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THE VOYAGE OF THE "SCOLOPAX"

The 20-ton Ketch Scolopax leaves Falmouth for the South Seas - with an 11-month old baby on board. His name is Rupert, and any storm he may meet on the trip is nothing to the storm his parents have raised by deciding to take him along! They are 22-year-old Rosemund Elverson and her husband, and these three are the ketch's whole crew.

Brian Elverson, 29, used to have a 100-acre farm in Wiltshire - but the young couple got bored and sold it, deciding to cross the Atlantic and Pacific and find a coral island to make into a home and trading base. They haven't much sailing experience, but the Scolopax is well-stocked and seaworthy - so why shouldn't they, Brian Elverson wants to know? After all, families run just as many risks on the roads at home.

It's too late for criticism now - so the best of luck to an adventurous family!