

HOOKING A BIG SHARK.

Experience of Two Fishermen Who Bated With a Monster Fish.

It was a pitch dark night, with a heavy swell coming up from the inlet. We sat on the pier of the shanty, smoking and listening to the confused sounds of wind and sea, while now and then a big wave would become visible as it broke near the pier.

On this night we located a big school by this method and, seizing our rods and tackle, jumped into a smaller boat than we would have taken time to choose.

Suddenly the fish stopped biting in the queerest way. I let out foot after foot of line, thinking that the school had moved only a short distance and that my bait might strike them.

"What have you got, in the name of all that's wonderful?" asked my companion.

"What in thunder have I got?" I asked in turn.

I couldn't tell. It was going like a locomotive, and I knew that I couldn't check the thing, whatever it was, if I had a hawser attached to it.

Both of us sat peering into the black vagueness astern, and my reel was simply screaming, while the rod was bent into a semicircle.

"Reel in quick!" whispered John. "It's coming this way."

Without wasting time, I let the reel go and gave him all the line he wanted, hoping he would take it and be off, but the big fish was angry and didn't intend to be off.

The phosphorescence which followed him showed up his motions swiftly. He swerved off, swam clearly in a big semicircle, headed straight for the boat with a great lashing of the water and, with terrific speed and force, struck his head against the side of the small craft.

Only by throwing all our weight on the gunwale did we escape being capsized. As it was, we shipped half a boatful of water. The fish circled off again and made another rush at the boat.

"That's what I have," replied the portly man, with an audible sigh. "I studied it from the beginning to the end of one campaign."

"And what is the result of your investigation?" asked the other.

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Near the boulevard, upon the site of the house 206 Eighty-fourth street and the lot adjoining on the east, stood until a few years ago a large old fashioned frame dwelling in which Poe wrote that chapter of accumulated horrors, "The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar," one of the best examples of fiction which has the semblance of literal fact.

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There are two mountains in New Hampshire bearing the name Kearsarge. One of these is in Warner, in Merrimac county; the other near North Conway.

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