

**GIANT WOLVES OF THE SEA**

The killer whale usually travels and hunts in "schools" or packs of from three to a dozen or more individuals, according to the National Geographic Magazine. Unlike most whales, the members of these schools do not travel in a straggling party, but swim side by side, their movements as regularly timed as those of soldiers.

A regularly spaced row of advancing long black fins swiftly cutting the undulated surface of the sea produces a singularly sinister effect. The evil impression is well justified, since killers are the most savage and remorseless of whales. The jaws are armed with rows of effective teeth, with which the animals attack and devour seals and porpoises and even destroy some of the larger whales.

Killers are like giant wolves of the sea, and their ferocity strikes terror to other warm-blooded inhabitants of the deep. The Eskimos of the Alaskan coast of Bering sea consider killers as actual wolves in sea form. They believe that in the early days, when the world was young and men and animals could change their form at will, land wolves often went to the edge of the shore ice and changed to killer whales, and the killers returned to the edge of the ice and came out as wolves, to go ravening over the land. Some of the natives assure me that even today certain wolves and killers are still endowed with this power and, on account of their malignant character, are much feared by hunters.

Killers are known to swallow small seal and porpoises entire and attack large whales by tearing away their fleshy lips and tongues. When attacking large prey they work in packs, with all the unity and fierceness of so many wolves.

**THE NAME "CALIFORNIA"**

Early in the 16th century there was published in Spain a romance entitled "Las Sergus de Esplandian." This work told of the doings of a pagan queen of Amazons who with allies from the "right hand of the Indies" assisted in the attack on Constantinople, or Stamboul, as the Turks called it.

The name of this Amazonian queen was Calafia and her kingdom which possessed a wealth of gold, diamonds and pearls was called California. It is supposed that the name of the queen was derived from "Calif," the title of Mohammed's successor. In the romance the following passage appears:

"Know that on the right hand of the Indies there is an island, called California, very close to the Terrestrial Paradise, and it was peopled by black women without any man among them, for they lived in the fashion of the Amazonia. They were of strong and hardy bodies, of ardent courage and of great force.

Their island was the strongest in the world, with its steep cliffs and rocky shore. Their arms were all of gold and so was the harness of the wild beasts which they tamed and rode. For in the whole island there was no metal but gold. They lived in caves wrought out of the rocks with much labor. They had many ships with which they sailed out to other countries to obtain booty."

When Cortez and De Grijalva, Spanish explorers, in 1534 visited the Pacific coast of North America and discovered the peninsula of Lower California which they thought was an island, they believed that they were near the coast of Asia. As they found the country similar in many respects to that described in the romance—pearls were found in the gulf along the eastern side and the mountains yielded gold—they named the land California.

**JUVENILE DELINQUENTS HARSHLY TREATED**

Frequently the student of American history finds it difficult to understand why some of the early colonists who came to America as a place of refuge from unjust persecution and laws unreasonable restricting their religious worship in the Old World should themselves have insisted on the enforcement of cruelly rigorous laws and in many instances have dealt so harshly with persons of a religious faith different from their own.

Connecticut which took the lead in providing for the education of children had some merciless laws for punishing youthful evil-doers. Prof. W. B. Bailey of Yale, in a pamphlet, "Children Before the Courts in Connecticut," issued by the federal children's bureau, tells us about some of these harsh legal provisions relative to children.

The code of 1650, re-enacted 22 years later, provided: "If any child or children above 16 years old, and of sufficient understanding, shall curse or smite their natural father or mother, he or they shall be put to death, unless it can be sufficiently testified that the parents have been very unchristianly negligent in the education of such children or so provoked them by extreme and cruel correction that they have been forced thereunto to preserve themselves from death or maiming. Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9; Exodus 21:15."

It was further provided that "if any man have a stubborn or rebellious son of sufficient understanding and years, viz., 16 years of age, which will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and that when they have chastened him he will not harken unto them; then may his father or mother, being his natural parents, lay hold on him and bring him to the magistrates assembled in court, and testify unto them, that their son is stubborn and rebellious and will not obey their voice and chastisement, but lives in sundry notorious crimes, such son shall be put to death. Deuteronomy 21:20,21."