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### AN ODD FISH.

Queer Marine Monster a Natural Enemy to Whales.

While operating at a fishery in Admiralty Island, Alaska, one summer my attention and the attention of the fishing crew were almost daily attracted to a large marine creature that was reported to appear in the main channel of Seymour canal and our immediate vicinity. There are large numbers of whales of the species orca, and the monster seemed to be their natural enemy. The whales generally travel in schools, and while at the surface to blow one would be singled out and attacked by the fish, and a battle was soon in order.

It is the nature of the orca to make three blows at intervals of from two to three minutes each, and then sound deep and stay beneath the surface for thirty or forty minutes. As a whale would come to the surface there would appear always at the whale's right side and just about where his head would connect with the water, a great long tail or fin, "judged by five fishermen and a number of Indians, after seeing it about fifteen times at various distances," to be about twenty-four feet long, two and one-half feet wide at the end and tapering down to the water, where it seemed to be about eighteen inches in diameter, looking very much like the blade of the fan of an old fashioned Dutch windmill.

The great club was used on the back of the unfortunate whale in such a manner that it was a wonder to me that every whale attacked was not instantly killed. Its operator seemed to have perfect control of its movements and would bend it back until the end would touch the water, forming a horseshoe loop; and then it would be straightened and brought over and down on the back of the whale with a whack that could be heard for several miles. If the whale was fortunate enough to submerge itself before the blows came, the spray would fly for a distance of a hundred feet from the effect of the stroke, making a report as loud as a yacht's signal gun.

What seemed most remarkable to me was that, no matter which way the attacked whale went or how fast (the usual speed is about fourteen knots), that great club would follow right along by its side and deliver those tremendous blows at intervals of about four or five seconds. It would always get from three to five blows at each of the three times the whale would come to the surface to blow. The whale would generally rid itself of the enemy when it took its deep sound, especially if the water was forty fathoms or more deep. During the day the attack was always offshore, but at night the whales would be attacked in the bay and within 400 yards of the fishery.

I do not know of any whales being killed, but there were several that had great holes and sores on their backs. Questioning the Indians about it, I was told that there was only one, that it had been there for many years and that it once attacked an Indian canoe and with one stroke of the great club smashed the canoe into splinters, killing and drowning several of its occupants.—Forest and Stream.

### Slam.

The worth thing that can happen to a man in Slam is to get into debt, from which there is never any escape, owing to the exorbitant interest charged. Once in debt there is no appeal, the debtor being stripped of his clothes and compelled to work in fetters, generally for the rest of his life, to pay the interest. Drunkards are not permitted to give evidence in the law courts of Slam. The Buddhist priests, clad in yellow robes, are to be seen everywhere in Bangkok, and it is quite common for young men to enter the priesthood, which affords them an easy and luxurious existence, owing to the liberality of the populace toward any one sanctioned to the service of Buddha.

### A Chinese Columbus.

The belief in a Chinese Columbus was first allowed by scholars only in the first half of the last century. The claim is that a Buddhist priest in the fifth century crossed the Pacific to this continent and returned, making a written report of his discovery. The report still exists. It was translated into French in 1791 by M. de Guignes. It gave a narrative of a voyage eastward by a priest for 600 li, where he found a country which he named Fusang. People similar to the Indians were described, as well as American plants. The only doubt about the matter is as to the distance meant by 20,000 li. The priest may have reached only some island in the Pacific ocean.

### Well Timed.

"That was a great sermon you preached this morning," said the old churchwarden, "and it was well timed too."

"Yes," rejoined the parson, with a deep sigh. "I noticed that."

"Noticed what?" asked the puzzled warden.

"That several of the congregation looked at their watches frequently," answered the old man, with another deep sigh.—London Telegraph.

### An Unpardonable Fault.

Fig—Goodman is dead. He has led a most beautiful and a correct life. Everybody praises him. Fog—But, confound him, he trumped my ace once when we were playing partners at whist.

### Sorry He Spoke.

Caller—What did sister say when you told her I was here? Tommy—She said, "Oh, thunder!"—Boston Traveler.

Rhythm and time in the art of music have to come from the heart, not from the machine.—Dr. Joachim.

### Gave the Ocean Its Name.

"And is that the ocean out there?" asked the visitor from the interior who had just arrived at Atlantic City. "Yes, the Atlantic ocean," replied the native proudly, "named after our city, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

### She Can. That's a Fact.

Boyce—Why does a woman give so much attention to dress? Is it because she wants to attract men or because she desires to outshine her sister women? Mrs. Boyce—Can't a woman do two things at once?—Smart Set.

### MARRIAGE IN MEXICO.

How the Engagement and Wedding Ceremonies Are Celebrated.

The Mexican people are hospitable to a fault, always welcoming their friends even though they have not enough to eat themselves. And they religiously visit the sick, including those who have contagious diseases. They are also addicted to public social functions, the invariable mode of entertainment being the dance. They are fond of music, though not proficient in the art of making it, probably more from lack of opportunity than from lack of capacity. The violin and guitar are the usual instruments of music, the repertory of the local musicians being usually limited to a few tunes which are in equal demand for the dance and for the funeral.

One of the most interesting and beautiful of the social functions is the betrothal. When a young man wishes to marry he asks for the girl of his choice of the parents, not of the girl herself, and she is then the prettiest at once follows, ushered in by shooting and demonstrations of joy. The bride and bridegroom are publicly presented to their future parents-in-law, after which the company pass in procession in front of the couple, each one dropping a piece of money into the hands of the bride. Then follows the inevitable dance. This public betrothal is considered almost as binding as marriage, and I have heard of but one instance in which the compact was not kept, the recent bridegroom in that case being visited with ostracism. The betrothal is usually followed by marriage just as soon as the services of the priest can be secured. The marriage ceremony is followed by a feast more notable for the abundance of things to drink than for things to eat and by the usual dance. Indeed the festivities are often prolonged for several nights after the wedding.—Southern Workman.

### THE AGE OF STARS.

Color Aids the Astronomer in Making His Calculations.

As a star contracts from the surrounding nebulous matter from which it was thrown off its temperature rises, and with this augmented heat occurs a change both in the star's spectrum and color. Red-hot iron is not nearly so hot as white hot iron. By observing the various changes in tint which the metal undergoes the foundryman is able to tell with considerable accuracy its degree of heat. A somewhat similar method of gauging a star's temperature, and therefore its age, is relied upon by the astronomer. Color, then, and spectroscopic analysis enable the astronomer to estimate the age of stars that are only beginning to exist as stars and others whose light is fast fading.

After having coagulated, as it were, from a nebulous mass, a star assumes a color that may be best described as an intense bluish white, much like that of the electric arc. Stars of that hue are, therefore, in their infancy. Then comes the white stage, followed by the yellow, orange and red, each succeeding hue indicating greater celestial antiquity than the last. Up to the yellow period the star as it contracts grows hotter and hotter. Then a gradual cooling takes place. Accompanying the changes in color are changes in the spectrum of the star—changes that indicate a modification in physical structure. In the bluish white period of a star's infancy the characteristic wide lines of hydrogen gas predominate in the spectrum. As the color changes, the lines of calcium, magnesium and iron appear, the hydrogen lines gradually becoming thinner and those of calcium broader.—Booklovers Magazine.

### Traffic in Human Skin.

The skin grafting experiments which have been so successful of recent years have led to a new form of livelihood, which is fairly remunerative. Several of the London hospitals have on their books the names and addresses of many men and women who have undertaken to sell portions of their cuticle whenever the necessity arises, and it is said that quite a regular traffic is now being done in the buying and selling of human skin. The persons who are willing to sacrifice their flesh for money are by no means confined to the poor and destitute class.—London Mail.

### The Postal Union.

The first step toward the formation of the postal union, which has had such wide results, came from Germany in the shape of a proposal for an international postal congress. This met at Bern in 1873, when twenty-two countries joined the union, including the whole of Europe. A second congress met in Paris in 1878, when ten other countries came in, and the official title, "International Postal Union," was definitely fixed. Its sphere was further enlarged at congresses at Lisbon in 1885 and at Vienna in 1891.

### The Attraction.

Prim Mother—My son, I am afraid you are going to make a mistake in marrying Miss Easyway. Both she and her mother are featurally lax housekeepers. Son—I know it, mother; that's what caught me. It's so comfortable over there, you know. I can sit down anywhere in the parlor without being told that I'm musing things up!—Detroit Free Press.

### An Uneasy Seat.

"Pa," said Tommy, opening the paper, "who sits on the seat of war?" "No one," responded papa, "because the seat of war generally has a tack in it."—Baltimore Herald.

The great question is not so much what money you have in your pocket as what you will buy with it.—Ruskin.

Command great fields, but cultivate small ones.—Virgil.

### Skillful Porto Ricans.

The natives of Porto Rico fashion a variety of useful and ornamental articles by hand from the palm leaves, gourds, coconuts and other products of the island. They are skillful in weaving hammocks, hats similar to Panama hats, and a great variety of baskets. Canes, paper knives and other articles are carved out of the native woods, some of which show curious and strikingly ornamental markings. The senoras and senoritas of Porto Rico are especially skillful with the needle and produce a considerable quantity of fine drawn work and lace.

### As the Guide Understood It.

A party of hunters in the wilds of North Carolina wishing to cross the lake upon the banks of which they were encamped, made the necessary preparations. Then they asked the guide if he could row.

"Ro?" he queried in answer. "Ro! No, I reckon not. Reck'n I never tried it."

Under these circumstances the party made arrangements to do the rowing themselves, and were consequently astonished when the guide, stepping into the boat, seated himself at the oars and prepared to be the motive power.

"Why," exclaimed one of the party, "I thought you said you couldn't row?"

The guide was plainly puzzled and could be heard to repeat to himself several times "Ro! Ro!"

"I reckon'd you all meant ro' like a floor, I can't do that. But pull an o', what I've done that all my life. I shore can pull an o'."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Three Kinds of Men.

Here is a classification of men expounded by a spinster in an article, "The Truth About Men." "Men as a whole," she says, "may be roughly divided into three distinct species—the bold, the shy and the tough." The first class includes "those self-assured males" who fall in and out of love with every other woman they meet; the second class is made up of "the world's good fellows who have a great reverence for all women and silently adore one for life without telling her so," and the third species "is concerned only with getting on and making money, in absolutely indifferent to women and marries only as a matter of expediency. The first of these we unhesitatingly condemn and find irresistible; the second we admire profoundly, praise without stint and ignore utterly; the third we dislike, despise and—marry."

### The Bloody Hand.

The noted English family of the Holtes has for its badge a bloody hand, and this sinister badge commemorates a wager that ended in a crime. Sir Thomas Holte, one day in 1612, was hunting. He invited his comrades home with him to dinner, and as he rode along he made a heavy bet on his cock's punctuality. But the cock failed him for once; when he got home dinner was not ready. The jeers of his companions at this failure, together with his huge loss in the matter of the wager, enraged him so that he ran into the kitchen, seized a cleaver and split the cock's head open with it. Afterward his family, to keep this crime alive, adopted for its crest the bloody hand of the cock killer.

### Strikes Hidden Rocks.

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### Ordinance in Regard to Sidewalks.

Upon motion the following ordinance in relation to sidewalks and the laying thereof was unanimously adopted:

It is hereby ordered that all sidewalks hereafter laid in the Village of Cooperstown be constructed of cement or stone unless by special permission of the board of trustees, which permission shall be by resolution of the said board of trustees duly adopted in a regular or special session; that said walks shall be laid upon a good and substantial foundation of sand and gravel of at least six inches in depth, and the outside of said walks shall in all cases, except on the north and west side of blocks seventy-three, the north and east side of block seventy-four, on the south and west side of block sixty, and the south and east side of block fifty-nine, be on a line ten feet from the outer line of the lots along which the same is laid; that along said aforesaid mentioned blocks on the north and south sides respectively, the outer line of said walks shall be twelve feet from the outer line of the lots along which the same is laid, and on the east and west side of said blocks as heretofore mentioned the outer line of said walks shall be ten feet from the outer line of the lots along which the same is laid, and built on an incline from the line of said lots to the outer line of said walks so as to shed water, and that along said outer line along said last mentioned blocks there shall be constructed a curb of cement or stone set well into the ground so as to prevent the same from sagging or spreading out. That on the balance of said streets the curb shall be fifteen feet from the line of the lots and said last mentioned walks shall be at least four and one-half feet wide and all of said walks shall be laid under the supervision and direction of the village marshal or the board of trustees.

Dated at Cooperstown, N. D., Aug. 9th, 1905.

S. SANBURN, President.

WILL H. CARLETON, Clerk.

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### Notice to Creditors.


In the matter of the estate of John G. Riley, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Martha E. Riley, executrix of the last will of John G. Riley, late of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, deceased, to all creditors of said deceased, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to said executrix, at the office of the county judge, in the village of Cooperstown, in said village of Cooperstown.

### Notice of Lease of School and Institution Lands.

The school and institution lands not already leased, situated in Griggs county and State of North Dakota, will be offered for lease at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house in the village of Cooperstown in said county, on Friday, March 24th, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. The lands to be offered for lease have been filed with the county auditor, where the same can be inspected.  
No bid will be entertained for less than 5 per cent. of the appraised value of cultivated lands and 1 per cent. of appraised value of uncultivated lands, and in no case will a bid be entertained for any quarter section at less than \$5 per year. Lands appraised at \$10 per acre or more will be leased for one year only. All uncultivated lands appraised at less than \$10 per acre will be leased for a term of five years.  
The entire amount of first year's rent, together with fee of \$8 for five years lease and \$1.50 for one year lease, must be paid at the time of leasing. All deferred payments of rentals must be paid on or before the sixth day of January in each year.  
The Board of University and School Lands reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and at Bismarck this 20th day of Feb. A. D. 1905.

### Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,  
County of Griggs.  
In County Court, before Hon. W. H. Carleton, Judge.  
In the matter of the Estate of Syver Johnson, deceased.  
John K. Olson, Administrator  
Simon Johnson,  
John Johnson and  
Syver Johnson, Respondents.  
The State of North Dakota, to the above named Respondents.  
You, the said Syver Johnson, John Johnson and Syver Johnson, are hereby notified that the final account of the administrator of the estate of Syver Johnson, late of the Town of Pilot Mound, in the county of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, has been rendered to this court, therein showing that the residue of said estate is ready for final settlement and distribution, and petitioning that his account be allowed, his administration closed and he be discharged; that Monday, the 1st day of May A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Court Room of this Court, in the County Court House, in the Village of Cooperstown, County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, has been appointed by this court for the settlement thereof, and at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account and petition and contest the same.  
And you, the above named respondents, each of you, are hereby cited and required then and there to be and appear before this Court and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate closed and said administrator discharged.  
By the Court,  
WILL H. CARLETON,  
Judge of the County Court.  
Dated the 6th day of March, A. D. 1905.



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