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THE WHALE AND HIS ENEMIES.

We were swinging idly at anchor off Mahukona, Island of Hawaii. Swinging idly at anchor in the south sea on a sammer's day is eminently poetical, but one may get too much of poetry. Suddenly there were wild exclamations of delight and excitement by some native passengers, who pointed a little way off, where at first we could see only occasional foamy spouts of water. The captain, who had just come on deck, looked with increasing interest at the commotion in the water, and finally said, decidedly: "It's a thrasher and sword-fish attacking a whale, and if they only come this way you'll see some fun that landlubbers seldom see—meaning no disrespect for the ladies." It was seldom that our captain displayed as much interest as he did then, so we all the more eagerly watched the nearing fight. He gave no further explanation then.

For some time longer we saw no bodies, but the disturbance in the water gradually grew plainer as it came nearer. The water would be upheaved and then lashed into foam; there would be flurry, and then the water would subside into a bubbling wake. Finally, so near us as to be almost startling, the ponderous body of a whale plunged through the water almost beneath us, and, with a swiftness that in so huge a thing was frightful, rose to the surface, dashing the waves with its great blunt head afar on either side. Almost before the sparkling showers had fallen the steam-like breath of the monster shot up in a jet, but only for an instant. A great ugly fish, flat like a flounder, but larger than a shark, darted through the water and almost leaped upon the whale, covering with its great flat body the whale's blow-hole. The jet was as instantly and completely cut off by this astonishing operation as is a faucet stream of water by a reversed spigot. The great clumsy monster struggled as if for life. Its tail dashed the smooth summer sea into a fury of foam, and the whole great length of its body seemed shaken by a tempest of rage and agony. The whale sank slowly, and as the troubled water became clear we saw it dart off again, but pursued and attacked by a sword-fish that with lightning-like strokes would plunge its weapon into the whale's body, draw back again for a fresh start, and shoot ahead again, inflicting wound after wound upon the tortured monster. Stabbed from below, deprived of its breath from above, the whale wildly plunged ahead silently, followed closely by the thrasher, waiting for its turn to attack. Soon they came again; not quite so close to us as before. Again the vast body upheaved the waters; again the thrasher cut off the persecuted whales desperate struggles for air; again the great thing lunged and lurched about in awful, frantic efforts to free itself of the merciless enemy; again it slowly sank, to be again attacked from below. This most strange battle raged about us for fully half an hour, the intervals between the surface attacks becoming shorter as the whale's increasing exhaustion prompted it to rise more frequently. The attacks of both its enemies gave the impression of utmost ferocity. The perfect silence of the terrible warfare, too, added to its terrible aspect.

I have spoken of it as a battle, and such it was, although the small, savage attackers were, of course, never injured in the tremendous plunges the maddened whale would sometimes direct towards them. Gradually the scene of action drifted further from us; and suddenly ceased, the whale sinking finally out of sight. Then we turned to the captain and asked of that worthy individual an explanation. Of course he had one ready, and it was this: There was another fish highly interested in the battle, that we had not seen. This was the fish that came in at the death. "I'm sorry," the captain said, "that the whale was not finished near enough for you to see, for then you would have been astonished. Now, what do you suppose that thrasher, and likewise that sword-fish were giving that kind of battle to that whale for? Now, none of you know, yet some people think they do. That sword-fish sticks the whale from below to make it rise, and the thresher calks up his spout-hole to make it open its mouth. Why don't he open his mouth at once? Why don't the whale open his mouth the first time the thrasher covers his spout-hole? Because it knows by instinct that the moment its mouth is opened its tongue is bit out. I spoke of a little fish that you didn't see. Well, he follows close along, and whenever the whale becomes so used up for the want of breath that it must open its mouth then the little fish darts in, bites off the big fellow's tongue, and is away with it in a jiffy. The little fish, the sword-fish and the thrasher divide the tongue, and it is that morsel the whole battle is for." Since the captain told us the story I have heard the same thing asserted by land authority.

One on the Barkeeper.

A few evenings ago, while half-a-dozen gentlemen were standing at the bar of one of the most fashionable up-town saloons, a well-dressed, good-looking stranger entered the room and walked straight to the bar and addressed the barkeeper in language like the following:

"Stranger, I am in a very, very bad condition. I want a drink; I must have a drink, but I am compelled to make the humiliating statement that I am unable at present to pay for it. If you will be kind enough to favor me in my extremity, you shall be paid, sir."

"We don't keep whisky to give away here," was the blunt reply of the barkeeper. The stranger begged, but the barkeeper was inexorable and even rude. The mild-mannered stranger turned to the gentlemen who had been witness to the conversation, and said: "Gentlemen, you are strangers to me, but would one of you be kind enough to loan me the price of a drink? I will pay it back."

One of the party addressed handed the stranger fifteen cents.

"He stepped to the bar and said: "Now, can I have a drink?"

"Yes," said the barkeeper, "any body can get a drink for the money here."

"I thought so," said the stranger.

The bottle of "red licker" was placed on the bar; the stranger filled his glass liberally.

"A little bitters in there, if you please," said the stranger. Then, when the bitters were furnished, he asked for a large glass of water, which was also set up. The stranger drank his beverage and then turned to the man who had loaned him the money, and said: "Stranger, I make it a point of honor to pay borrowed money before I pay a whisky bill; here is your 15 cents; I am greatly obliged for the loan;" and so saying he walked out. The dazed barkeeper, seeing that he was sold, and that the laugh was on him, ran to the door and called to the stranger to come back. The stranger promptly returned and inquired: "What do you want?" The barkeeper replied: "That was a cute trick you played, and I own up that you caught me. The drinks are on me. What will you take?" "Excuse me, sir," replied the stranger, "I drink only with gentlemen; I cannot drink with you," and the mysterious stranger walked away leaving the barkeeper to wonder whether it would not have been better to give a stranger one drink than to be caught by a trick and have to "set them up" to a whole crowd.

The Sailor Canes.

Victor Davis, Dan Connoly and David Cowan were tried in Justice Greene's court yesterday on a charge of defrauding Mrs. Bridget Grant out of $80 each. The prosecution showed that the money had been furnished the accused on their promise to pay out of their advance money, and to ship on a certain vessel; papers were made out and signed, but the parties refused to go aboard when the vessel sailed, thereby causing Mrs. Grant to lose her money. The accused denied the allegations and claimed that they had not received the amounts charged, nor signed papers. The court considered the evidence sufficient to hold them over in the sum of $100 each.—*Standard.*

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Notice is hereby given that John H. Colvin, of Columbia county, Oregon, has made application to purchase the SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Sec 10, T 7, N, R 5 W, Will. Mer., under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory."

All adverse claims to said tract must be filed in the U. S. Land office at Oregon City, Oregon, before the expiration of sixty days from this date.

Given under my hand this 19th day of January, 1883. L. T. BARIN, Register.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, W.T., January 9th, 1883.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress, approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory, William I. Smith, of Pacific county, Wash. Ter., has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the S ½ of N E ¼ and N ½ of S E ¼ of Sec. 34, T. 10, N of R 9 W, of the Willamette Meridian.

Testimony in the above case will be taken before the Clerk of the District Court at Oysterville, Wash. Ter., on Saturday March 24th, 1883.

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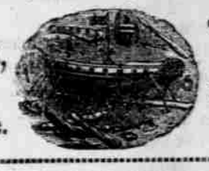

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