

is false, as all travelers positively assert, that Spanish dollars are current all over Africa. Their value, doubtless, differs in different parts of the coast, as the inhabitants may be found more or less in want of other articles. And the money was buried! How is it that it remains secreted to this very day, with a fleet of British vessels on the coast? How is it that it is still in possession of the natives, notwithstanding the powerful arms of the British navy, headed by Capt. Henry D. Trotter? Why, also, were not the watch, the wash-basin, and the dressing case, all of so much value, ever discovered?

Gentlemen, I never, in the whole course of my practice, heard of any thing which appeared so utterly moonshine, as these stories which have been told you. I do not say they are so—but they may be, for all we know to the contrary. Do you believe, gentlemen, that Capt. Trotter ever thought this money was taken piratically? It was said the money belonged to Mr. Peabody, and if so, would it not have been the interest of Capt. Trotter to have found it? He would have undoubtedly received a large reward on restoration to the owner, and also a reward from his government for having captured a pirate. Quentin tells you that he supposes the money was taken, and sent to the Treasury of the Navy. This you must be aware would never have been the case, but it would, as prize-money, have been divided among the crew. Proceeding on this point, gentlemen, I shall endeavor to show you, that a good and honest log-book was taken, with the other papers, from on board the *Panda*, and was either destroyed, or remains in the hands of Capt. Trotter.

Quentin also tells us of an American flag or ensign which was found on board the schooner. Why, I would ask, has it never been produced, as well as the many trifling articles taken from Capt. Gibert? These stories remind me of nothing so much as some old wives' legends, or tales of the nursery, about pots of money buried, or a treasure at the end of the rainbow. I put it to you, gentlemen, whether it would be consistent with your duty, to take the lives of twelve men on