

AN ODD FISH.

Queer Marine Monster a Natural Enemy to Whales.

While operating at a fishery in Admiralty Island, Alaska, one summer...

The great club was used on the back of the unfortunate whale in such a manner...

What seemed most remarkable to me was that, no matter which way the attacked whale went...

I do not know of any whales being killed, but there were several that had great holes and sores on their backs.

Some years ago the editor of a down east newspaper undertook to compliment an eminent citizen as a noble old burglar...

Wanted!

An industrious farmer with experience to take charge of farm in Pamlico county...

FOR SALE

A fine breed sow healthy and in good condition. Apply to W.F. Gilbert.

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I have for sale one pair well broken Steers, 7 years old, WA BUELL, Near Steels Ferry, Craven Co.

For Sale--

The tract of land on Goose Creek known as the Guion tract, D. C. NGDON.

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Galilee Boat. 32 feet on keel, dead rise bottom. Lathrop engine, 10 H. P. For cash or easy terms. For particulars apply to J. B. COLLINS, Trenton, N. J.

NEW SHORT STORIES

How He Heard the News. General Spaulding, who has been at the St. Louis fair representing the treasury department...



"THE DEADLOCK HAS BEEN BROKEN." 5 o'clock in the evening came and still there was no result.

"Have you heard anything from Lansing?" he asked the telegraph editor.

"The man said he had no objection to this, and, going through a pile of dispatches, he finally discovered the right one and, looking up, said carelessly: 'They've nominated an old fellow named General Spaulding.'"

"Barrin' strangers." "Many times," said Colonel Bill Sterrett of Texas reflectively, "I have seen the disastrous effects of butting in."

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LETTER TO G. W. WATERS. New Bern, N. C. Dear Sir: If our agent charges you 10 cents more for a gallon of paint than somebody else, don't think he is making more profit; we charge him more; it costs us more. It is all paint, true paint, and full-measure.

Cabbage Plants!

Grown in the open air. Will stand any cold. Constant guaranteed. Guaranteed headers. Seed grown by best seed houses in the business. I have now an unlimited supply. Any variety. Sold the largest half of the plants for the cabbage crop in Virginia and North Carolina last year. Will give references if desired to anyone that used them last year. Prices, in lots less than 5,000 \$1.50 per thousand; less than 10,000, \$1.25; large lots, (over ten thousand) \$1.00 per thousand, f. o. b. Meggett, S. C. Express rates about 30c. per thousand and less. I give coupons with each order guaranteeing content, and offering special inducements to all purchasers. E. L. COMMINS, MEGGETT, S. C.

The SPORTING WORLD

Jockey Hildebrand's Great Record. Eugene Hildebrand, the California rider, broke the world's record for winning mounts during last season and will command his own price for 1905.



There does not seem to be much "graft" in Australia. All its public men who have died in recent years died poor.

Cornell Runners May Go Abroad. A popular movement is being agitated among the students of Cornell university to promote an international cross country meet between Oxford and Cambridge and an American team representing either the Intercollegiate Cross Country Association or Cornell alone.

Ban Johnson's Fear. Ban Johnson is wrought up because the National League has voted to play a 154 game schedule, which will necessitate the American doing the same thing, although the latter had previously decided to cut to 140 games.

The Butchered Side. A woman who is a close observer of children was out walking in the country one day, she relates, when she saw a little girl with solemn big blue eyes sitting on a doorstep munching a huge slice of bread and butter.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

An immense flower market is to be built in New York city by 200 or more florists.

The number of cigarettes manufactured and sold in Canada increased from 34,000,000 in 1890 to 83,000,000 in 1895. In 1900 123,000,000 were manufactured, while in 1904 the output was 216,000,000.

Some of the old guns purchased by the town of Crewe from the British government and placed in the local park as "war trophies" had never been used on foreign service at all, it has been discovered.

An inspector a few days ago found that a weighing machine used by the Great Western Railway company of England was sixty-six pounds short in every ton. The company paid a ten dollar fine and costs.

French naval officers are beginning to complain strongly of the state of the coast defenses at Cherbourg. The complaints resolve themselves mainly into this: that the guns are largely obsolete and the gunners too few.

The foreign countries which send goods to England to the amount of \$1,000,000 or more each year are the United States, England, Germany, France, Belgium, Australia, Spain, Italy, Chile, Peru and China.

A monument erected in York cathedral to the officers and men of the York and Lancaster regiment who fell in South Africa was unveiled the other day. Besides the names of the fallen it bears only the word "Remember."

The police of Lancashire have presented to the townships over which they have jurisdiction forty-six hand-some ambulances, many of them costing \$500. The money was raised by means of football matches and other athletic sports.

Iliteracy among negroes is about seven times as common as among whites, and this ratio between the races has not altered materially in the last ten years. Iliteracy among southern negroes is more than four times that among southern whites.

A short time ago Chile solemnly opened a permanent industrial exhibition. The president presided, surrounded by the leading people of Chile and the entire foreign diplomatic corps. The day is referred to as one marking a new era in the development of the country.

The bishop of Worcester in a triennial address to his clergy recently said that the clergy had fallen under the despotism of chairs, and with regard to monotonous on a high note he complained that they seemed to think there was "something sacred about the note G."

A number of persons in good positions in Budapest have within the last few days received threatening letters bearing the signature "The Hungarian Black Hand." The sum of \$125 is always demanded, and many have paid rather than appeal to the police and take the risk of assassination.

As early as 1875 the first commercial institute was established in Tokyo. Since that time similar schools have been established in various parts of the Japanese empire. In 1884 the commercial schools were regulated by ministerial decree, and in 1890 a general law was passed concerning commercial educational institutions.

One of the most remarkable places of worship in the world is the miners' chapel in Mydd Menigdd colliery, Swansea, Wales. It is close to the bottom of the shaft. The only light is that obtained from a solitary safety lamp hung over the pulpit from the ceiling, and the oldest miner in the colliery is generally chosen to officiate.

In consequence of the scandals in small German garrison towns, such as formed the staple of Lieutenant Blise's "Aus Elner Kleben Garrison," the military authorities have decided to change the garrisons at least once in every five years, so as to avoid too great an intimacy between the officers and troops and the civil population.

THROWN AWAY

"I have been having a sort of row with mamma again," said my cousin Elsa.

"Then," I said, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself, as usual. And you won't be, also as usual."

"So you think you're always in the right, do you?" said Elsa, with bitter triumph. "You begin by being all in the wrong anyhow. There is no man in the question. In fact, I have come to think now that I shall never marry."

"I would sooner put it that I don't know a man who deserves you, though I know many men who are far from perfect. Well, if it was not a man, what was the subject of your trouble?"

"It was dress boxes." "What on earth do you mean?" "I wonder if there is anything about which you know anything," said Elsa reflectively. "Dress boxes are, as the name implies, boxes which hold dresses. The box in which your dress is sent home is a dress box. Do you think you can understand that now?"

"Yes, my child," I said. "What I can't understand is how you or any other one person can manage to have any kind of dispute with a matter or with anybody else about a rotten dress box."

"Years of discretion?" "Try to be quiet and listen. I filled up the box room with dress boxes, and I had a lot more in the spare room wardrobe. In fact, I had them pretty well everywhere. There were 242 of them altogether. They were all good boxes that might have been used again. Last week I was Saturday-to-Monday with Mrs. Banquet (the boy rather believes he is in love with me, but I don't think he is really). While I was away mamma got an awful fit of energy and went about the house saying she wouldn't have anything any longer. Among other things she said she would not have my insane collection of dress boxes. Those were the very words which she used to my maid, and I don't think it was right. But what I really complain of is that she has had them all turned out, every one of them. I don't know where they are, and mamma says she doesn't know either, but she is thankful to say they are not in her house any more. It means the work of years undone. Suppose I wanted a dress box tomorrow?"

"To start with, you will not want a dress box tomorrow, and you know it. Secondly, if you did you would telephone to your dressmaker to send you one and all would end happily. Your mother was right."

"It's so easy to say that. Perhaps you will tell me why, if you can." "Certainly. Dress boxes come in the category of things which to mean, weak, vacillating minds seem to be too good to be thrown away. I should like to work out the cubic space occupied by the lost 242 and calculate for you what rent per annum your mother was paying to accommodate the rubbish. You must remember that dress boxes are not like the 1900 port."

"Really? What a lot of things you do notice! I've never tasted a dress box myself."

"Do not be silly, Elsa. I give you words of wisdom. The 1900 port improves with keeping and increases in value. It helps to pay its rent. Now, the dress box, as you know if you would not patter with your conscience, distinctly deteriorates in keeping. It gets dustier and dustier. The corner which is broken--there is always one--gets broken worse. By people with clear, practical, sensible minds dress boxes are invariably thrown away. It is a sign of mental inferiority to keep that which is worthless. And leave that box alone, please."

"Elsa had just opened a brass box on my writing table. It was full of small pieces of string." "Why do you keep all these?" "I sometimes want string."

"You've got a whole ball of it in a special case there. Don't you know it is a sign of mental inferiority to keep things that are worthless? Those bits of string ought to be thrown away, as your advice will be. And, I say, I told mamma you would take me to lunch."--Sphere.

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