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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE MYSTERY OF WHALING.

From the Nantucket Inquirer. Several sketches descriptive of the process of taking whales, and the operations on board ship connected with the gigantic sport, have from time to time been given to the public, per newspaper and pamphlet.

There she blows—there she blows!—repeated at intervals of half a minute, is a cry often heard, and oftener wished for, from the mast-head of a whale ship in whaling waters.

Thus prepared, the sails are hoisted, the oars are peaked, and the men, seated on the sides or gunwale of the boat, add the force of the paddles to the assistance of the wind.

But all this is the work of a moment, and the whale has disappeared. He is going down and the line is whizzing round the logger-head and through the checks.

Boats are often knocked to pieces by whale's flukes, or bit in pieces when he is gnashing his teeth in his agony; but comparatively few persons are killed, or even hurt, when such occurrences do take place.

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oar, and is commander. The boat-steerer, whose title would indicate the steering oar as his place, does not have charge of it until the whale has been struck with the harpoon, when he changes place with the mate, who finishes the performance with the lance.

Let us go to the ship. She is four miles off to windward. The other two boats are within a mile of her chasing whales, but cannot get up with them. The captain is on the fore-top gallant-cross-tree with his spy-glass. He sees the waif. It is near night.

While the ship is drawing down, preparation is made for securing the whale to the ship. A stout cable is strung along the deck to be passed round the flukes.

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ICE-ICE-ICE! I HAVE on hand a large supply of Boston Ice, from 16 to 20 inches thick, which can be sent to Raleigh, or any intermediate point on the Rail Road, with very little loss.

JUST received at the North Carolina Bookstore, Stephen's Travels in Egypt, Arabia, and the Holy Land. Also, in Greece, Turkey, Russia, and Poland in 2 Vols. Also, his Travels in Central America, Chiapas, and Yucatan, in 2 Vols, with numerous engravings.

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!! JUST received and will continue to receive by the rail train, a daily supply of Boston Ice, which can be had by the pound or bushel.

NOTICE.—This is to caution the public, against trading for a Note given by Johnson Harris, as Principal, and Ezra Gil and James Hicks, as Securities, payable to Geo. W. Mordecai, Esq. for about \$20.

GOOD BACON WANTED.—We should like to get some sides now, and would prefer taking them on commission.

SARATOGA WATER.—Just received direct from the Springs, a fresh supply of the celebrated Saratoga Water in bottles. For sale at Raleigh, N. C.

White Sulphur Water from the White Sulphur Springs.—Just received a large supply of the White Sulphur Water by the Box, Barrel and Half Barrel. For sale only by N. L. STITH, Druggist.

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TAKEN UP AND COMMITTED TO the Jail of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, on 25th of March last, a negro boy DICK, who says he belongs to Col. Thomas Bottom, Sheriff of Amelia County, (Va.) He is about 20 years of age, very black, says he was following Dr. Jones, who was moving to some of the Southern States, and who owned his wife with whom he wished to live. The owner can have his boy, by proving property, paying charges, &c. otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

RALEIGH SEMINARY, MR. AND MRS. DORRAT, Principals. THE third Session of this Institution will commence on Monday the 8th May, 1842. The course of instruction will comprise, besides the usual branches of an English Education, French, Drawing, the Theory of Music, and Ornamental needlework. Terms, per session of five months \$20.00.

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Virginia money taken at par. NEW GOODS. THE Subscriber has just returned from the North with a full supply of seasonable Goods, all of which will be offered at prices sufficiently low to induce customers to buy. The following comprise a part.

THE Gentlemen of the Bar.—There can be had, at the North Carolina Bookstore, a few sets of the Reports of the Supreme Court of N. Carolina. Those who have broken sets, now have an opportunity of completing them.

SPLENDID PIANOS. FOR SALE. A Superior assortment of rare and exquisite PIANOS are offered for sale at the Bookstore in town and finish, at prices to suit the times, and lower than similar instruments can be bought by retail in the Northern Cities. Address D. P. WEIR.