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The following clam story is taken from Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*. "You talk of shells that bite," said our jolly skipper, as one of the party writhed and groaned under the pinch of a hard-shell clam that he had endeavored to open. "I've seen a clam almost drown a man, and big enough to tackle a horse."

"Now, captain," pleaded Grimes, "if we are cod-fishing, it don't follow that we should be dosed with scaly yarns."

"It's as true as gospel," retorted the skipper, "and I'll just hand in my line and tell you about it."

"We were lying off Marblehead in a Swampscott fisherman, and the sun was well up, and the cod-lutes were getting few and far between, no further objection was offered and our red-faced skipper leaned back against the main boom, and with a premonitory cough, to insure attention, commenced his yarn."

"The first voyage I made was from New London, nigh on to forty years ago, before they had any steam whalers and patent booms. We had good luck for two years, and finally brought up at the Tonga islands, in the south Pacific."

"I was only a green hand, but I reckon I made more than a good many of the old hands. You see, I made a contract with a Boston orthodonty dealer to ship him all the shells, coral, etc., I could get hold of, so almost every home ship we struck I sent off a trunk of some kind—sometimes a piece of whalebone, a whale's tooth, or an albatross; or, best of all, a swordfish that came near cleaning me out."

"Ye know, or ye don't know, that when a whale's alongside, and they are out stripping the blubber, the hands work on it, and often I have been cutting away knee deep in a whale while sharks were eating away not three feet from me. Well, one day a big sheet of blubber broke away from the lift and fell overboard, and I swung out to drive in a hook. I leaped over it and was just about to run the hook in when I heard a yell from my mate on the whale, and the next moment I saw the rush of something interrupted one of his listeners."

"'Scarcely,' answered the skipper. 'Whale skin is as tough as a board, and we had to cut it out by piece-meal. Why, as far as force goes, I've seen a ship dry-docked on account of swordfish—the coppered oak plank was cut through as if with a spike, and had broken off short. Ye see a piece of the same ship, sword and all, in the museum of natural sciences in Philadelphia.'

"'But how about the clam?' said one seeing the old man was drifting off the track."

"Well," he continued, "I was just getting to that. You see, every chance I got I kept my weather-eye open for curiosities, and so, when we brought up at the Tonga islands, and I found the ship was going to provision and lie there for a week, I got a three-days liberty, and went off on a curiosity hunt."

"I hired one of the natives and his boat, and crossed over to a small island where I spent about all the time getting coral and shells. You can't imagine the sight unless you've seen it. The water is as clear as can be, and you could see the shells on the bottom sixty feet down."

"Some of the coral spread out like branches like great trees, some like fern-leaves, while going in and out among them were fishes with such colors that you wouldn't believe me if I should tell you; the bottom was covered with plants, loo, and fans and plumes, that waved to and fro in the tide, purple, red, yellow, and all colors."

"But the strangest thing about it was that in the night they gave out a bright light, so that, as you looked down into the water, they looked like the lights of some big city. I often told the time by holding my watch before them. In some the light would be blue, in others yellow, and sometimes blue-and-white. Phosphorescence, I've heard them call it."

"We made our headquarters on the little key and bleached our coral there, and at low tide every day started out. The tips of the coral were just bare then so we could wind in and out among the lanes of sand, and upset the bunches of branch coral, and find all kinds of shells and crabs clinging to them."

I knew there were no sharks in such shoal water. However I put back, and it was slow work, as I could only wade through the lanes in the coral, which wound in and out like one of these regular maze puzzles."

"After what seemed a long time I got near the poor fellow, who was moaning, and evidently held down by something, and the tide rising every minute, too."

"The coral cleared soon, and jumping into the canoe, I quickly reached him. There he was, one leg caught between a clam six feet long, that must have weighed nearly seven hundred pounds."

"The poor fellow realized his terrible predicament and begged me to kill him, but I did not believe in that sort of business. It seems those big clams are common there, and have a way of half sinking themselves in the dead coral; and when open, with the great white animal showing, they can scarcely be told from the bottom. And he had walked right on to one, and the lids had come together like a vise."

"The tide was coming in so fast that it leaped his shoulders, and we both knew in an hour there would be a foot or more of water over his head. 'I first tried jamming the oar into the small opening between the shell, but this only made the creature press together all the closer; and reddish streams that began to discolor the water showed that the knife-like blades were cutting in deeply.'

"In desperation I jammed the boat-hook into the animal, but the point broke off against the iron-like shell. It was awful, I can tell you. There the poor fellow was, his head just above the water, hanging on to the boat. You have heard of death coming on the ebb tide, but here it came on the flood."

"Inch by inch the tide raised, and I began to think I'd have to do as he wanted me to—kill him—when suddenly I thought perhaps I could cut his leg off, so I took a case knife and over I went. Holding a nail under water, I made an attempt, but I only added to his suffering, for in my excitement I forgot that bones could not be cut with a knife."

"But this foolish attempt saved the man's life after all, for while under the water, I noticed on one side of the shell there was more space between, and the thing occurred to me that here I might reach the big muscle that held the shell together."

"There wasn't a minute to lose, as the water was nearly to the man's chin, while his efforts to keep above it almost sank the boat. 'His eyes staring and veins standing out, he was perfectly paralyzed with the horror of his condition.'

"I quickly lashed the knife to a piece of bamboo that I had, and down I went again. Sticking the knife in I sawed away until my wind gave out, and then I came up. Get a new supply, I tried it again, and this time I could feel the round muscle as big as a man's thigh. I got the knife into it, and cutting it, and putting one foot against one side and bracing back, I wrenched them apart, and rose to the surface just in time to pick the poor fellow up. He had fainted clean away, and no wonder."

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