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commotion in the water, and fi- been astonished. Now, what with you," and the mysterious nally said, decidedly: "It's a do you suppose that thrash- stranger walked away leaving the thrasher and sword-fish attacking er, and likewise that sword-fish barkeeper to wonder whether it a whale, and if they only come were giving that kind of would not have been better to this way you'll see some fun that battle to that whale for? Now, give a stranger one drink than to landlubbers seldom see -- meaning none of you know, yet some peo- be caught by a trick and have to no disrespect for the ladies." It ple think they do. That sword- "set them up" to a whole crowd. was seldom that our captain dis- fish sticks the whale from below played as much interest as he did to make it rise, and the thresher

then, so we all the more eagerly calks up his spout-hole to make it watched the nearing fight. He open its mouth. Why don't he gave no further explanation then, open his mouth at once? Why For some time longer we saw don't the whale open his mouth no bodies, but the disturbance in the first time the thrasher covers the water gradually grew plainer his spout-hole? Because it knows as it came nearer. The water by instinct that the moment its would be upheaved and then mouth is opened its tongue is bit promise to pay out of their advance lashed into foam; there would be out. I spoke of a little fish that flurry, and then the water would you didn't see. Well, he follows subside into a bubbling wake. Fi- close along, and whenever the nally, so near us as to be almost whale becomes so used up for the go aboard when the vessel sailed, startling, the ponderous body of a want of breath that it must open whale plunged through the water its mouth then the little fish darts almost beneath us, and, with a in, bites off the big fellow's tongue, swiftness that in so buge a thing and is away with it in a jiffy. The was frightful, rose to the surface, little fish, the sword-fish and the charged, nor signed papers. The dashing the waves with its great thrasher divide the tongue, and it blunt head afar on either side. Al- is that morsel the whole battle is ficient to hold them over in the most before the sparkling showers for." Since the captain told us had fallen the steam-like breath of the story I have heard the same the monster shot up in a jet, but thing asserted by land authority. only for an instant. A great ugly fish, flat like a flounder, but larger than a shark, darted through the A few evenings ago, while water and almost leaped upon the half-a-dozen gentlemen were whale, covering with its great flat standing at the bar of one of the body the whale's blow-hole. The most fashionable up-town saloons, jet was as instantly and completely a well-dressed, good-looking cut off by this astonishing opera- stranger entered the room and tion as is a faucet stream of water walked straight to the bar and ad-

by a reversed spigot. The great dressed the barkeeper in lauguage clumsy monster struggled as if for like the following: tacked by a sword-fish that with sir."

flicting wound after wound upon inexorable and even rude. The the tortured monster. Stabbed mild-mannered stranger turned to from below, deprived of its breath the gentlemen who had been from above, the whale wildly witness to the conversation, and plunged ahead silently, followed said: "Gentlemen, you are stranclosely by the thrasher, waiting gers to me, but would one of you for its turn to attack. Soon they be kind enough to loan me the came again; not quite so close to price of a drink? I will pay it us as before. Again the vast body back." upheaved the waters; again the One of the party addressed thrasher cut off the persecuted handed the stranger fifteen whales desperate struggles for air; cents. again the great thing lunged and lurebed about in awful, frantic ef- said: "Now, can I have a drink?" forts to free itself of the merciless enemy; again it slowly sank, to be body can get a drink for the money

again attacked from below. This here." most strange battle raged about "I thought so," said the us for fully half an hour, the inter- stranger. vals between the surface attacks The bottle of "red licker" was becoming shorter as the whale's in- placed on the bar; the stranger creasing exhaustion prompted it filled his glass liberally. to rise more frequently. The at- "A little bitters in there, if you

and such it was, although the loaned him the money, and said: small, savage attackers were, of "Stranger, I make it a point of course, never injured in the tre- honor to pay borrowed money bemendous plunges the maddened fore I pay a whisky bill; here is

THE WHALE AND HIS ENE- whale would sometimes direct to- your 15 cents; I am greatly wards them. Gradually the scene obliged for the loan;" and so say We were swinging idly at an- of action drifted further from us; ing he walked out. The dazed chor of Mahukons, Island of Ha- and suddenly ceased, the whale barkeeper, seeing that he was sold, waii. Swinging idly at anchor in sinking finally out of sight. Then and that the laugh was on him, the south sea on a sammer's day we turned to the captain and ran to the door and called to the is eminently poetical, but one may asked of that worthy individual an stranger to come back. The get too much of poetry. Suddenly explanation. Of course he had stranger promptly returned and there were wild exclamations of one ready, and it was this: There inquired: "What do you want?" delight and excitement by some was another fish highly interested The barkeeper replied: "That native passengers, who pointed a in the battle, that we had not seen, was a cute trick you played, and little way off, where at first we This was the fish that came in at I own up that you caught me. could see only occasional foamy the death. "I'm sorry," the cap- The drinks are on me. What will spouts of water. The captain, tain said, "that the whale was not you take?" "Excuse me, sir," rewho had just come on deck, looked finished near enough for you to plied the stranger, "I drink only with increasing interest at the see, for then you would have with gentlemen; I cannot drink

life. Its tail dashed the smooth "Stranger, I am in a very, very summer sea into a fury of foam, bad condition. I want a drink; I and the whole great length of its must have a drink, but I am combody seemed shaken by a tempest pelied to make the humiliating of rage and agony. The whale statement that I am unable at sank slowly, and as the troubled present to pay for it. If you will water became clear we saw it be kind enough to favor me in my dart off again, but pursued and at- extremity, you shall be paid,

lightning-like strokes would "We don't keep whisky to give plunge its weapon into the whale's away here," was the blunt reply of body, draw back again for a fresh the barkeeper. The stranger start, and shoot ahead again, in- begged, but the barkeeper was

"He stepped to the bar and "Yes," said the barkeeper, "any

tacks of both its enemies gave the please," said the stranger. Then, impression of utmost ferocity. The when the bitters were furnished, perfect silence of the terrible war- he asked for a large glass of water, fare, 100, added to its terrible as- which was also set up. The stranger drank his beverage and I have spoken of it as a battle, then turned to the man who had

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