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THE WHALER'S STORY.
" A "out the mast-hendman, on boaril Ing birk Volunteer.
 mate, from the deck. "There many be
somesthing in it." the apot, when another hail came down from aloft. "Something looming up in the slick, The mate seized the telescope, and
umped up the rigging. striding two rallines at a step. As the language used by the eeaman
might teem to embody a distinction
will without a difference," "t may be well to
inform the general reader that the word Inform the general reader that the wora
"carenss," "s ueed by whalemen, al waya
. mens the worthless stook, or the bones
nd tiesh after the fat has theen strived off. It is thus employed distinctively-
a whale belng called a whale, dead or alive, so long ns he has lit unctuous
Jacket on. The " stifk" is a smooth. dianey appearance of ound and to wind
iderable extent aro
ward of the flonting body, caused by the eseape of oif and fatty partcleses
With the ald of the glases the otjeet in question was soon male out to be a
dead whate, with a " "waif', planted in
win him. As we drew nearer, the waif as
sumed a strauge appearance; for, instead of belng a small white or black flag, sueh as is commonly used for the purpose, it
seemed a stiff, stationary otject, like sign-board, glistening brightly in the
sunlight. We were not a little puzzled The whale, though considerably
Twelled above the surface of the sea, was swelled above the surface of the sea, was
evidently in a fair condition, and could not have been dead above three days at
most. We hove to at a sultable distance to windward, and lowered a boat to ex-
amine and make preparations for taking the prize alongside.
The captain, impelled by curiosity in
the matter of the strange walf, went the boat himself. We pulled up to the
whale's side, the dash of our oars disturbing a myriad of ravenous birds
which had settled on and near the
whale, while other myriads were siltting in the alick all round him "It's a sheet of copper 1 " said Captain
Hayden. "Who ever heard of a whaler using copper waifs ? Pull out the waif-
pole, Dan," he continued, to the boatsteerer, " and pass it into the boat. I
want to have a look at the patent arrangemet."
The upper end of the waif-pole wa
found to have been split down for considerable distance, and the waif, a
whole sheet of new sheathing-metal was jammed firmly into the cleft of the
wood. he lifted it into the boant.
"Let me see. Pass it along this captain.
He se He seized and held it up, reading aloud this inscription, which was graven or
seratehed on the copper with some "To any seaman who has a heart in
his booom . The ship Parthenia, of London, took fire from her try-works
night of July 18 ith, 2 degrees north and
171 degrees east, and was totally destroy ed, Thirty of us are adrift on the oreay,
in four open boats, having saved noth-
ing but what we stood in, with a very ing but what we stood in, with a very
smanl took of proviliong. 1 thall steer
eaat-south-east, toward the Sandwich
 n being picked up by some vesse, in
there I I lttle chance of our reaching
any hand alive. God help us, and send
us nid! "July 18th,"' said the captain, refernight before that. They can'thave killed
this whale elnce. this whale sfince they left the wreck, "No, sir," answered Dan, pointing to
the stump, where the whale had been unjointed at the "small." "The fluken
are gone ; he has been cut from alongare gone; he
side a ship."
it before; for I was looking at this copper waif, all the way from the ship. She must have had thls whale in the fluke-
chain, and was boiling another, when the took fire,"
he boat steerer.
"No, no, of course not. The claims of humanity before all. It seems hard
that some sixty barrels of oil must b abandoned to the birds; but we should be worse than savages, if we hove to
now to cut in a whale. Pull ahead!"" he snapped out, as he threw the boat
liead round toward the yesel In a few minutes, the Volunteer's
canvas flled on an east-south eastcours and the best cyes in the shifp were dofng duty at the mastheads. We steered antil dark in the eame direction without
having seen anytbing. She was then brought to the wind, and put under Through
aback, and making short boards. The
gun was fired every hour, and not con-
tent with hoisting the signal-lanterns, tent with hoisting the signal-lanterns, a bonfire was kept nilve in an
mounted on the try-work.
"A bad spot in the ocean to be turned adrift in the boats," obwerved the mate
to the captain, as they walked the deck together that night. "So far from the nearest land,"
Yes, it sominy almost desperate, the
bance of living long anough to reach Mance of living long enough to reach
Kandwich Islande. But it seems to me, If it were my case, that I shouldn't have
taken that route. I should rather have taken that route 1 should rather have
headed westward, toward Japan. headed westward, toward Japan. I
don't know, though," he added, musingly; "there are some reasons nguinst it too. He may have thought his course
anfest in respect of weather ; as it is not uncommon to catch a taste of a typhoon
even where we are now,and still henvier even where we a
to the west ward.
It was a bright idea, his leaving his "Quite original," sald Capt. Hayden. thought of it in such a case, thought of eutting the whate nilift at all, with the ship on fire amidships. It
must have taken some time and labor to unjoint him with spades,"
It is odd, and I have thought a grea
Jeal about It since I came on board. deal akout it since I came on board. It
is still more oid that they should have
spent time in writing that finseription so arefully, to state that they eseaped with only what they stood in. The story
would seem to indicate great hurry in leaving the ship.
But you know, wir, they may
done it in the bout, after they pushed
off. For, of course, they would off. For, of course, they would hover
near the ship all night, or as long as the
bonfire was blazing, as that was their oonfire was bazing, as that
best chance of being pieked up."
"Yes, that's true," thoughtfully
nway with their boat-spades, as they lay to the windward of the ship. These
thing which seem odd, would, nodoubt, be all explained satisfactorily, if we
could only find the poor fellows. I shall run two or three days on this course,and ing them in the night." "Another day went by without dis-
coveries, though we carried all sail, and passed over a long stretch of ground, the cross-trees and rigging swarming with
lookouts. At nightfall we shortened firing the periodical guns as before through the night.
The first light of day showed us a ship
within a mile under our within a mile under our lee, on the lish colora at her gaff, and back her maintopsail as a signal of a desire t
communicate. We answered by showIng our American ensign, and keptaway to speak the stranger, which brought us
nearly on the course we meant to steer "I " 1 will to miskion of mercy. "It will be well to speak him," the
captain said, "and give him the news about the burning of his countryman
Two ships in search of the boats will double the chance of their being fallen in with."
who had joined us at Guam, under the hame of Jack Booth; one of the steadies man now came aft to the break of the waiting respectfully, as he withed to "Well, Jack, what's the word this
"orning y". "I want to ask you, sir, if you know
that ship under our lee "p" that ship under our lee - Know "Know her : No, of course I don't,
only that she is one of your country"I know her, sir," said Booth, sturdi-

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"The Parthenla, sir, that you suppose to be burnt."
"Why do
know it is ?", you say so? How do you
I I was in her last year, sir, and
know every rope of her standing rimer ging. There's a dozen marks about her Chat I could swear to."
"But you must Bid thea mail be mistaken, Jack, burned, and we have the story engraved on copper."
"Can't belp that, sir, answered the
man, dogmatically. "That's the Par man, dogmatically. "That's the Pa-
thenia, or I never sailed in her." "But what's your idea of this report
on the waif Y", asked the captain, someon the waify" asked the captain, some-
what shaken by Jack's firmness, "How what shaken by Jack that
do you aceount for that
"Well, of course I can't explain it in of the greateat scoundrel to be found afloat-an out-and-out cut-throat, sir.-
He was always tampering with the men, and hinting mutiny, and tried hard to lead me into a plan of taking
the ship. I pretended to side with him the ship. I pretended oo side with him, But when I undertook to warn Captain He thought he could trust Mr. Bolt.
wood's word as fur as he could mine, and cut me short before he had hearel
the half that I could have told htm. felt hurt about thit, and that's the way I eame to ask for my discharge at Guam." "Well, what"s your oplnion of this
strange afhir ? Speak out what you think,", "Well, as I told you, air, I can't fully understand it. But I 111 lay my life that
this ship is the Parthenia. I ame mor and more certain of it every minute, an we draw nearer to her. And 1 am, alt
most as certain that that plrate Boltwood is at the bottom of this puzzle, in "But, supposing you evidently think
$k$ - that he that is what tinied and got command of the ship, is Hikely that he would want
or indeed, speak anytody ?"
"Yes, sir. I know what his plan is
to go to one of the Molgrave Jolands, and make himeelf a great chief there.-
He has Ilved there before among the avages, and if he could go there with all the plunder of a shif, he would have
all the power and riches that he wants. all the power and riches that he wants.
He told me all this; and that if he got
, re told me all this: and that if he got
the ship, he should change her name, and pass for a new.comer on the ground, speak other vessels, and buy all the
tobacco and firearms he could get be-
fore he ran her for the Mulgraves.Ore he ran her for the Mulgraves.-
There he la, now, on the taffrail with his trumpet - that's Boltwood, sir, or
V'm not Jack Booth! What he want is to buy muskets and tobacco, and of get them.
captain.
is No
armed ?" inquired the
"No more than yours is, sir; with a
"Well, Jack, I am under great obligations to you for telling me all this,
whether it proves as you say or not
But of course you know this Boll-
wood."
"Ay, sir, and that fellow along side
of him too. That's his right-hand man Harris-at least, that's the name he sali "' Ranger, of London,'" suid the
mate, who had been reading the strunger's name through the telescope. "Ay, that name's as good as any,"
muttered Jack Booth; "but he can humbug me with it."
It was time for the captain to take hi but Booth still hovered near, keepin his face turned so as not to be recognized by those on board the strange ship. Stanwood, and he invited Captain Hay den to come on board, as he wished "make a trade with him, be said. was newly painted - that the. Range is brighter than the 'London,' and ha "I different look ?
want to look into the matter a little, jus to unmask him. if I can
He ordered his
while this was being done, he conferre aside with the mate. The boat-steerer, Dan, also received a few words of in
struction, and we pushed off, I being in my regular place at the atroke-oa
We approached the ship in such an
way as to have a fair view of her stern and then pulled slowly up alongside. Trip of canvas, and tacked on over her
strer painted on true name, as was ensy to be seen, when Dan threw up his wrap in so clumsy
a way, that it fell short, and he himself a way, that it fell short, and he himself
fell back ward into the boat. Without stopping to haul his wrap in again, be his boat-hook, which he bad taken care to have at hand. He made three or
four false attempts to book on at the ship's side, which ouly had the effect of called Harris stood looking over quarter-rail, and laughing at our awk wardness.
At the moment the boat's head fell
astern of the shlp, Dan, using his bont hook with the greateat dexterity, got a firm hold of the strip of canvas bearing
the ship's name. With the ship's name. With a single jerk
downward, it was neatly torn oft, hangdownward, it was neatly torn oft, hang-
ing down more than half its length, and the letters "P-A-R-T-H" appeared in full view.
The captain had been storming away
at us to shlp out our oars, and pretended at us to shlp out our oars, and pretended
to be much mortifed at our lubberly manner of going alongside and falling
adrift again. He now picked adre, and raised it in the air as if he were
dit going to break it over some of our head But this, as I afterward knew, was signal, and was responded to at once. main-royal of the Volunteer, and several men rusbed up her rigging,
while the sound of " Blo-0.0-0ws "f wa heard at intervalp."
"Pull ahead all"" sald Capt. Hayden, dropping the paddle again. "You'I ex-
but my mate nees whales, and I munt
get on boari as fast as, posilite , Ay get on board as fast as ponsible. Ay , ny I where'n gour eyes there, aloft, that
you don't see that whate?" he Foared to you don' see that whate?" he roared to
his own lookouts-for of course the
maat beada were mast hieads were manned, to keep
the sppearance of an honest whater It was not to be wondered at that they had not seen the whale, lnasmuch as none was in sight. But our trick wha
not long undiecovered, for, as Harris jumped on the stern for a last look at us, his glance caught the strip of canves hanging down.
Before we
Before we were alongside our own boarded ber tacks, showing no further her thus trade with us. We parted from to right the wrongs on board of her.
But the reign of Boltwood was short, Cor when we anchored at Honolulu, after our senson was 6p, the Parthenia lay
there, in charge of a Britiah there,
officer.
It ap

It appeared that Captain Ingalls and wood and hise hand been killed by Bolfwhale from alongside, and fixed the opper walf in him. This was done to ship, and to avert suspicion, as if was thought pretty certain that somebody
would see and read it. The decoy of leading us off in search of the boats, that they might speak us and obtain to-
baceo and firearms, perhaps by forcible menns, was near being succeesful: and being with us, and knowing the ship so
well. The mutineers, who numbered about half the crew, had, as they supposed;
cowed the remninder, and felt them selves secure. But they had only halt artfully managed by the well-disposed part of the men, who found an opporHanity to rise and retake the vessel.-
Harris was killed in this afluir; and the arch mutineer, Boltwood, was stunned put in irons, and brought in, to be de-
livered up, with the vessel, to the ritish admiral.
Had he got us on board the Parthenia we should, no doubt, have been detained
until he could have found means to get what he wanted from our ship. Th no attention, had not our have attracted
 a fulse one.
Our depositions, giving the particue used as evidence; and wire taken, to his cruise being up, went home in the Parthenia, with the prisoners, as an them afterward, but presume that Bolt wood and his associates in crime met with their Just deserts.

## The First Step.

There is no atep so long ns the firsi step in any direction, especially a wrong one. Having once taken it you are very
iikely to go further. One who steals penny will remember it when he think
of stealing a soverelg of stealing a sovereign. If he steals th overeign nirst, when he is tempted by already a thief. A perfeetly innocent person dreads the soll of any sin upon his soul, but after the slightest smirch gar proverb, "One might as well b hung for a sheep as a lamb," means
good deal. Often the lamb was stolen years before, and now why not take the sheep? An idle word, half oath, hal exclamation, leads the boy to swearing Once having sworn he will swear again. The first step may not be much in itself but in its relation to our lives it is a
giant's atride. It is well to remember

## A Queer Bargain.

Of Governor Briggs, of Massachusetts, it is remembered that for several years before his death he never wore levees and on all public oceasions. Few men knew the strange reason for thla,He had a neighbor whom he liked ex
ceedingly, ardd who was on the way become a confirmed drunkard. With this man the Governor remonstrated warmly, until at last the listener answerwill never again wear a collar.

Agreed," said the Governor.
Each kept his word; the man war
saved and the Governor paid no manner of attention to the sometimes sharp eriticism upon his apparent carelessner in his dress.

A Brittle Boned Horse.
$t$ Farm ington, Mich., reeently. A horse own ued at $\$ 500$, Collins, of Battle Creek, val and upon being roused sprang ap, and legs, making in necessary to kill him. Epon examination it was found that the

