

MAN WEATHER WHIP. HAUL ASHORE.

As the seas rush through to the lowlands, further contribute to the dangers that confront the life savers as they rush along with the apparatus.

These "cut throughs" are also the dreaded menace of the surfmen on patrol, during stormy weather and high tides, the seas, as they sweep through them, often entrapping the life savers, throwing them down, burying them in the rushing waters, and jeopardizing their lives.

As soon as the life savers reach the scene of disaster, the Lyle gun is quickly taken from the cart, loaded, sighted, and fired, the captain, who sights and fires the gun, taking good care that he has sent the shot flying through the storm well to the windward of the wrecked vessel, so that if the shot should fail to go across the vessel, yet

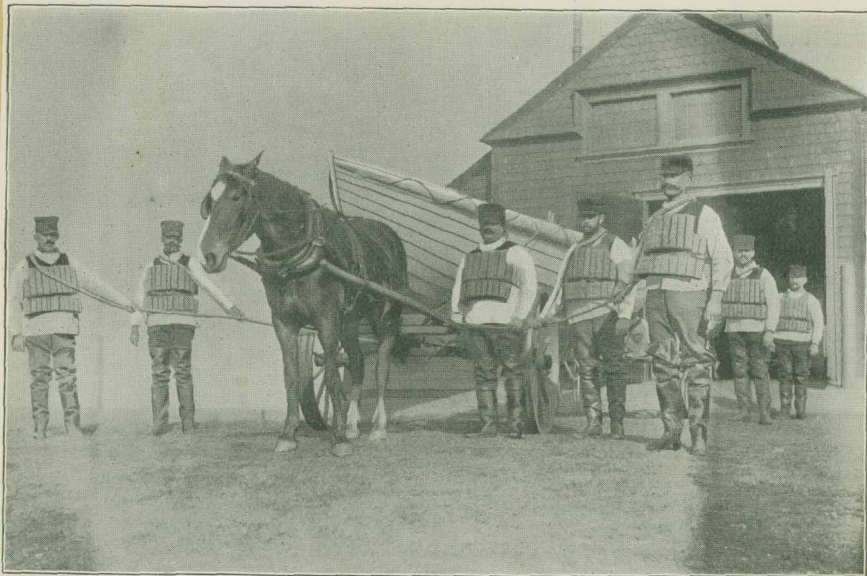
a shot to the vessel, they at once begin a search for the shot-line which is invariably found somewhere in the rigging.

The captain, with the shore end of the shot-line in his hand, waits for a signal from the ship that the line has passed over the vessel, and



THE BEACH CART, MEN, AND HORSE, WITH HARNESS ON, READY TO GO TO A WRECK.

that the crew have found it and are ready to proceed with the work of rescue. A tail-block with a whip, an endless line rove through it, is made fast to the shot-line, and the wrecked seafarers haul it aboard



LIFE SAVERS AND HORSE HARNESSED TO SURF BOAT CART READY TO GO TO A WRECK.

beyond it, the line will be carried to the wreck by the force of the gale.

The work of burying the sand anchor, getting the crotch, whip line, hawser, and breeches-buoy ready is speedily accomplished. Torches are kept burning by the life savers to tell those on the wrecked vessel that assistance is at hand and the life savers are at work, and even if the imperiled crew do not hear the report of the gun, which has fired



GOING OFF TO A WRECK.