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in due course the life of the table. clever + witty - been knock-
ing about the world for 10 or 12 years + was about 40: a
 pity he cant help the fact that he is neither born a bred a
gentleman, otherwise his wit would not sometimes have a
smack which leaves a taste in ones mouth. Next him
Victor wately already touched on abry with his family.
Opposite him Moynan who has also had his share of atten-
tion - + next me on my left Gubbins of whom I do so. On
his left his brother - quiet + gentlemanly - already of 4 years
experience in N.Z. but of so retiring a nature on board ship as
generally to be known as Mr Gubbins brother. Opposite al-

most in the shade of the Mizzenmast sit 2 brothers, ^{31.} similarly
known as Capt Grant, + Capt. Grant's brother. Both old Victor-
ian diggers, with only this difference. The captain was in the
army before he went to the diggings, the brother went out
very young + his rough life has left its unmistakable mark
on his manners. Besides to make him more awkward he is
nearly stone deaf owing to underground work among contin-
ual blastings, + both brothers have a curiously husky voice
the result of other digging experiences they must both have
gone through. When young they lived in France, + as the one
is ~~the~~ so hard of hearing they always converse together in