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WAITING FOR A LETTER.

The postman's howl draws near, And into the quiet street Through gossamer curtains peer

THE CRUISE OF THE TOM.

The Tom, of Baltimore, was a saucy hermaphrodite brig, whose men took great pride in the tony forty-pounder which she carried amidships, and entertained an exceeding admiration for the skill of their first lieutenant, Mr. Gale, who in all cases of emergency took upon himself the immediate direction of that destructive engine.

"No, I don't expect to," replied the lieutenant. "I guess about the third fire I'll plump a shot into him. The first may go over and the second under, but the third'll fetch him!"

upon rounding a bluff which sheltered a little inlet, her captain discovered a Guineaman lying cooily in the basin, and, going in, dropped anchor within a cable's length of her.

She had a strong crew, and, beside, many of her numerous passengers also took part in the battle, so that, altogether, she was a really formidable antagonist.

A Canal Through Palestine. At a meeting of the London Balloon Society, Captain Moleworth, R. N., delivered a paper upon the subject of the proposed Jordan Canal.

THE VELVET PERIOD. A NOTABLE SEASON IN THE LIFE OF EVERY YOUNG MAN. How it struck a Citizen and the Courage it required to get it on—Why he gave it away.

Fifty Years Ago. Edward H. Ludlow, an emotioner and real estate broker in New York since 1836, testified before the Senate Committee that twenty years ago money loaned on mortgage easily commanded 7 per cent., while now the large corporations are content with 4 to 4 1/2 per cent.