. They are wicked, sinful, an outrage on civilization."

"Of course they are!" said Louise. "But don't worry, darling. Remember that you are with me now."

And the two young women dived into each other's arms, with renewed vows of eternal friendship.

Three months of happiness at Vane Stone followed. Millie and Louise read their favorite authors together and worked hideous screens and impossible portieres in crevices.

And all this time neither sister pos-

## CHARLEY WROTE A LINE TO MRS. BEVERLEY.

"I'm afraid they have discovered me," said the poor lady. "I fear they never mean to forgive me. She added, with a deep sigh.

"My dear, don't be a goose!" said her husband. "You don't regret our marriage, do you?"

"Of course not," said Mrs. Beverley, with a gleam of spirit.

"Neither do I!" said Mr. Beverley, laughing.

But one day Mr. Vane called his daughter into his study, with a serious face, and when she came in she was drowned in tears, and said straight to the haven of her dearest friend's room.

"Darling!" cried Millie, "what is the matter? Tell me, I beseech you."

"The worst that could possibly happen!" cried Louise, indignantly. "Papa is going to marry again!"

Millie cried to the very roof of her hair.

"He told me so himself," said Louise. "I never stopped to ask him who it was that was to marry him. He said that was to be his wife."

"But," faltered Millie, "if your stepmother loved you very much indeed—"

"Fiddlesticks!" said Louise, "as if a stepmother could love one! Oh, I have heard enough of that. You, too, my poor wounded girl, will be driven from your refuge. If I could only offer you a home—"

"It's so good of you, darling!" whispered Millie. "But I don't really think that it will be necessary, because, because—"

"You're not engaged to be married, too?" almost shrieked Louise, struck with a certain consciousness in her friend's face.

"Yes, I am," said Millie, hanging down her head.

"And to whom, your precious little companion?"

"To—your father!" said Millie. "Oh, don't blame me, Louise; I couldn't help it!"—The Four Hundred.

London's Great Growth.

London is growing rapidly. The immensity of the world's capital and its activities are illustrated by the London County Council's annual report. The population per acre is 61. Londoners occupy 988,000 houses. The birth rate is steadily declining. There are 138,000 registered paupers, and yet London is not poor. During the year 401,108,063 passengers were carried on tramways and 288,000,000 omnibuses. The municipality owned trams operated by the London County Council carried 156,839,818 passengers. There are 3,582 buses in the streets of London daily; 13,168 hansom cabs, 3,000 motor cars. There are 1,028 branch roads. The letter-carriers during the year delivered 72,000,000 letters. Despite the growth of Liverpool, London as a port still leads, 27,100 vessels having cleared during the year. There are 284 miles of gas mains under the streets. London's daily supply of water to its inhabitants is 217,000,000 gallons, or an average daily supply per head of 83 gallons.

CUTTING STEEL WITH OXYGEN.

New Method Discovered by French.

Sawing steel is a dangerous process because of the force required to cut tempered metal and also because of the sparks which enter the lungs of the workmen. At Eugene Le Maine in La Nature of Paris described a process whereby the metal is oxidized by the flames of oxygen gas driven in a thin jet which cuts through the steel or iron with great facility. When the first experiments were made with the new process an oxyhydrogen flame was used, which first heated the iron, but then the supply of hydrogen was diminished and that of oxygen increased. In this case combustion took place as was desired, but it was not sufficiently thorough; the resulting oxide of iron was imperfectly heated. It lacked fluidity, and consequently was eliminated with difficulty. In the second, the oxide mixed with other metal particles and prevented intimate contact with the oxygen. Thus at the end of a few seconds combustion ceased and it was necessary for the heating flame to be again put in operation and then the oxygen jet was used. The first experiment was made with the new process an oxyhydrogen flame was used, which first heated the iron, but then the supply of hydrogen was diminished and that of oxygen increased. In this case combustion took place as was desired, but it was not sufficiently thorough; the resulting oxide of iron was imperfectly heated. It lacked fluidity, and consequently was eliminated with difficulty. In the second, the oxide mixed with other metal particles and prevented intimate contact with the oxygen. Thus at the end of a few seconds combustion ceased and it was necessary for the heating flame to be again put in operation and then the oxygen jet was used.

When he tells his story there's no mistaking the dial, right away, eh?"

"Yes, indeed. He says 'No jabbers' after every sentence."—Philadelphia Press.

When you encounter a man who tells you that the world is growing worse give him the sorrowful look and pass on.

A hit in time may save the nine, and a kick unheeded may save a fine.

Let dogs delight to bark and bite but let men—let men—let men—

Why does rubber cause pencil marks? Boys and girls often ask that question, and perhaps there are those who would like to have it answered. It is chiefly because the rubber contains a large proportion of carbon. The black lead of the pencil is carbon and iron, and the carbon of the rubber has so great an attraction for it that it rapidly takes up the traces left on the paper.

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## HE WAS WALKING FAST.

That's Why He Heard This Jumble of Dressed Goods Remnants.

This is what a man claims to have heard in walking four short blocks in the neighborhood of the city hall.

"I had left over six yards of lovely—"

"She looked a perfect fright in it, poor creature! but—"

"I was determined to have it cut and made so—"

"They say that the empire will be all—"

"And so many of the new blouses are—"

"I never remember a year when—"

"It was a dream of chiffon and pink—"

"I saw her yesterday in purple broadcloth with—"

"I do believe it is the one she wore last year, dried and—"

"I've pretty well decided to buy a wreath for it—"

"The wreath dressmaker had a batch of the whole—"

"There were panels of lace to match—"

"I nearly fainted when I saw the bill, and Jack—"

—New York Press.



Mamma's Little Helpers.

Features of W. L. Douglas's Administration and Jobbing House.

The dedication of the new administration and jobbing house building erected at Brockton, Mass., by the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co., as a part of the company's centennial celebration, was a most impressive affair.

The building is situated just north of the No. 1 factory on Spark street, facing the Montello railroad station. It is a modern up-to-date building, the completion of which marks the establishment of a modern up-to-date wholesale jobbing house and office building. Mr. Douglas has long considered the advisability of a jobbing house, not only for the purpose of supplying his own retail stores more readily, but also for the purpose of extending the United States handling of the W. L. Douglas shoe might be able to obtain shoes for immediate use with greater facility.

Under the present system all shoes are manufactured to order and customers sometimes lose sales waiting for shoes to arrive. With the new jobbing house they will be enabled to have their hurry orders shipped the same day they are received, which will be a great benefit to the customer and will result in a largely increased business to the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co.

The new building is 280 feet long and 60 feet wide and two stories in height. The entire floor space is occupied by the entire 'lower' floor, while the offices will occupy the second floor. Leaving the new jobbing house on the first floor, the main staircase ascends to the second floor level in two divisions separating on the first landing and meeting again upon the fourth where the large Palladian window is situated, which appears over the entrance.

At the head of the staircase in the mosaic floor appears the word 'Victory'. The entire floor is planned and decorated after the manner of the central apartment of the Pompeian house. This room is directly in the center of the main building, being 28x38 and 16 feet in height, and is lighted by a large ceiling skylight of classic design.

Around the atrium are placed the private offices, where the heads of the departments are located, with their assistants. Beginning at the right of the main entrance, in order, are those of Mr. F. J. Riney, Mr. H. T. Drake, general superintendent; Hon. W. L. Douglas, president; and H. L. Tinkham, treasurer. They are finished and furnished in mahogany and are en suite. Mr. Douglas's own room occupies the corner of the building, and is a very handsome apartment. To the left of these comes the room of C. D. Nevins, assistant treasurer, Mr. Marion Shields, correspondence clerk, and the store department.

On the east of the atrium and opening into this hall are two alcoves separated by mahogany counters, the fronts of which are plate glass and filled with bronzes. These are the offices of Warren Weeks, paymaster, and Harry L. Thompson, the bookkeeper.

The next in order to the left are two rooms devoted to the credit department, one the private office of A. T. Sweetser and the other occupied by his clerks. The next two offices are those of F. L. Enklime, advertising manager, and his assistants.

The three other rooms completing the outer wall line of the atrium are the reception room to the left of the entrance, the director's room, and the lavatory and the sample room. Here are located the telephone instruments, telephone switchboard and booths for use of guests.

The director's room is a fine chamber occupying the space in the northeast corner of the building. This room is finished and furnished in mahogany and all appointments are in keeping. Here hangs a portrait in oil of Mr. Douglas, the president. The last room in this series is the sample room, the next to the last, which is a large room, the walls of which are covered with the latest styles of shoes. The room is a fine chamber, the walls of which are covered with the latest styles of shoes. The room is a fine chamber, the walls of which are covered with the latest styles of shoes.

Johnny Jump-Up.

"Jump up, Johnny," mother said, Johnny jumped up, out of bed; Jumped so suddenly, 'fore he knew, Out the window fast he flew, In the garden stuck and grew, A little 'Johnny-Jump-Up'.

Bridge-Builders.

Ralph and Robert, reading stories about the great explorers, and they had come to the conclusion that they had found the right occupation for life. They would be explorers, and make maps of the countries they discovered.

"The only trouble is there are no places about here that people don't know about," complained Ralph, as they lay in bed, trying to decide how they would begin the business of opening up unknown territory.

"My plan is this," said the practical Rob. "You see, everything has to be practiced before it amounts to anything. So I think we ought to learn to get the hang of it. So I think we ought to practice exploring right down round the mill-pond and in the pasture until we know whether we can stand it to camp out—and all that sort of thing."

Ralph agreed to this, and they decided to begin operations at once. The next day they set about building a raft. They brought heavy logs from the pasture; their father had allowed them to cut down some of the small trees bordering the cow-path. It was quite hard work to drag the logs to the shed, and they found some difficulty in getting the raft to the pond after it was completed. Their next trouble was, the raft was so heavy and uneven that they were unable to keep it above water when they were both on it. Perhaps it was a bit to say anything about the accident, but they found it very difficult to get the raft to the pond after it was completed. Their next trouble was, the raft was so heavy and uneven that they were unable to keep it above water when they were both on it. Perhaps it was a bit to say anything about the accident, but they found it very difficult to get the raft to the pond after it was completed. 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