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Thomas Desmond of San Francisco Were Selected to Do the Work-An Appointment by James Stephens  
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The Expedition Wound Up After Many Difficulties-John King's Narrative of His Part in the Work-The Fenians in Australia Had a Rescue Project of Their Own-Meeting with Breslin-How He Ran the Quarantine  
John King Continues His Narrative of His Personal Part in the Enterprise-Meeting with the Two Men Sent From the Other Side of the Atlantic on the Same Errand-The Two Parties Arrange to Cooperate; Conclusion of John King's Narrative of His Share in the Splendid Work-The Severe Ordeal in the Open Boat and the Race for the Ship Facing British Guns-Safe in the Land of the Free; Editors' Epilogue  
Appendix A: Letters from James Wilson

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Sommario/riassunto

The story of John Devoy's 1876 Catalpa rescue is a tale of heroism, creativity, and the triumph of independent spirit in pursuit of freedom. The daily log on board the whaling ship Catalpa begins with the typical recount of a crew intact and a spirit unfettered, but such quiet words deceive the truth of the audacious enterprise that came to be known as one of the most important rescues in Irish American history. John Devoy's men rescued six Irish political prisoners from the Australian coast, allowing millions of fellow Irishmen and American-Fenians, many of whom secretly financed the dangerou

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