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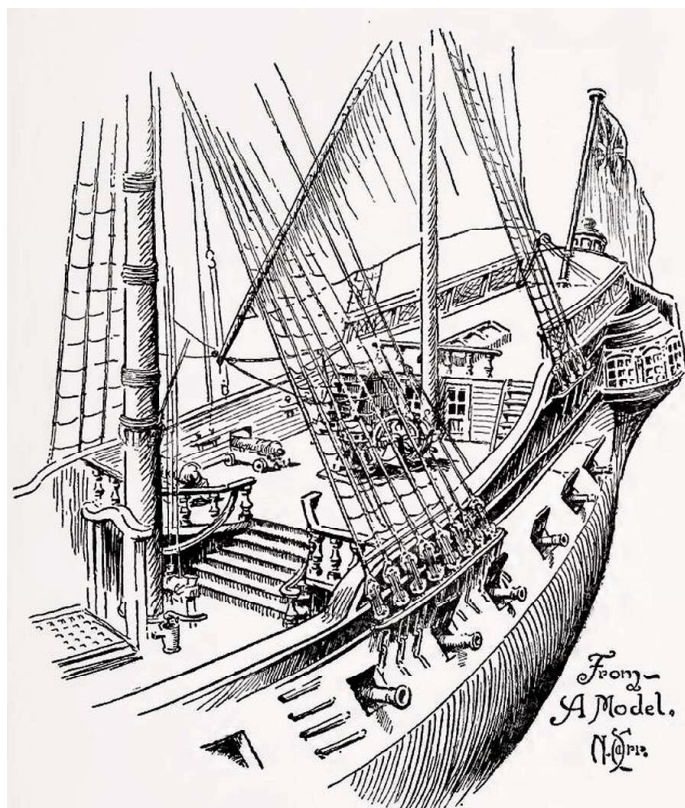
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**Figure 1.** Quarterdeck of an eighteenth century frigate. (Author's collection) from Chatterton, *Ships & Ways of Other Days* (1915).

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