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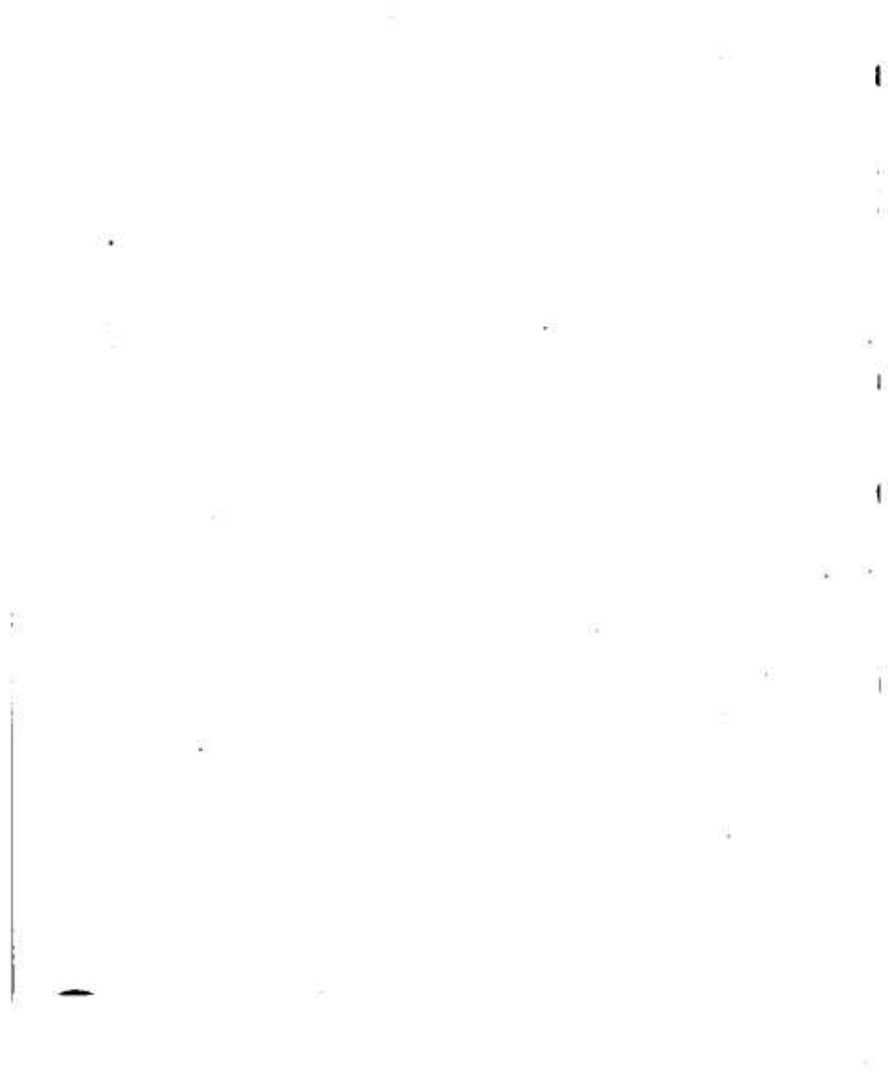
Many practical men will read a story but steer clear of a serious article which may, perhaps, cover the same subject. It was to reach just such men that the following story was written.

The purpose has been to give as much practical and useful information as possible regarding the handling and care of boilers and marine engines, and yet have story enough to hold the interest of the reader.

So many letters of inquiry have been received, asking for further information on many points, that it is evident the story has been carefully read, and it is because of this apparent interest that "THE PROFESSOR ON SHIPBOARD" is now published in book form.

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## The Professor on Shipboard.

### CHAPTER I.

#### IN THE FIRE-ROOM.

The Professor was a man of small stature, slightly stoop shouldered, somewhat cadaverous, wore glasses, but withal carried a general air of intelligence and good nature. After graduating from college at the head of his class, he had been employed for several years as an engine draftsman at a large shipbuilding establishment, where he became very proficient in the theoretical side of marine engineering. A vacancy finally occurred in the chair of engineering in his college, and he was tendered the position. This he gladly accepted, as being more to his liking than the hustle and worry incident to a billet at a progressive shipyard.

Having now more leisure at his command he devoted considerable time to the preparation of essays to be read before engineering societies, and finally became the author of a treatise on his favorite branch, marine engineering. In this way his name became prominent in the profession, and he was looked upon as more or less of an authority by men interested in the business.

The Professor had an older brother, who was, in every particular, as different from his younger relative as two men can be. In his youth he was stout and robust, fond of all outdoor amusements, and very early in his career developed a fondness for the water. To him, going to school was looked upon as a sort of imprisonment, and his abhorrence for books was very pronounced. His father pleaded with and threatened him, but all to no avail. His mind was set on going to sea, and nothing else would do. Finally he was taken out of the public school, much to his delight, and yielding to his father's advice he started in as an apprentice in a large