THE CAPTAIN'S GRIP.

The Chinese found the New England whaling vessels on their native grounds, and are in the habit of regarding the latter as a sort of incomparable treasure house. The officers of the vessels are generally treated with the utmost respect and civility, and the crews are not molested by the Chinese. This is, however, not the case with the Japanese. They are considered as little better than slaves, and are treated accordingly. The Japanese are not so industrious as the Chinese, and are not so fond of European company. They are, however, very fond of American company, and are always ready to forward any American request.

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