

A BRITISH STEAMER'S PERIL.

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Capt. Baker on his last trip from Liverpool to New-Orleans met with an exciting experience. It was on the forenoon of Sept. 24 as his ship, the British steamer *Red Sea*, was off the Azores. The morning was clear and bright, but the vessel began to labor heavily, and was put under storm sails. The sea became rough, while the wind blew a living gale. The barometer fluctuated by jumps; the compass was affected. Suddenly the vessel received a terrific shock that racked her from stem to stern. She appeared to bump the bottom, was thrown on her beam ends, but righted almost immediately. All hands rushed on deck to witness the appalling sight of a mountain of water off the port bow rolling down upon them. The vessel was headed bow on at the tremendous billow, and as she struck it stood on stern end, rode it gallantly, pitching over it as from a precipice into the trough yawning below. The rudder and the propeller were hoisted far out of the water, the boats swung in the davits, the yards creaked overhead, the masts strained and twisted, and the coal on deck was scattered from one end to the other. She came up out of the terrible trough, shook an instant, righted herself, shipping but little water, sustaining no material damage, and plunged ahead on her way. Capt. Baker is positive that his sudden and dangerous dilemma was the result of an earthquake, and if his ship had been heavily laden he would never have ridden it out in safety.

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