

KILLING A WHALE.

How the Monster of the Deep is Despatched.

The Great Danger Attached to the Exciting Work—Sometimes Dead Whales Are Not Always Dead.

The whale being well harnessed to the boat by means of the tow-line, which is fastened to the flesh-imbued harpoon, it may either turn flukes and sound, or, following at times like a bull—with a greater volume of voice, however—it may run, as it is termed, taking the boat in tow at a rate, it has been estimated, all the way from 15 to 30 miles an hour, when it first starts off, but settling down to about 8 or 10 knots per hour, when it gets warmed up to its work.

This is the old "Nantucket sloigh ride." The whale having tired itself by running, the boat is hauled up by the line, and side by side the crew, with hair standing on end, and the affrighted whale, startled now by the close proximity of so strange a load, rush through the surging and fast-receding waters.

The officer "gets a set" with his hand lance and plunges about five or six feet of cold iron into the lungs of the victim, and perseveres without ceasing in the up and down motions, familiarly known as "churning," as the boat persistently clings to the whale, until the spout of the unfortunate cetacean is tinged with the crimson of its own life blood. The muscles of the strong arm now relax upon the lance, the boat is laid off and the dying whale swims round and round in an unbroken circle. This is the flurry. Death is now merely a question of time. The blood ejected through the spiracles now becomes as thick as tar.

It is not only a belief of whalers, but it is usually the fact, that the whale, during its dying moments, sometimes its encircling path as to place its head to the sun. It now makes a heavy lurch, the sea is lashed into a maelstrom of bloody water, and the ponderous whale rolls heavily on its side or partly on its back, with the fin projecting above the water. This is flinching out. A one-sided jury would say that the whale died of hemorrhage of the lungs. To use a paradoxical expression, some dead whales are not always dead. It may be in a comatose state, but aware to vivisection, and when the men again approach it and cut holes through the lips to make the line fast, to tow it to the vessel, a demolished boat or loss of life and limbs may be the reward.

Hence the more cautious whaler-man prick his eye, and if the whale does not flinch, it is supposed to be dead. Several boats take their position in line like a tandem team of horses; the tow-ropes are properly adjusted, and the men with merry boat song begin the laborious and monotonous task of towing the whale to the vessel. A dead whale may be towed more easily head first, and it is also worthy of mention that a dead whale, when cast adrift, will beat to windward, the natural motions of the flukes having a tendency to propel the body.—Century.

Aerolites.
"Do you believe in fate, Pat?"
"Sure and that would we stand on without 'em."
There would be a great deal less mischief in the world if a greater number of people stuttered.

A taste for music, when exhibited by young persons, is certainly commendable, but don't start them off.

Papa—Wonder how it is night shirts last longer than dress shirts? **Mamma—**Because you don't wear them out.

"Why do girls kiss each other while boys do not?" "Because girls have nothing better to kiss, and the boys have."

He—My remark was a trifle complicated. **She—**Yes; the triviality and the complication were distinctly visible.

When a man begins by saying: "Of course it is none of my business, but—" it is a sign that he is going to make it his business, and advise you what to do."

The following inscription graces the signboard of a Long Island cemetery: "To parties returning from a funeral. Comfortable rooms for such as desire to weep in solitude. The finest wines and liquors of every description."

Red Hair.
In Henry Babal's "Collection of Proverbs," published in 1613, occurs the following: "Troud are the short; untrustworthy the red haired."

A French proverb 500 years old, says: "Salute a red-headed man or bearded woman at thirty feet off with three stones in thy fist to defend thee if need be."

In early times all pictures of Judas were shown with shocks of red hair. This and the fact that the Judas in the "Miracle Plays" was provided with a red hair, worked the superstitious people of the middle ages up to such a degree that it was actually unsafe for a red-haired person to appear in company. Writers of all classes began to denounce "the senseless prejudice against those of lively colored hair." Cyrano de Bergerac, in his "States and Empires of the Sun" said:

"A brave head, covered with red hair, is nothing else but the sun in the midst of his rays, yet many speak ill of it because few have the honor to be so."

The adjective, "Judas-colored hair," and many similar allusions are often met with in writings of the older authors. In "As You Like It," Rosalind says of Orlando, "His very hair is of that dissembling color," to which Colia replies, "Something browner than Judas."

Dryden, writing of Jacob Tounson, a publisher whom he thoroughly despised, says: "He has leering looks, bull-faced and freckled by it."

Two left legs and Judas-colored hair.

Woman's Matrimonial Chances.
A woman's chances to marry at from fifteen to twenty years of age is said to be 14 1-2 per cent. From twenty to twenty-five the chance is increased to 52 per cent.; from twenty-five to thirty it diminishes to 18; from thirty to thirty-five, to 15 1-2 per cent. From thirty-five to forty the chances of an unmarried woman sink to 3 1-2 per cent.; from forty to forty-five a still further diminution is seen, her chance being but 2 1-2. From forty-five to fifty the old maid's chance of getting a husband is but 3-8 of 1 per cent., while from fifty to fifty-five she is supposed to have but 1-4 of 1 per cent. of a chance. It should, however, be added that the table of averages does not apply to widows. Accurate statisticians, who would not be caught in a mistake for the world, affirm that a widow of any age has at least seventy-six spinster drawing power, and some place her figure up to eighty-two. The widow's chances at any age are, therefore, seventy-six to eighty-two times better than that of a spinster.

Cheap Gowns.
Very elegant and by no means means costly tea gowns can be made of the light summer materials and silks purchased at the sales, for fabrics too bright and too much out of date for general wear make up effectively in these accommodating little dresses in which the union of two or three fabrics lends charm to their never-failing attractiveness, and even the brocades and textiles designed for house decoration may be employed with perfect confidence in a pleasing result to the wearer and observer alike.

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