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HAD NEVER SEEN A WHITE MAN.

AN INTERESTING, UNKNOWN
RACE DISCOVERED IN THE
ARCTIC WILDS.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, who is at the head of the joint expedition for the American Museum of Natural History and the Canadian geological survey, which for the last three years has been exploring the Arctic wilds in the interests of anthropology, and who was due to return to civilization after years of absence this fall, will not do so, according to a letter received by the director of the survey. Having come among a people absolutely unaffected by civilization and hitherto unknown, Stefansson will give up his long looked forward to hope of "coming out" and remain to study their habits and customs.

During his long absence in the Arctic, Stefansson has frequently been reduced to dire straits, having at one time to subsist on boiled moccasins, tea leaves and a little reindeer oil. His love for his work, however, and his appreciation of the importance of the discovery he has made are great enough to induce him to bear with these in the hope of giving to the world something worth while. In a letter recently received from him he states:

"Since coming home from Victoria Land, I have spent the time excavating old house ruins. Our finds are entirely stone, bone and horn, except one lance head of ivory, one fishhook with copper point and about half a bushel of broken pottery. When I was in college I learned that the Eskimos at the mouth of the Yukon were the only members of that people who made pottery and that they acquired the art from the Indians immediately south of them. I took the first pieces we came upon, therefore as imports from Kotzebue Sound.

"I now feel sure that they are parts of utensils made on the premises for the quantity is so great compared with the fragments of stone pots found, besides the right sort of pottery clay abounds. I accordingly value the pottery find as much as I should a golden idol with sapphire eyes. It may prove a key to the secret of the past."

He has succeeded, as stated, in getting among a new people, who have never yet come in contact with civilization, and is thus enabled to study native customs in their primitive purity. Most of them have never seen a white man nor a gun.

QUEER FIGHTING FISHES.

Ponds in Gardens at Singapore Are
Stocked With Them.

In the gardens of Singapore it is the custom to stock the ponds with all manner of queer fishes, many of them of the fighting variety so dear to the heart of the Orientals. This species of fish is so combative that it is only necessary to place two of them near each other, like fighting cocks, and perhaps to irritate them a little to bring on a lively conflict.

They at once charge each other with fins erect, at the same time changing color in their excitement from the duldest of gray green to brilliant reds and blues. Indeed, confinement in close quarters is not needed to arouse their combative propensities.

Place two glass jars close together, with one of these fighting fish in each, and they will at once swim round and endeavor to charge each other through the interposed glass.

Even a single fish, seeing himself reflected in a mirror, will dart at his own image, and, irritated all the more by his failure to reach his supposed enemy, will assume the most brilliant hues. Seeing his reflected antagonist do the same, he will redouble his efforts to reach him.

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Big Herring Shipment.

A shipment of herring from Cornwall, England, arrived yesterday at Boston on the steamship Boliviana, the consignment of 157 casks being the first to reach Boston.

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FISH RECEIPTS ARE QUITE LIGHT

YET PRICES ARE NOT HIGH AT T
WHARF THIS
MORNING.

Fish receipts at Boston this morning are small, comprising nine arrivals with an aggregate of less than 75,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Margaret Dillon has the largest trip, hailing for 34,000, mostly haddock. Prices were not high, considering the short market, haddock bringing \$3.60 to \$4 a hundred weight, large cod, \$3 to \$3.50, markets, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.40; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; and cusk, \$1.50.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 1800 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 19,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8600 cusk.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1700 haddock, 400 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Florida, 5600 cod.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2700 cod.

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 2800 cod.

Sch. Volant, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4900 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.60 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.40; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50.

MACKEREL ON TRAWLS.

Schs. Pontiac and Hortense Caught
Several Off Chatham.

At Boston yesterday, sch. Pontiac had 18 large mackerel, taken on trawls, down off Chatham and sch. Hortense also had several.

The mackerel caught by Capt. Nickerson's men, however, are not destined to find their way into the market, even though they might bring fabulous prices. Capt. Nickerson said that the mackerel belong to the men whose trawls brought them to light, and it was pretty generally hinted that the owners intended these fish for their home tables. In this case the men of Capt. Nickerson's crew will be able to eat of a dish that money wouldn't buy. It's just possible that some of the smaller T wharf craft with a net aboard may run in with the school of mackerel to which the few fish caught belonged and if so the local mart may have some of this fish for sale in a day or so.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish News.

The sch. Gladys B. Smith, Capt. Albert Selig, is preparing for a trip to Newfoundland for frozen herring.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Amiel Mack, is fitting out for another fishing trip.

The new schooner now on the stocks in the yard of Smith & Rhuland, for Capt. John Knekle, will be launched in 10 days' time.

Sch. Stanley, Capt. Archibald Lohnes, is ready to sail for Porto Rico with a cargo of fish and lumber.

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CREDIT FOR THE GORTON-PEW CO.

The extension of the operations of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company to the West Coast of Newfoundland says the Western Star opens up an industry in connection with the fisheries which if properly taken advantage of must mean much enhanced prices for fish products in the future, and as a consequence increased prosperity to this country. The company's operations mean much to the west coast, as they afford a ready and reliable market for a very large proportion of the fish products caught by the residents. Heretofore the question of successfully marketing fish products, especially that of cod, was not as bright as all desired, but this has been solved, and the question we should ask ourselves, is how can we best take advantage of the company's operations? In the past sufficient consideration was not given to the codfishing industry for the reasons stated. Cod fish in abundance is to be had in and near Bay of Islands, and St. George's, and no time should be lost by the people in taking advantage thus afforded. If we do not, others will, and then we will only have ourselves to blame. There are quite a number of motor and other fishing boats owned by the inhabitants which can be utilized in the industry with profit to themselves and the west coast in general.

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MONSTER MACKEREL SCHOOLS.

Were Sighted Right Off Chatham Yesterday by Sch. Washakie.

Vessels Fishing In Vicinity Caught
Some on Their Trawls.

Sch. Washakie, Capt. Charles Nickerson, brought in 25 fresh mackerel in addition to her fare of fresh ground fish at T wharf this morning which were taken on trawls off Chatham yesterday.

Capt. Nickerson reports large crafts of mackerel schooling about four miles south southeast of Chatham.

Capt. Nickerson says that he never saw anything like it, one body of fish extended nearly half a mile in length.

They were right up in the water and appeared to be hunting for or chasing feed. When the crew of the Washakie returned from hauling their trawls, they had 25 nice fresh mackerel along with the catch of ground fish.

Other crafts in that vicinity have also been getting a few scattered fish on trawls.

The crew of the Washakie dressed the mackerel to take home. At T dock there was an anxious lot of buyers who offered as high as 40 cents apiece for the fish, but none cared to sell.

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TO ABOLISH BEAM TRAWLING.

Congressman Gardner Introduced His
Bill In the House.

Also Seeks to Have Fish Commission
to Investigate This Method.

Representative Gardner introduced a bill and a resolution looking to the abolition of fishing by beam trawling

ing which consists in the dragging of a net or cage along the bottom of the sea by a vessel in motion."

The bill provides that no fish of any kind shall be imported into this country that have been caught by beam trawling, and, after the passage of the act, all licenses or certificates of registry issued to fishing vessels shall contain the words, "This license does not permit its owner to engage in beam trawling or any method of fish-

Violation or attempted violation of the statute shall be punished by forfeiture of license in the case of an American vessel, and the surrender of fish caught by the prohibited method.

Representative Gardner's resolution directs the Commissioner of Fisheries to make an investigation of the practice of beam trawling and to report to Congress.

HAD SALT COD HERE

NEWFOUNDLAND CRAFT LOST
ON WAY HOME. CREW
SAVED.

The Newfoundland sch. Emulator, Capt. Pardy, which sailed from here about five weeks ago, after discharging a cargo of salt cod at this port, was wrecked a week ago last evening at Dantzic Cove, Fortune Bay, N. F. The craft left North Sydney a week ago Tuesday with a cargo of coal, which was insured. The vessel was also insured. Capt. Pardy and his crew were saved.

The Emulator was here October 23 with 300,000 pounds of salt cod from Newfoundland coast for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Submarine for Pearl Fishing.

A submarine boat for use in pearl fishing operations as well as salvage work on sunken wrecks has been invented by E. H. Crossley, according to New York "Shipping Illustrated." It seems to be a sort of a freak automobile devised to run on the bottom of the sea or along the bed of rivers. It appears to be a steel barrel, 15 feet long by 6 feet in diameter, fitted with wheels to be driven along the floor of the sea, and a propeller to send her through the water. Glazed portholes enable men inside to see in every direction. There is a double bottom which, when the crew wish to sink the vessel, they can fill with water by a hand pump. Two air tubes are attached.

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Tow Boat Hit a Whale.

Run hard aground on the broad back of a sleeping whale with her propeller jammed far into the flesh of the animal, and her engines unable to move the tug Redondo had a thrilling five minutes on her last trip from Vancouver. The strange accident occurred at night four miles off the north fork of the Fraser river. The Redondo went aboard the monster with a bump which threw Capt. Crosby from his berth. Fortunately for the eight men on board the whale rudely awakened made its first move downward instead of upward. The Redondo though damaged was able to limp slowly into port.

Capt. Jerry Cook Holds Record.

A Newfoundland exchange says: "Captain Jerry Cook, who holds the record for making three trips from Bay of Islands with herring cargoes purchased here and taken to Gloucester and discharged in the shortest time sailed from Bonne Bay Thursday last with 1,250 barrels of herring. Captain Cook hopes to be back again, as he is a hustler. We would not be surprised to hear of his achieving the grand results that are possible to a man of his abilities.

DECK HANDLINE TRIPS ARE SMALL

TWO MORE CRAFTS HOME WITH CARGOES OF SALTED HERRING.

Two more of the Newfoundland herring fleet are in port, sch. Oregon from Bonne Bay having 1200 barrels salt, and 90 barrels pickled fish for Davis Brothers, and sch. Arcadia from Bay of Islands, 1200 barrels salt and 150 barrels pickled for Sylvanus Smith & Company.

Sch. Harvard, from an eastern deck handlining trip, has 28,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Arabia, which arrived during the forenoon, also from eastern deck handlining has 15,000 pounds salt cod.

The total catch of the gill netters yesterday was about 60,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Harvard, eastern deck handlining, 28,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Arabia, eastern deck handlining, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Oregon, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1200 lbs. salt herring and 90 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Arcadia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 1500 bbls. pickled herring.
- Str. Weazel, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary D., gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Eugen'a, shore.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.
- Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
- Str. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Jubilee, shore.
- Sch. Viking, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, shore.
- Sch. Beibina P. Domingoes, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Athlete, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Benj. A. Smith, haddocking.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.
- Sch. Viking, pollocking.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollocking.
- Sch. M. Madeleine, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3.00 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5.00, snappers \$3.00.
- Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.
- Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.87 1/2.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

- Fresh mackerel, large 31c.
- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium \$2.10 per cwt.
- Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk, 60c.
- Hake, \$1.45.
- Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.
- Bank halibut, 12c per lb., for white and 10c for gray.
- Fresh mackerel, large 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl
- Salt shore herring, \$1.00 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

T WHARF HAS 26 CRAFTS IN.

A FEW OFF SHORES BRING FAIR SIZED TRIPS, PRICES ONLY FAIR.

The fine weather of the past few days has been beneficial for the shore crafts, several of them are at Boston this morning for market as well as a few of the off shores.

The fleet comprise 26 arrivals, sch. Richard J. Nunan hailing for 50,000, sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 45,000, sch. Morning Star, 47,000, sch. Manhasset, 37,000 and sch. Patrician 36,000 pounds, having the largest fares. Prices rule only fair.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 cusk.
 - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 15,000 hake.
 - Sch. Morning Star, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
 - Sch. Manhasset, 26,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Buema, 5000 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Patrician, 28,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Harriet, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 cusk.
 - Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 2400 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 400 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Clara, G. Silva, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Azorian, 3000 haddock, 9000 cod.
 - Sch. Yankee, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 400 hake.
 - Sch. Mary DeCosta, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Metamora, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.
 - Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 4000 haddock, 2600 cod, 1300 hake, 2500 cusk.
 - Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 6000 haddock, 2400 cod, 3200 hake.
 - Sch. Washakie, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 pollock.
 - Sch. Sylvester, 6000 cod.
 - Sch. Wodan, 1500 cod.
 - Sch. Nautilus, 2600 cod.
 - Sch. Lillian, 5700 cod.
 - Sch. Eddie Minot, 3000 cod.
 - Sch. Quartette, 1500 cod.
- Haddock, \$2.30 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$3; pollock, \$1.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.75; cusk \$2.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Cosatwise Fleet.

- Sch. Ellen M. Stower, Bangor for New York.
- Sch. Loring B. Ballard, Rockport to New York.
- Sch. Nile, Rockland for Boston.
- Sch. Eben Parsons, Boston to Ipswich.
- Sch. Edward Trevooy, Boston to Ipswich.
- Tug Mary Arnold, shore.

Sydney, C. B., Fisherman Drowned.

Roderick McKillop, while tending his nets at Sydney river was drowned Monday night, and his body was recovered the following day. McKillop was 79 years of age, and leaves a widow, two sons, and one daughter. His mother, who is now in her 101st year also survives. The interment took place Wednesday.

Boston Schooner Sold to Fortune Bay, N. F.

The Boston fishing sch. Flora S. Nickerson has been sold through Capt. William Foley, to Capt. George T. Bond of Fortune Bay, N. F. The Nickerson is a fine vessel, having been built at Essex in 1902 and measures 107 tons gross and 78 tons net.

FROST SET IN BONNE BAY.

HERRING ARE STILL RUNNING PLENTIFUL AND OF GOOD SIZE.

Advices from Bonne Bay state that herring are still running plentiful and of good size, with good frost the past few nights.

A despatch from the Bay of Islands states that schs. John J. Flaherty and Annie M. Parker have arrived there to load herring.

Schs. Aloha, Ralph L. Hall, Gov. Russell and Blanche had completed loading and were ready to sail.

ARE PLENTY AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

BUT VESSELS GO TO BONNE BAY TO LOAD HERRING AT LOWER PRICES.

Advices from the Bay of Islands state that the weather there remains clear and cold and herring still plentiful. It is stated by captains and fishermen that the bays and arms are filled with them.

The fishing boats are full, wharves covered, many nets sinking and no place to dispose of the fish. Such a state of affairs has not been known to exist for many years and notwithstanding that herring are so abundant, several vessels have gone to Bonne Bay to load.

The price of 25 cents extra on a barrel of herring coupled with 10 to 15 cents additional for food consumed is an item worth considering and the only way to escape paying this is to load at Bonne Bay, where the fishermen remain at home nights, which is most satisfactory to all concerned.

Last Sunday's information says the weather remains unchanged. The previous day, Capt. Norman Ross met with an accident, caused by some part

of the machinery of a gasoline boat striking him on the left knee and inflicting a wound which will keep him confined on board his vessel for a few days.

On Monday there was a considerable quantity of frozen herring spread along the wharves, but what disposition is to be made of them is difficult to state.

The Aloha sailed Monday for home.

Newfoundland Cod Shipments.

The shipments of fish from Newfoundland during the past three months have been the largest ever known, says the North Sydney Herald. Recently in conversation with a gentleman closely allied with the fishing industry, the Herald learns that from the districts of Placentia Bay, Burin and Fortune Bay and the West Coast, over seven millions of codfish were caught by the local fishermen and sold to the big Gloucester firms, who have representatives on the ground. In money this bulk of fish meant to the local fishermen of the above districts at least \$210,000, and it is a moderate calculation to say a like sum will be paid the same fishermen for their catches between now and the spring.

Besides the salt codfishery the Newfoundlanders are experiencing equal success in the salt herring business. At Fortune Bay herring a week ago struck in in immense quantities, but as American vessels are not allowed to load there, as the place is not within the treaty coast, and the duty is almost prohibitive, all the vessels take cargoes at Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands. At these two latter places schooners are being loaded every 24 hours, and the month or so it is plied is between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

FIRST LOT OF FROZEN HERRING

SCH. MASSACHUSETTS FROM BONNE BAY TODAY HAS A CABIN LOAD.

Schs. Sylvania and Massachusetts are here this morning from Bonne Bay, with full cargoes of salt and pickled herring, the latter also having a cabin load of frozen herring, the first to arrive this season.

The Sylvania hails for 1325 barrels salt and 80 barrels pickled herring for Sylvanus Smith & Company. The Massachusetts in addition to her frozen fare has 1300 barrels of salt and 120 barrels of pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Schs. John Hays Hammond is also in port with a small fare of 10,000 fresh and salt fish and 500 pounds of halibut.

The British sch. Carrie L. Hirtle, one of the Lunenburg fleet has a cargo of 380,000 salt cod, mostly cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netters did well yesterday and brought in about 60,000 pounds of ground fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. John Hays Hammond, Cape Shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Maine Coast, cured fish.
- Sch. Sylvania, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1325 bbls. salt herring, 80 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Massachusetts, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 120 bbls. pickled herring, 100 bbls. frozen herring.
- Br. sch. Carrie L. Hirtle, Lunenburg, N. S., 377,916 lbs. salt cod, 2884 lbs. salt haddock.
- Sch. M. J. Sewall, Maine ports, cured fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Venture, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
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- Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
- Sch. Agnes, via Portland.
- Br. sch. Excelda, St. Lawrence, N. F., 437,000 lbs. salt cod.

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