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How an **Earthquake** Disturbed Mariners Off the .lav. i Coast. The big Calcutta **ship** Ulnfnlng arrived after a voyage of 123 days. Captain Davies, her skipper, reported that on April 17th, when about 600 miles off the coast of Java, he experienced a terrific **earthquake** shock. Captain Davits says he has been sailing in the Calcutta trade for a quarter of a century **and** never before had such an experience. "The weather was perfectly calm," said the captain. "There was not a breath of air. '1 he sea was as smooth as a mill-pond. The atmosphere was muggy **and** sultry. I was sitting at the table eating supper. Suddenly there was" an almost imperceptible tremor. Then the **ship** trembled like an a»pen leaf. I heard a rumbling, grating sound, as though the vessel had struck a coral ice". I rushed on deck. Dismay and terror were pictured in the faces of my men. They thought tin **ship** was coing to pieces. "From stein to Stern she trembled for fully three minutes. There w:is a peculiar ground swclj that made us think wo hat touched bottom. The carting of the lead soon allayed 01 r fenrs. I told our men what the phenomenon was. My assurances quieted them. Kove of them had ever felt an **earthquake** sliock before. "Whllo the tremor lasted they were momentarily expecting the sea to open **and** swallow them. Two more shocks were felt the next day. They were not so severe as tie fiisttae."— 2f. Y. special to Piusburg Dispi.tcn.