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ROMANCE OF WHALING.

A Calling That Has Its Pleasures as Well as Its Perils. From an article in the Century on "The Perils and Romance of Whaling," we quote as follows: "The whaler especially has been the sinews of the American navy. Inured to danger by a calling in which the chances were as desperate as those of battle, they stepped from the whale-boat to the man-of-war simply to face a foe of a different kind. They needed no baptism under fire before they could meet an enemy without flinching, and when they responded to their country's call they grimly applied to each hostile ship the old whaling motto: 'Dead whale or stove boat.' Such was the spirit of the American whaler, and it still survives not only among the veterans of the craft, but also among their descendants, though the whaling industry itself has dwindled to insignificance.

"The Nantucket boy who ties a fork to his mother's darning cotton and then tries to harpoon the cat, yelling, as the latter makes its escape: 'Pay out, mother. Pay out!' There she sounds through the window! is certainly worthy of the 'boat-steerer' who was his sire. Then, too, we find in the vernacular of the old whaling ports, even among the younger generations, delightful relics of the whalers' idioms. The railroad train 'ties up,' a wagon is a 'side-wheelcraft,' and you are requested to 'shift to windward' or 'leeward,' according as the sides need trimming; 'Where are you heading for?' is the question invariably asked of you if you are met out walking; you learn that your veteran whaler neighbor of last summer died in the winter in a 'flurry'; the farmer 'lands' his produce at your 'quarter galleries' (meaning, in this instance, the rear kitchen, but also applied to that modern necessity of feminine attire, the bustle); so you are instructed to 'douse the gim' on retiring for the night; directed, if you can not open the post-office door, to try turning the knob to the 'westward'; and if the door still refuses to yield are informed that probably the postmistress 'has battened down the hatches' and gone 'gaming.' To 'gram' means to gossip. The word occurs again and again in the log-books of the old whalers. The uninitiated might suppose it signified merely spinning yarns on the forecastle. But to the old whaler it has a far deeper meaning. When the whaler met on the high seas thousands of miles from home they would lay to, sometimes for hours, captains and crew would exchange visits, letters from and for home be delivered, and the story of the voyages told. That was a 'gram.' One vessel often brought to another the first news from home in two years. Meanwhile, however, a year had elapsed since the vessel last from port left her moorings, and at least another year would pass before the homeward-bound crew would sight their native shore. No wonder the young captain, as his home harbor lay in sight, eagerly scanned the crowd upon the wharf through his marine glass until it rested, perhaps, upon a fair young face full of anxious expectation. Gossiping indeed a relic of one of the most romantic, and perhaps pathetic, phases of the whaler's life. Every vessel that sailed carried messages to relatives and friends thousands of miles away, and every vessel that came to her moorings brought tidings of cheer or sorrow from the distant seas. A wife might have the letter which she had written to her husband two years before returned to her, because his vessel had not been spoken—and alas! she had not been spoken by any of the vessels that had returned during the year. Time would only deepen the mystery of her husband's fate, and perhaps the wife would never know whether the ship was cast upon one of the islands of the Pacific and the crew massacred by the savage inhabitants, or split upon a sunken reef and engulfed with all hands; and so she would sit weeping in her lonely chamber while her neighbors made merry over the return of a son, father, lover, or husband, and the streets rang with the songs of happy Jack. Whaler returning home were liable to find that many changes had taken place during their long voyages. An old whaler told me that he was obliged to sail on one of his voyages just after his mother's burial, leaving his father bowed down with grief. His vessel was hardly at her moorings three years later before said father slapped him on the back and said: 'Alfred, come up to the house an' I'll introduce you to your mother.'

The scientific men of to-day claim and prove that every disease is

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thor to be informed that he writes as well as those who are of the elect. He is always quite confident of that himself, and it is really his principal cause of grievance that he can not have the opportunity to stand with his equals, or, as he is even more apt to think, to outshine his inferiors.

Every body writes nowadays, and we are becoming, if, indeed, we are not already, a nation of scribblers. We are voracious readers as well, but the supply of literature is far in excess of the demand. When so many write well, and there are so few chosen to achieve publication, the outlook for the multitude of literary aspirants is not encouraging.

The man or woman who is of prominent ability can be pretty confident of securing recognition. But that is within the scope of a few only. The average of American literature of this generation is respectable mediocrity. There are undoubtedly hundreds of rejected writers who can keep up to that standard as well as those who are recognized. Circumstances independent of their literary skill prevent them from becoming known. Literature is in no sense the loser on this account, nor would it be the gainer if the neglected aspirants for literary fame could usurp the positions now held by their more successful, even if not more talented, competitors.—National Publisher and Printer.

THE CUNNING BEAVER.

Some of the Strange Things Said of His Sagacity and Courage. There is no doubt of the sagacity and intelligence of the beaver, and the attempt of the writer of the article to catch a beaver by setting a trap in the dam after cutting it away will amuse every old trapper that reads it. The beaver will invariably use the trap to repair his broken dam, and will very seldom be caught in that way. Many trappers have also had the experience of having their traps filled with mud and sticks when they have attempted to trap him on a log by removing the pile of mud placed there before and setting a trap in its place. The beaver is too sharp for that, but is easily caught when the trapper has leached how.

It is an impression with many that the beaver uses his broad, flat tail as a trowel and to carry mud, etc., to build their dams, but such is not the case. They use their short fore legs and paws to carry up mud and grass from the bottom of the lakes they inhabit, and make piles of mud and grass, such as settles to the bottom on the logs that lay out from the shores. The writer was never able to learn the object of this, but presumes they found some article of food in it.

Their food consists, mostly, of the bark of the willow and cottonwood, which they cut down and cut into sticks about four feet long, and, by some process known only to the beaver himself, they will sink to the bottom of the lake or bayou, and there they remain until needed for use. They also will cut down the white ash. The writer of this measured a white ash that was nearly cut down that measured twenty inches in diameter.

What their object was in this is indefinite, as it was not near any dam and could not be used for any purpose except for food. The beaver makes an interesting pet. They are easily tamed, are entirely harmless, and have a very decided propensity to build dams. If they can get the material they will dam at the least provocation, or rather, opportunity. There is no danger of their being worried by dogs, as one old beaver, however peaceable, would make a bull-dog pale with envy at the way he can use those cutting teeth when the occasion requires.

The writer expects to pass the winter in a beaver country, and will try to bring home a few young beavers in the spring. In localities where they are not hunted or trapped there would be no trouble to get a litter of young ones, but such localities are rather scarce at present, unless one goes well up toward the Blackfoot Reservation, and there are few hunters that care about enduring the hardships of a winter in that locality.—Cor. Chicago Times.

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