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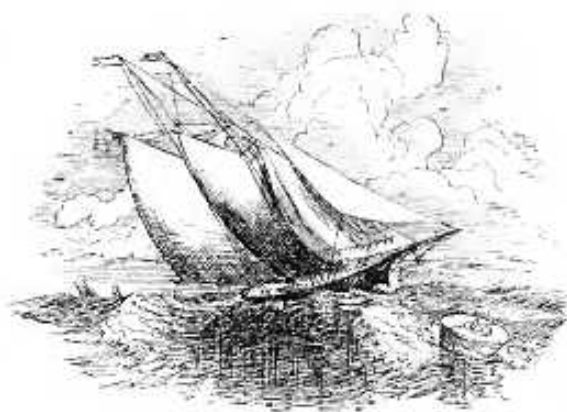
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IN a work so unpretending as this a Preface is hardly needed. My book would never have seen the light but for the kindness of friends. They listened so patiently to my repeated recitals of adventure that I was tempted to seek a larger audience. I have had three objects in view in elaborating my log: First, the happiness it always gives me to talk about the ocean; second, the hope of giving pleasure to others; and, third, my desire to induce yachtsmen to venture into blue water. If I fail in the last, I shall fall back cheerfully to the other two; and if the second be unattainable, then the pleasure I have had in writing the book remains, and I am quite content.

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