HOBBSON'S RETURN

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It was ever with Private John Hoobson, now in the forty-third year of his life, a ship's cook, that no incident of the great war had left a more lasting impression upon his mind than the time he was driven, by a severe storm, into the harbor of the city of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland.

John Hoobson had been born on the island of Ichthyrus, in the South Pacific Ocean, the son of Captain John Hoobson, R.N., af.

The storm had been raging for several days, and the ship was in dire straits. The crew was reduced to the last thread of hope, when, by some miraculous power, they were saved from the jaws of death.

As soon as the ship was anchored in the harbor, she made her way to the tender, and was brought to the shore. Here she was met by a crowd of people, who were all rejoicing at the safe return of the ship.

The first thing that John Hoobson did was to go to the nearest hospital, and have his wounds treated. He then proceeded to the hotel, where he was hospitably entertained.

John Hoobson had been ship's cook for many years, and had seen much service. But never had he been so happy as when he was able to tell the story of his narrow escape from death.

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