TAKING A WHALE.

BY ROGER STARBUCK.

Early one morning while we were cruising off the coast of Peru for sperm whales I was dozing on the maintopgallant cross-trees. Suddenly something seemed to go right through my brain. I woke to discover that it was the wild voice of Zadik, the Captain's harpooner, a tall, swarthy, straight-haired youth, half Kanaka, half English. He was very tender-hearted, but an excellent whaleman, whose power of vision was truly remarkable. He stood on the other side of me, shrieking will all the force of his lungs:

"There blows!—there blow-ow-s!—there—there—*there*—blows!"

"Where away?" thundered old Capt. Boom, glancing aloft.

"On the weather-bow, four miles on, heading to leeward!"

This answer sent an electric thrill through every vein; the old ship lurched as if she felt it too.

Up came old Boom, with spy-glass slung over his shoulder, mounting two ratlines at a time. When on the cross-trees he just gave one squint with his telescope; then his voice rung through the ship like a great saw going through a board.

"Back the main-yard—clear away the boats!" It would have done you good to see the men jump to falls and braces. The ship came up slowly, and Boom went down like lightning, by means of a back-stay.

Zadik, following him, sprung like a deer into the starboard boat.

"Lower away!" growled the Captain.

Buz-z-z! buz! buz z-z-z! sounded the falls, and swash! went the four boats, almost simultaneously, into the water.

The merry dogs bundled into them, and away they flew, the Captain's taking the lead.

"Snap your oars, ye griffins! Make the fire fly, my bull-dogs! Long and strong's the word! Break your backs, every mother's son of ye!" gritted the old fellow through his teeth.

In a similar manner the other officers encouraged their crews, until they had proceeded about four miles, when orders were given to stop pulling.

"None of your dare-devil pranks, Tom, if you get alongside a whale!" said the skipper to his son—a lad of fifteen, who belonged to the after-thwart in the first mate's boat.

Tom—the ship's favorite—smiled and shook his curly head. At the same moment the water broke into a whirlpool a few fathoms astern.

There was a hurried whispering; then the boats were forced round as a very small whale, a calf, rose to the surface. We perceived at once that the creature had been struck by some other crew, for the shank of an iron protruded from its body. It seemed very weak and in much pain, moving slowly and now and then reeling sideways with a sudden plunge. It swam in a circle as if bewildered, and the noise of its spouting somehow reminded me of the wailing of a child.

"Paddle ahead!" was the order, for every man believed that the mother of the calf—the cow whale—was not far off.

The first mate was soon within darting distance.

"Give it to him!" he shrieked, and whiz, whiz! went the harpooner's irons, one after the other, into the animal's body. For a few moments the little whale, as if half stupefied, remained nearly motionless; then, breeching, it came down, writhing and whirling its flukes in great agony, after which it sounded. It was too weak to drag the boat very fast or very far; it soon rose about fifty yards ahead.

"Haul line!" ordered the mate, now in the boat's bow, lance in hand.

As he spoke the water on one side of the calf suddenly parted with a roar like a cataract, and an enormous leviathan—the cow whale—boomed up from the surface, beating the sea with her flukes and spouting thunder.

Round and round her offspring she swam, but soon paused, as if half paralyzed with astonishment and grief at the situation of the sufferer. A moment she remained thus, then moved ahead slowly and gently, occasionally turning as if to entice the little creature to follow. In fact the calf endeavored to do so, but was too badly crippled to swim; it made a few feeble plunges toward its parent and then began to writhe and wheel in great agony. Perceiving that it was now in its flurry, the mate stopped hauling line, and remained watching the animal until its blood-red spout no longer rose, and it rolled over quite dead.

Now the behavior of its mother was pitiful to witness. She seemed unwilling to believe that her young one was really dead. Round it she slowly swam, spouting with a noise something between a shriek and a gasp. Then she moved ahead as before, and like one half crazy, seemed not yet to have abandoned the hope of being followed by her offspring.

Meanwhile her enemies were rapidly but stealthily advancing. Soon the Captain, who was foremost, was near enough to dart.

"Let her have it!" he growled. Zadik raised his harpoon; at the same moment the cow gently rubbed its great head against the little whale, as if to ascertain the reason why it would not follow her.

Zadik lowered the point of his weapon; his wild eyes softened.

"That whale's just like a human mother, Captain," said he, "and I haven't the heart to strike it!"

"Dog!" hissed Boom, "what ails ye? Dart! dart! I tell ye!"

As he spoke a sudden change came over the whale, which now, half turning, saw the boat. Wrathful and wild for revenge, she breeched, the whole length of her enormous body out of water; then falling back with the din of a hundred thunderbolts, she made straight for the boat, her bristling jaw wide open, her broad flukes beating the sea!

"Starn! starn!" gritted old Boom, and every man of his crew except Zadik turned pale.

The harpooner had changed with the leviathan. The flush of fight was now on his cheek, and there was fire in his eye. His dark brow was wrinkled; the ends of his straight black hair bristled like spear points. He motioned to the Captain to keep off a little, and, being obeyed, sent both irons whizzing into the side of the monster's hump!

Maddened with pain, fiercer than ever the whale made a swift dash to the boat, which she must have struck had not the captain, by a dexterous movement, whirled the light vessel to one side. Thus baffled, the monster dove, shaking a savage warning with her flukes, as she disappeared. Away went the boat, swift as a whirlwind, the line humming around the loggerhead, and the crew cheering like wild demons in answer to the cheers of those who were pulling after them.

Zadik and the Captain changed places, and the "old lion," as we called Boom, soon had his lance ready. The whale came up a quarter of an hour later, and "Haul line!" was the order. When within darting distance the skipper sent his long weapon quivering into the monster's body. Enraged beyond all bounds, she came booming towards us in a cloud of whirling spray tossed by her busy flukes.

"Starn! starn!" from the "old lion," and every time he spoke he was either darting his lance into the whale or pulling it back. Thicker and faster flew the spray, almost hiding the animal from us, until suddenly its great head, bursting from the white foam cloud, we saw the bristling jaw within six inches of the skipper!

Had the nerves of Zadik failed him, the old man must have perished the next minute. But the voice of the half-breed rang like the clang of a hammer, as with ready steering oar he whirled the boat's broadside toward the monster, and then gave the order to "stern."

Snap! went the monster's closing jaw, just missing the boat's bow, and whiz-z-z! went the old lion's lance again into her body alongside the hump!

Now, as she dashed furiously toward us, our shipmates arrived to take part in the combat.

The long-limbed first mate, who had left the calf to be towed by an extra boat's crew from the ship, attacked the monster on one flank, while the Captain and his second and third mates battled desperately upon the other. The cheers of the men, the crashing of the whale's fluke's, mingling with such wild cries as "Lay me on!" "Keep off a little!" "Now then—steady as you are!" "Starn! starn! starn!" "Pull ahead!" "Hoo, hoo! take that, old queen!" "Mind yourself at that oar!" "Now then, Mr. Spooner—there's a 'good sight!'" "Whang! whang! whang! three lances into her that time!" "Hooray! hooray!" etc., etc., were heard on all sides, while so thick was the spray that no man could see his neighbor distinctly.

Vigorously pressed—with lance after lance piercing her body—her jaws and flanks avoided by the vigilant harpooners—the whale soon acknowledged the power of her assailants by sending into the spray cloud a light red fountain of blood! With exultant screams the lancers, still attacking, buried their weapons in her writhing body, from which the spout rose darker and lower every moment.

Suddenly, with one tremendous whirl of her flukes, she struck the first mate's boat, shivering it to atoms! Then slowly round and round she swam, the dark blood-spout now ascending scarcely six inches.

The Captain and his third and second officers churned her with their lances, when, turning over, fin out, and half lifting her flukes and head in one last spasm of agony, she expired!

The first mate's crew, being good swimmers, had not yet been picked up; in fact, the Captain had been too busy to notice *which* vessel was stoven. Now, as the poor fellows were helped into his boat, he looked in vain for his son!

The sad story was soon told; poor little Tom was far down under the sea, whither his frame, crushed by the whale's flukes, had been dragged by sharks.

The Captain groaned and bowed his head. He did not lift it until we were alongside the ship. While we were cutting in the whale we looked in vain for him.

"He is down in the cabin," said the mate, "weeping and sobbing like a child. He will never be a happy man again!"

"Ay, ay," said Zadik, gloomily. "I felt as if no good would come of our striking that whale! We killed *her* offspring, and *she* killed the Captain's son!"

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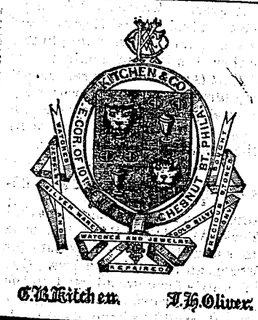

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de14tf Treasurer.

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SOLOMON SHEPHERD,

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JOSEPH HUDDELL,

December 15, 1866. Secretary.

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By Resolution of the Board of Directors.

de3-14t] JACOB BINDER, President.

KENSINGTON SOUP HOUSE, 247 ALLEN STREET, Dec. 12, 1866.

At a meeting of the Managers of the Kensington Soup Society, held this evening, Mr. DANIEL B. MIGKLE was elected the duly authorized Agent to collect and receive contributions in money, flour, meat or vegetables for the Society. Donations will be thankfully received by him or the Officers of the Institution.

GEORGE STOCKHAM, President, N. E. Eleventh and Archst; ELI GARRISON, Vice President, 1031 Shackamaxon st; GEO. J. HAMILTON Treasurer, 1010 Marlborough st; CHARLES M. LUKENS, Secretary, 1035 Beach street. de15,6t*

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NO. 614 SOUTH DELAWARE AVENUE.

Notice is hereby given that by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the above named Company, adopted August 29th, 1866, the FOURTH and last instalment of the Capital Stock of said Company, being THIRTY PER CENTUM or SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS per share, has been called in, and is due and payable at this office.

WILLIAM J. MALCOLM,

sest f Treasurer.

LOBERRY CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17th, 1866.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lorberry Creek Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 14th, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M., when an election will be held for a President, and six Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

WM. H. WEBB, Secretary.

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ALLENTOWN RAILROAD COMPANY,

PHILADELPHIA, December 17, 1866.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Allentown Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 14, 1867, at 10½ A. M., when an election will be held for President and six Directors, to serve for the ensuing year.

WM. H. WEBB, Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE MILL CREEK AND MINEHILL NAVIGATION AND RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, 1866.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 407 LIBRARY Street, on MONDAY, December 31, 1866, at 12 o'clock, M., at which time an election Officers to serve for the ensuing year, will also take place.

P. C. HOLLIS,

de10,13t] Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SCHUYLKILL VALLEY NAVIGATION AND RAILROAD COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1866.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 407 LIBRARY Street, on MONDAY, December 31, 1866, at half-past eleven o'clock, A. M., at which time an election for Officers to serve the ensuing year will also take place.

P. C. HOLLIS,

de10,13t,f Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION COMPANY, No. 417 WALNUT ST.—PHILADELPHIA, December 11th, 1866.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Loanholders of this Company, and an Election of Officers for the ensuing year, will be held at this office, on MONDAY, the Seventh day of January next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

W. M. TILGHMAN,

de11 tu,th s,t ja7] Secretary.

MANUFACTURERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 17th, 1866.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, No. 431 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 7th, 1867, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for Ten Directors, to serve for the ensuing year.

de17-15t] M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY—Office 227 South FOURTH street—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17th, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of this Company, that the Annual Meeting and an election for President, six Managers, Treasurer and Secretary, will take place on the SECOND MONDAY (14th) of January next at 12 M.

WM. H. WEBB, Secretary.

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CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—The annual meeting of Stockholders of the CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY will be held at their office, No. 400 CHESNUT street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January next, at 4 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for Seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary.

PHILADA., Dec. 13, 1866. de14ta1s*

OFFICE MOUNT CARBON & PORT CARBON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, December 5th, 1866.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 407 LIBRARY street, on MONDAY, December 31st, 1866, at eleven o'clock, A.M., at which time an election for Officers to serve the ensuing year will take place.

P. C. HOLLIS, Secretary.

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CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1866.

NOTICE TO LOAN HOLDERS.—The City Loans, maturing January 1st, will be paid on and after January 20, 1867.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Funds.

HENRY BUMM,

de18 4t] City Treasurer.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, the eighth day of January, 1867, between 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

B. B. COMEGYS,

de1 tu,th,s-tja8 Cashier.

JUNCTION OIL COMPANY.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Junction Oil Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 136 South THIRD street, on MONDAY NEXT, 24th inst., at one o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL ALLEN,

de17-7t] Secretary and Treasurer.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 8 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this bank will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1867, at the Banking House, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

J. WIEGAND, Jr., Cashier.

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FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, 723 ARCH street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5th, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 8th of January, 1867, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

de5tja8] SAML. J. MACMULLEN, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 8th of January 1867, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

MORTON McMICHAEL, JR.,

de10ja8 Cashier.

KENSINGTON NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 8, 1866.

An election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 8, 1867, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

WILLIAM McCONNELL,

de10 tja8 Cashier.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 3 o'clock P. M.

W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

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KENSINGTON SOUP SOCIETY.—A meeting of the contributors to this institution will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, December 20, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, at the Soup House, 247 ALLEN street, near Marlborough, to elect officers and managers for the ensuing year.

CHARLES M. LUKENS,

de19 2t* Secretary.

FAIR! FAIR! FAIR! FAIR! FAIR.—Sale of Fancy and Useful Articles, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church, N. L., Buttonwood street, below Sixth, EVERY DAY, from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M., closing on Friday evening, 21st inst. de18 4t*

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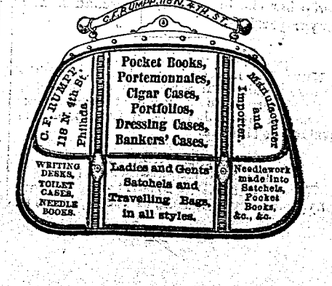
A SUITE OF SECOND STORY FRONT, and other ROOMS vacant, 301 South EIGHTH Street, corner of Spruce. Private table if desired. de14 1m*