

Tuesday, July 23.

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AS BOOT GREASE.

Fishermen Use \$5000 Worth of Ambergris.

The Valuable Find Was Picked Up on the Banks.

The fishing schooner Squantum, Captain William Parslow, which has just arrived at Lamoine, Me., from the Grand Banks of Newfoundland with cod, brings a strange story.

Captain David Parslow of that port, an ex-whaler, brother of the skipper of the Squantum, and principal owner, was inspecting the craft after her arrival and in the fo'castle detected the odor of that precious product of the sea, ambergris. He traced the odor to a pair of sea-boots belonging to one of the crew, and upon diligent inquiry evolved the fact that without a doubt at one time on the Squantum's last trip a mass of ambergris, worth at least \$5000, was alongside the little old schooner and was allowed to go adrift because the crew were ignorant of its value, and, furthermore, that a "sample" that had been saved, and that was worth at least \$100, had been used as a lubricant for the boots of one of the crew.

James Perkins, first hand, says that one night the vessel was on Virgin Rocks, when one of the crew sung out that something was drifting down on the schooner. At first it was thought that it was a dead body, but when it came alongside we see that it was a junk of something as big as a bait cask or bigger—looked like tallow, only it was a dark grayish color, mottled with white in streaks. It had a powerful smell—sickish, sweet-like.

"A line was put round it and we set out to call the skipper, but he was snoozing and we thought it wasn't best to get him riled up about nothing, and so, after Oliver Eaton had cut out a junk big enough to fill a baking-powder tin, we let the stuff go adrift again.

"Oliver made an awful smell with the stuff, greasing his boots in the fo'castle and we made him move them out. Oliver said it wasn't very good grease anyway—wouldn't give a pint of neatsfoot oil for a ton of the stuff."

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Margaret, of Beverly, Grand Bank, 200,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. John S. Presson, Georges, 327 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 15,000 lbs cod.
Sch. Marguerite, netting, 280 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Helena, netting, 330 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Magnolia, netting, 150 fresh mackerel.
Sloop E. A. Hooper, netting, 120 fresh mackerel.
Sloop On Time, netting, 100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Garrie E, netting, 80 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Florence, netting, 150 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olive May, netting, 100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Freedom, netting, 140 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Thistle, netting, 75 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dixie, netting, 28 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Messenger, netting, 51 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Edith L., netting, 105 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Gracie, netting, 40 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Grace Hone, netting, 134 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Jack o'Lantern, netting, 230 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olga, Georges, 74 bbls. salt mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Senator, halibuting.
Sch. Margie Smith, seining.
Sch. Reporter, seining.
Sch. Lawrence A. Munroe, salt fishing.
Sch. Victor, seining.
Sch. Judique, shacking.
Sch. Florence, halibuting.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.00; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$2 7-8; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$2 7-8; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75 large dory handline cod, \$3 3-8, medium do., \$2 7-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.20; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales of shack fish, \$2.00 per cwt. for large cod, \$1.50 for market cod, \$1.50 for cusk, \$1.00 for hake, \$1.00 for haddock, 60 cents for pollock.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3.35 per cwt for large and \$2.90 for mediums. Rips cod, \$3 7-8 per cwt. for large and \$2 7-8 for mediums.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cents for gray.

Swordfish 10 cents per lb.
Salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.; earlier caught mackerel, \$9 50 per bbl.
Fresh mackerel, 7 1-2 cts. apiece.

Boston

July 24—Ar., sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Almeida, 59 swordfish.
Sch. May, 1200 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. James Drinan, 10,000 haddock, 8500 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 60 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$1.40; swordfish, 13 cts. per lb.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The codfishery of Norway this year is only half an ordinary average.

SUDDEN JUMP.

Salt Mackerel Reached \$11 per Barrel This Morning.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID THIS SEASON

Sch. John S. Presson Has Fare from Georges.

Sch. John S. Presson, Capt. B. A. Williams, arrived from Georges this morning with 327 barrels of salt mackerel, the largest fare from that ground this season. Capt. Williams reports getting his fare in the fog, which has been very thick for about two weeks, the first clear day being only recently. The fish were taken in small schools, the Presson being alone most of the time. During the past few days a number of the fleet had come there and when the Presson left for home about 25 sail were there. The fish were taken 60 miles southeast by south from the Cultivator.

The fare of sch. John S. Presson is the best of the season as far as quality of the fish is concerned. Besides this, the whole trip was well taken care of and is in fine shape. The fish are all rimmed and go about 180 to a salt barrel.

The fare was evidently just what the dealers were after for the first bid for them \$10 per barrel and this was quickly increased, until at 10 o'clock the Gloucester Mackerel Company had made an offer of \$11 per barrel for the trip.

The fare was finally secured by the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$11 per barrel, the highest price of the year. The Gloucester Mackerel Company, in paying this fancy price for the Presson's fine fare, shows that it has a market for the goods. This concern for several years past has been the largest dealers in salt mackerel in Massachusetts and this year is keeping up its reputation as the largest mackerel dealer in the United States. In connection with William H. Jordan, the other leading mackerel dealer, they have been largely instrumental in keeping up the good price on mackerel this season.

This sudden rise was unexpected, but it was explained that the quality of the fish was ahead of any yet landed, and that the count and condition were also important factors in putting them so high.

When it is considered that mackerel sold yesterday at \$9.25 per barrel and Monday for \$9.50 per barrel, it will be seen that this upward jump was a big one and fairly overshadows the previous best price of the season.

Sch. Forest Maid landed 4000 pounds of tinker mackerel at Portland on Monday.

Sch. Emerald was at Southwest Harbor recently. She has been out a week and over the Bay of Fundy but found no signs of fish.

Eight sail of seiners were at Boothbay recently, among them sch. Hattie M. Graham with 180 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Fanny S. Orne was at Boothbay recently.

Sch. Arthur D. Story was at Boothbay recently to land a sick man.

The fare of sch. George F. Edmunds sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company for \$2650.

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Sch. Almeida, Capt. Donahy, is at Boston today with a fine trip of 59 swordfish. As the price is high, 13 cents per pound, a big stock will be the result.
Swordfish have been bringing good prices of late. Sch. M. Madeline, Capt. Roland Brewer, recently landed 15 fish on which she stocked \$492 57. This is probably the largest amount ever stocked on a like number of fish.
Swordfish Come High.

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Sponge Fishing

is a Cuban industry which has developed very rapidly on the southern coast of Havana Province. About fifteen years ago a Greek sailor, who was the first to see the advantage which could be reaped from sponge fishing, began the development of this industry. To-day the exports of sponges from Batabano amount to \$1,000,000 a year.

A Big Starter.

The new sch. Corona, owned by Cunningham & Thompson and commanded by Capt. George Nelson, stocked \$2960 20 as the result of her maiden trip, shacking the crew shacking \$83.44. This is certainly a most auspicious start of the new craft's career and another mark to add to Capt. Nelson's already long list of big fares.