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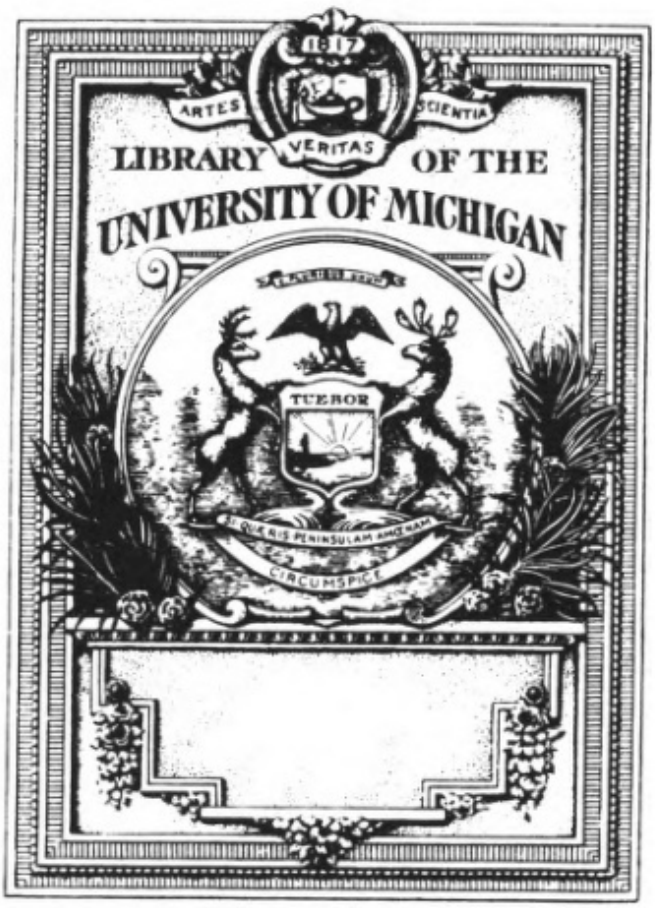

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To Edward

Grace Garfield

A happy birthday!

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Jack Went Over the Rail, Splash!

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CHAPTER I

ASSIGNED TO STRANGE SEA DUTY

OLD JERRY, Civil War boatswain and naval veteran, had been dead for six weeks.

Thomas Krumm, the new messenger, a man of about thirty years of age, did not know the very young man who presented himself for attention in the corridor leading to the outer offices of the Secretary of the Navy.

"My man, kindly inform the chief clerk to the Secretary that Mr. Benson is here, awaiting his pleasure and that of the Secretary," said the newcomer, a neatly dressed, very erect and athletic-looking young man of eighteen, or possibly just past that mark in age.

"D'ye think the Secretary will see you today?" grinned Krumm.

"I'm sure I don't know," replied Jack Benson.

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