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TO  
EDGAR F. CYRIAX, M.D.  
A GOOD DOCTOR AND A SPLENDID FRIEND

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCES SOME PEOPLE AND A SHIP

As I finished winding the chronometers, Captain Matthew Hawks entered the charthouse of the *Martin Connor* and slapped some papers down upon the desk.

"I'm through with the whole bunch," said he with a restrained emphasis that marked an endeavour to keep his temper, as he glared at me with keen, cold, grey eyes. "I tell you, Grummet, I'm through with the whole bunch!" — and he hit the pile of papers a smack with his open hand.

I glanced down to see if he had cracked the top of the desk and said: "Yes, sir," sympathetically.

"I want coal," continued my commander.

"Yes, sir, certainly."

"Coal in bunkers, Grummet, and coal in number two hold."

"Yes, sir. Are you going to —"

"Yes, I am!" he replied. "I'm going to start