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TRAPPING A WHALE.

Caught in a Box and Shipped Alive to England. An Exciting Hunt for the Monsters of the Deep—Throwing the Harpoon—A Ride On a Whale's Back. (Philadelphia Times.) "Ship a whale to Europe?" "That's what I'm a-tellin' ye."

"Yes," was the reply, "as lively a whale as ever ye clapped your eye on." The speaker was a fisherman of note of a very small town on the Island of Bic, near the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and his statement that he was about to ship a whale to Europe had rather staggered his listener.

"Why," he continued, "I've done it already, and it ain't likely I can't do it again. I kin ship anything, from a codfish to a whale, and if they foller my orders the goods'll git there ship-shape and lively, right side up with care. This is what I ship 'em in," said the fisherman, pointing to a box about 20 feet by seven that had evidently just been put together.

"No, I ain't goin' to put a sail on it and beat over—I kin beat that all holler. But come along and I'll show you how the thing is done." A few minutes later a pair of horses and a low set of wheels were brought out, and by the aid of levers the big box was mounted or piled upon them, and getting aboard with the fisherman the writer was soon lumbering down toward the sandy beach.

"Don't git out," said the fisherman, as the horses entered the water. "Stay for the launchin', she'll hold you and twenty more." The wheels were driven in until the box into which the writer had jumped floated clear of the wheels, and the launch was successfully made. The craft might have been a running mate to Noah's ark, and was to receive animals much after the same fashion.

The situation was rather novel than otherwise, and while we were attempting to make the whale world feel bored, the fisherman appeared in sight round a point and we were soon transferred to a boat, the box being taken in tow.

PERSONAL MENTION. John Fox went to Victoria yesterday. A. J. Megler returned yesterday from Foley Springs.

THE FUTURE OF THE BOY.

An exchange thinks "the boy"—and by this term it includes boys in the aggregate—ought to feel highly complimented by the universal interest manifested in his future.

"We take the white whales shootin' sometimes," said the rower, "and the one I took last season got a joke on me that ain't quite wore off yet. We went out in a gang that day, some with rifles and some with harpoons, and I reckon there was ten or twelve boats anchored right down by the mouth of the creek we struck a school of 'em, so big that there was nothing but heads a-poppin' up all around."

"The water was only about four feet, and the writer could not dive, so I just clung to it. First she struck in shore, and then skirted along the beach, a-snootin' and puffin' and beatin' the water with her tail, so you could hear her clean across the bay. But she couldn't shake me off. I just clung to the handle, and let her rip, and pretty soon when we came to a shoal piece I reached out and benched one of 'em, and know which. Anyway, I reckon I'm the first one that ever rode a whale in these diggin'."

When we landed, the box that had been towed into the bay was high and dry beside a great hole that was made on a previous tide. The fisherman now obtained several assistants, and the hole being made larger, the box was finally lowered into it so that it lay almost on a level with the water surface.

It was a matter that required some patience, but gradually as the tide went out, the boiling of the water and the occasional view of a round head told that some whale had been entrapped. As the water became lower and lower the commotion became greater, and finally the form of seven what appeared fairly exposed, rushing about, running out of water in shoal spots, and making fierce breaks at the nets and boats, only to be driven back by the waves.

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