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FENCER OF THE SEA.

ROUGH AND TUMBLE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE SWORDFISH.

Frequently the Rapierlike Snout Pierces the Yawl and Impales the Harpooner.

Some 15 miles off the Rhode Island shore and almost directly south of stormy Point Judith is the ragged coast of Block Island, where each resident is farmer and fisherman.

As quaint and old fashioned an ocean resort as the American coast affords is Block Island. It is a miniature world, in which the customs and habits are those of 150 years ago.

Completely isolated in winter from the rest of the world, they take but little interest in any except their own concerns.

Far out on the bowrip of each fishing schooner there is a little iron banded "pulpit," where stands the harpooner, harpoon in hand, riding up on the tail of a fox, and the marine hunters have only to keep eight of him until he has exhausted himself with his mad rushes through the sea.

When the time comes, however—it may be in half an hour, and it may be double that time—for the plucky spearer to deal the finishing stroke to the doughty warrior, then, if ever, hunter and game meet on fairly even terms.

The harpooner quits the vessel in a yawl, armed with an ax, spear and club, and pulls his frail craft over the rough water to the side of the drying fish.

But if the big fellow is only fainting there is likely to be trouble. Sulkily and warily, but motionless, he notes the harpooner's advance, and when the latter has driven his boat to a point not half a dozen rods away suddenly the great fish arouses himself, shakes the lethargy out of his bones and the brine out of his glistening eyes, measures the place of his foe for an instant, and then rushes on him like a whirlwind.

An exciting encounter with a wounded and maddened swordfish was that of Henry Chesbro. He had harpooned the big fish from the deck of his sailing vessel, and after waiting the usual length of time got into his yawl to deal the finishing blow to the apparently dying fish.

It was too late for Chesbro to retreat, and utterly defenseless he awaited the onslaught. In a moment the fish shot out of the water, and with deadly aim drove his sword completely through the boat.

A blow on the head then finished the fish, which weighed 325 pounds. Even more perilous was the experience of Captain L. R. Stadman of the smack Bossie Fish.

The ready witted Block Islander immediately grasped the sword with both hands. The fish struggled fiercely, finally snapping off its sword and diving for the bottom of the ocean.

Notice is hereby given to the public by the undersigned that I do not allow dead animals to be buried on my premises, at Roseburg, Oregon, or garbage dumped thereon or sand or gravel taken therefrom, unless the party taking sand or gravel first contract with me for the right to do so.

Treasurers will be presented according to law. AARON ROSE, Roseburg, Oregon, March 17th, 1895.

Advertisement for The Monarch bicycle, featuring the text 'King of all Bicycles' and 'Absolutely the Best'. It includes an illustration of a bicycle and mentions '5 Styles' and 'Superior Material and Scientific Workmanship'.

Advertisement for Bald Heads! featuring 'Skookum Root Hair Grower'. The text asks 'What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle?' and describes the product's benefits for hair regrowth.

Advertisement for American Agriculturist Weekly. It states 'Original, Progressive, Practical' and 'Changed to a Weekly! Only \$1.00 a Year!'.

Advertisement for 'Its Farm Features'. It lists 'Live Stock, Dairying, Horticulture, Poultry, Market Gardening, and other topics, written by Practical and Successful Farmers'.

Advertisement for 'The Family Features'. It includes 'Short Stories, Latest Fashions, Fancy Work, The Good Cook, Talks with the Doctor, Puzzle Contests and Young Folks' Page'.

Advertisement for 'An Ideal Farm and Family Weekly'. It features 'American Agriculturist, 78 Columbia Building, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.' and 'SPECIAL COMBINATION OFFER'.

Large advertisement for P.P.P. medicine, listing ailments like 'PIMPLES, BLOTCHES AND OLD SORES', 'PRICKLY ASH, POKE ROOT AND POTASSIUM', 'CATARRH, MALARIA, KIDNEY TROUBLES and DYSPEPSIA'.

Advertisement for St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It features the text 'St. Louis Globe-Democrat' and 'ONE DOLLAR A YEAR'.

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Large advertisement for 'JOB PRINTING' with the slogan 'We get out a class of Job Printing that is Superior to the Poor'.

Advertisement for 'Portland University' featuring 'The Great Divide' and listing various courses and tuition fees.

Mining Application No. 54. United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the Green Mountain Mining Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the general law of the State of Oregon...

Sheriff Sale. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Douglas. Stephen Minard, Plaintiff vs. Wm. McBea and C. A. McBea, Defendants.

Sheriff Sale. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Douglas County. Sylvester Penney, Geo. W. McElrath and Fred McElrath, Plaintiffs vs. J. L. Fisher, L. S. Lamb, A. C. Masters and Sol. Abraham, Defendants.

Sheriff Sale. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Douglas County. J. L. Fisher, L. S. Lamb, A. C. Masters and Sol. Abraham, Plaintiffs vs. J. L. Fisher, L. S. Lamb, A. C. Masters and Sol. Abraham, Defendants.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

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Advertisement for Real Estate Bought and Sold on Commission. Farms, large and small, to Rent, and IMMEDIATE POSSESSION GIVEN.

Advertisement for ROSE & CO. PROPRIETORS OF THE New Era Roller Mills, ROSEBURG, OREGON.

Advertisement for LILY WHITE EXCELSIOR Brans, Shorts, Feed, Etc., Constantly on Hand.

Advertisement for THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD EAST AND SOUTH THE SHASTA ROUTE. Southern Pacific Co.

Advertisement for Dr. Gibbon's DISPENSARY, 623 E. 1st St., PORTLAND, OREGON.

Advertisement for Deardorff House, OAKLAND, Two Doors North of Depot Hotel.