

## Whaling

NHG 15 July 1817 -- Sperm oil at 85¢ per gallon by Charles Robinson. First quality.



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PJ 28 September 1833

WHALE-SHIP POCAHONTAS.—Letters have been received from the Captain of the Whale-Ship Pocahontas, dated at Pata, in April last. She sailed in September 1833,—arrived in the Pacific in February. The crew were all well; they had taken a few Whales, and the captain was sanguine of a successful voyage.

Capt. BARNARD adds a fact in favor of Temperance. The ship was at one time surrounded with ice, and the crew were long exposed to severe cold.—Hot *Ginger Tea* was furnished the men, instead of the "poison RUM." The result was, the men endured the exposure perfectly well, and expressed their satisfaction with this treatment.

We understand there was no spirit put on board this Ship excepting for medical purposes. We wish them success.



# SOUTH PACIFIC WHALERS.

*Lt. Comdt. J. Collings Long, of the U. S. Navy, has potently furnished us with Mr. Charles Higginson's List of Whaling Vessels, that have touched and been heard from at Poyta, since the 28th November, 1833.*

Arrived, Dec. 2, Cyrus, Hussey, Nantucket, 13 mo. 550 bbls. 7th, Amazon, Creasey, Fairhaven, 5 mo. 15 bbls. 8th, Stephanina, Dexter, New- Bedford, 16 mo. 650 bbls. Abigail, Clarke, N-B, 24 m. 1600. 10th, Barclay, Barney, Nant. 15 mo. 600 bbls 14th, Hobomok, Barnard, Falmouth. 11 mo. 450.— 19th, Richmond, Tucker, N-B, 27 mo. 1500. 21st, Franklin, Prince, Nant. 30 mo. 1300 bbls. 22d, Eagle, Grinnell, N-B, 4 mo. 150. 23d, Arab, Bunker, N-B, 25 mo. 1050. 27th, Rodman, Lewis, New- Bedford, 5 mo. 250 bbls. Jan. 1st, Three-Brothers, Alley, Nant. 4 mo. 80 bbls.

Remarks. The Pactolus, Grinnell, touched off here, 4th Dec. 130 bbls. Spoke the Washington, Hussey, Sept. 11 m. 130 bbls. The Russel, Worth, sent her boat in on the 7th Dec. 2000 bbls. Capt. Worth got 750 bbls in 34 days. The Amazon, spoke the Uncas, about 27th Nov. 1950 bbls. The Edward- Quesnell about 23d, 700. Iris, on the 20th, 880. The Omega, on the 27th, 140. The Beaver, 6m. no oil. The Hydaspes, 6 m. 100 bbls. The Rover, 5 m. 200 bbls. The John Adams, Swain, was at Talchanana about 20th Oct, with 900 bbls. The Orbel, Gardner, same time 700. The Hobomoc reported the Pactolus, returned with 1800, and on the 9th Nov. Spoke the Topaz, with 500, heard of the George Washington, with 400, Gideon, Barstow, 1000, the Vermont 200, the Frances, Alley, 1000 bbls. The Samuel Wright, was at Talchanana, about 28th Oct. with 40 bbls. Capt. Prince, spoke the Minerva, Fish, 19th Dec. 8 m. 120, and on the 15th, the Bauier, 1300. Capt. Grinnell of the Eagle spoke on the 1st Dec. Daniel, Webster, of Sagharbour, no oil, and off Cape Horn, the Three Brothers of Nantucket, 81 days out with 40 bbls.

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PJ 18 February 1837

**THE SPERM WHALE FISHERY.**—The Sperm Whale Fishery for the last year appears to have been less successful than previously.—The quantity of Sperm Oil brought into the United States during the year 1836 having been about 33 per cent. less than in 1835. Still the price of Oil, notwithstanding the increased consumption, is less than it was a year ago. This is because speculators have not turned their attention to the article, and it has been taken by the traders only as the actual wants of the community required.

Had Sperm Oil been purchased and held on speculation, by traders in the same way with Flour, it would have been selling at this moment at \$2 per gallon, and in active demand at that price, as the deficiency in the supply of the article is vastly greater than the deficiency in the last wheat crop.

Eighty two Sperm whalers arrived in 1835, and only sixty-two in 1836. The voyages of these 62 ships, have extended from 26 to 47 months; but average nearly 39 months. The shortest, (26 months) that of a New Bedford ship, was quite fortunate, producing 2000 barrels; the longest, (47 months) that of a Hudson ship, resulted in the procurement of only about 1200 barrels. The largest cargo was that of the Montano of Nantucket, which turned out 3096 barrels—the smallest that of a Fal-mouth ship, which had met with disaster, being but 546 bbls. The average of the whalers 1723 2-3 bbls. to each ship from the Pacific Ocean within the year 1836—being nearly 200 barrels (or over 6000 gallons) less than the average of the year preceeding.—*Newburyport Herald.*

PJ 7 June  
1838



### **FOR SALE at Portsmouth,**

**N. H.**—The Coppered and Copper-fastened SHIP POCAHONTAS 300 tons burthen, built at Haverhill, Mass. an excellent Ship, sails fast and is well adapted to the Whaling business. She had new Standing Rigging about a year since, has two suits of Sails, and a very full Inventory. She can be fitted for sea at a small expense, and will be sold with or without her Whaling Gear.

**L. GOODWIN & S. E. COLES.**

Portsmouth, N. H. June 7, 1838.

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Courtesy of the Portsmouth City Archives, Portsmouth, N.H.

## Whaling General

PJ 22 Aug ust 1840 -- Profitable voyage -- the ship Hector has arr at New Bed fr the Pac with a crgo of 2700 brls of oil, having been out only 26 months! The crgo is worth abt \$80,000!

PJ 19 Sept 40 -- Statistical info dealing with Census of T of P by JG Haldey esq, ~~fr~~ deputy marshal, for the yr 1839, soap and candles, pounds of soap, 5,000; 4,000lbs of candles; sperm and wax candles 50,000. Capital inveated, \$8,000\*  
\* Captial invested in the sperm manu- factory was estimated by the dep marsh., the ownrs ~~xs~~ rfsng to inform him.

PJ 26 Sept 1840 -- Ship Factor, belonging to the Duchess Whaling Co. , arr NY on Thurs with a ful crgo of oil and whalebone worth \$43,000. Factor has been out only 15 months, 9 days. Bark Vermont,

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belonging to same comp. was skpn in April 15 mos out  
with 2150 brls, wha e and 450 brls sperm. Worth  
\$37,000.



Courtesy of the Portsmouth Athenæum, Portsmouth, N.H.

PJ 20 April 1844 -- Whaling note -- During the month of March, there arrived at different ports in the US, 15 ships, 4 barks, 2 brigs engaged in the whale trade. 11,487 barrels sperm, 33,259 barrels of whale oil.



## Whaling note

PJ 3 May 1851 -- Encounter with a whalwe - A letter to the NY Express, from Rio, 14 Feb, gives an account of an attack on the ship Pocahontas, of Tidbury, by a sperm whale. Two boats started in pursuit of the whale, and one of them had been fast to her about 20 minutes, and hauled in the line. In another attempt to lance the whale, she turned upon the boat, and literally crushed it to atoms; yet the crew were uninjured having been picked up by the other boat. ~~Aft~~ After the crews got aboard the ship, the vssl ran for the whale, wch still continued around the fragments of the boat; and, when about 2 boat lengths off, the whale turned, and struck the vssl's bow with such force as to start one or two planks, and break one or two timbers on the strbrd side of the bow at the water's line, causing the vssl to leak at the rate of 250 strokes per hour. This is believed to be the second instance of attack on a vessel by a whale. The other was ship Essex in the Pacific, which was lost.

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PJ 11 October 1851 -- The whale fishery has been very succssfl & prfitbl durng the last year. The New Bedford ~~wa~~ whaling list states yt the whol no. of vssls emplyd is 605. New Bedford has 275 shps and brks, and mor than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the tnng. Nantucket, New London, and Fair Haven have abt an equal interest in the bsns. There are now 132 lrg shps and barks in port, fittng for C, and they will requir abt 4000 men, to offer and cru the shps. The toal amnt of prft in the whaling bsns must be between \$20 and \$30 m of \$. The first 7 mos of the year there has been landed abt 2.8 mil worth of aperm oil, \$4.5 mil worth of whale oil, and \$1,2 mil of bone, making a total of \$8.5mill for the first 7 mos. and giving for the yr nrly \$15 mil.

## Whaling Note


PJ 21 January 1865 -- The whale fisheries have nearly given out. Last year the fleet decreased by 27 vessels and 8300 T,

Petroleum has superseded whale oil, shortly the whales will be lwft to a mor peacefl life.



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PJ 25 February 1871 - The Whale Fisheries.-- The whole number of Am vssls enggd in the whale fishery, Jan. ~~1~~ 1, 1871, 216 ships and barks, 18 brigs, 54 schooners, showing a large decrease from 1870 of 33 vss. which proceeds from the withdrawal of vssls from Nwbyprt, Wellfleet, Groton and largely from Provincetown. The entire fleet at the lttr port being 27 vssls against 49 a year ago, and of yt number, it is thot, eight will not be fitted.



PLATO

A bark engaged in whaling for Portsmouth Whaling Co.

P.J. 2 Nov ~~1834~~ 1834 -- Sld fr St. Helena, 1 Sept  
250 brls of sperm, 250 right what oil.

P.J. 21 Feb 1835 -- Now calling Plato a bark.  
Touchd St. Helena 19 Dec with 850 brls of oil, 7000  
lbs of bone



Pocahontas ( Whaling)

PJ 20 June 1840 -- Will be cold 25 inst at public  
auction

