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"Whale Overturns Boat"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Stick close, boys and gals. We've got to make a long trip today, and we don't want anybody to be lost, strayed or stolen. We're popping off for the South Seas. Down there where they do say, the gals wear grass skirts, and men dive down into the water and choke sharks to death.

There'll be some sharks in this story, too. It comes from an old salt who sailed the briny deep in the days when they had iron men and wooden ships. He's Alfred Stuart, of Jersey City. Al is up in the seventies now, but he recalls mighty well the adventure he had almost half a century ago. I get a big kick out of these yarns from the old timers. Some day I'm going to slip over to Jersey City and just sit down with Al Stuart and swap adventures with him.

He shipped on a whaler out of New Bedford, Mass., with a crew of mostly Portuguese sailors, a tough-egg captain, and West Indians as officers. Everybody was a partner on the trip, because the crew received a share of the profits, and were all pretty tickled when they picked up several small whales.

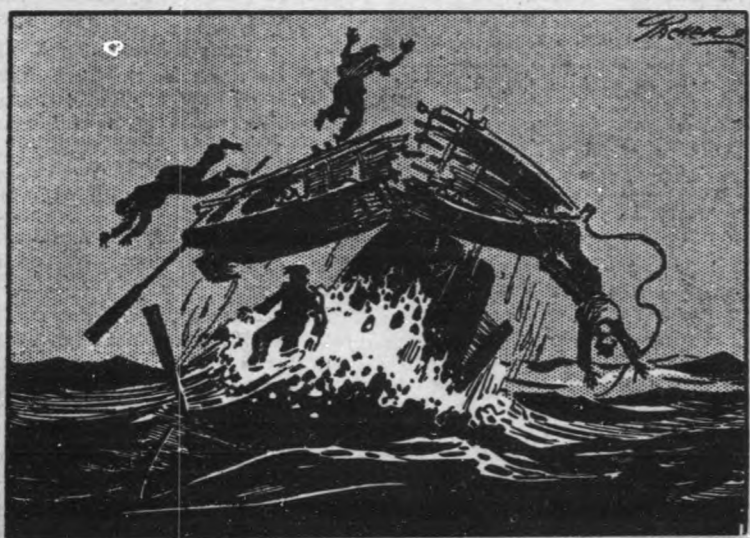
The captain was out for big game, though, and he sailed round and round in the whaling zone, looking for more prizes. It's a long way from New Bedford to the South Seas, and the captain didn't want to start back without picking up everything they could find.

They Harpooned a Big Bull Whale.

He was so insistent about it that once he gave the first mate a raking over the coals for not sticking with a whale after nightfall. Al had harpooned a fairly good sized catch, but when it got dark, they had just "flagged" the whale and rowed their dory back to the ship. The captain had bawled out the mate before the whole crew.

"Very well, sir," the mate said. "It won't happen again."

Well, it wasn't long after that, they spotted a great bull whale, one about dusk. Here was a beauty, and the boat was lowered to go



Men Went Hurting Through the Air.

after him. Al was up in the bow, and as they approached the great sea-monster, he made a ten strike with his harpoon.

The big steel prong struck deep into the whale's back; then a second was hurled into almost the same place, just ahead of the "hump." Then the fireworks started. That whale was what Al calls a "runner," not a fighter. He started off like an express train for points distant.

They gave him practically all the line they had, and he just jerked that little boat around the South Seas like a wrecking car towing a baby carriage. The dory bobbed around like a cork, and plowed through the waves so fast that the spray nearly swamped it. After several hours, the whale slowed down a bit. They took in the slack line. The mate got out the bomb gun and took a pot shot at Mr. Whale, and was getting ready to let him have another, when the big boy decided to dive.

Down he went; straight down, with everybody hoping he'd change his mind before he pulled the little boat under. Down, down. The line was almost at its limit. Everybody was standing tense.

Smashed the Boat to Bits.

A Portuguese sailor stood by with an ax to cut the line when it became taut. With a few more feet of its seventy-five fathoms to go, the line slackened.

"Watch him now," yelled the mate. "He's coming up!" There was nothing they could watch for. It was now dark as pitch, and there floated that little band of whalers trying to penetrate the inky night, straining their eyes for a sight of the whale.

Then, suddenly, bang! Crash! Their little craft was thrown completely out of the water. Men went hurtling through the air. The whale had come up directly beneath the boat and tossed it up as though it had been a toothpick. It cracked in two, almost amidships, and the pieces whirled in the fierce eddies as the whale thrashed about.

The men managed to reach the stern half of the boat and to hang on for their lives, fearing all the while that the whale might crash it to tinders by another slap of his immense tail. And then, another, even more terrifying menace faced them. There was a swish in the water nearby.

Sharks Were All Around Them.

"Sharks," shouted the mate. "Everybody tread water!" Everybody started pumping his legs up and down like a reserve football player warming up. And they treaded water for hours.

In the gloom of the night, they could hear the soft swish of water and faintly see the sinister dorsal fins as sharks nosed close to them. More and more of them. Exhausted men desperately kicking out at unseen dangers. It seemed the sea was literally alive with sharks.

Slowly the dawn broke over the eastern clouds. And there, not fifty yards away was the whale floating on the surface. He was dead. But around him the water was seething with the fins of sharks, making a meal of the great hulk.

"That's a big piece of luck for us," was the mate's comment. "If it hadn't been for that whale near us, we'd all have been shark meat long before this."

The ship finally picked up the boat's crew, but it was almost noon before they did it, and most of the men were half dead from exhaustion. You can't stay in the water and keep on kicking for eight or ten hours, even in the South Seas, without feeling it right down to the bones.

They towed that whale in, and it yielded 120 barrels of oil, and that's some whale. Incidentally, Al Stuart got two of that monster's teeth, and he says they're eight and three-fourths inches long and weigh two and three-quarter pounds. How would those babies be for a watch charm?

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Statuary Hall in Capitol
Statuary hall in the United States capitol was formerly the house of representatives chamber, and was dedicated in 1864 as a National Statuary hall to which each state might send statues of two distinguished deceased citizens. Due to overcrowding, it was necessary to redistribute one of the statues from each state, and a resolution was passed to this effect in the second session of the Seventy-seventh congress on February 21, 1933.

Elephants Destructive
Elephants can often be a decided pest and damage in their native Africa. A herd can often lay waste to a banana plantation in a single night, trampling underfoot what they do not eat. Whenever a telegraph line is erected the straight, smooth poles seem to be irresistible to them; the elephant seems to think it was put up just to rub himself against, and when one pole goes down why there is another one just down the line a bit.

Flood Damage Runs Into Millions



Raging flood waters caused by torrential rains which swept Los Angeles and other southern California communities wrought damage running into many millions of dollars and cost the lives of scores. Photograph shows automobiles washed off the road by flood waters on Victory boulevard in Hollywood.

Pig Derby in Photo Finish



"Mid-West," a promising young porker piloted by Miss Dorothy Ehrhardt of Chicago, is shown winning by a snout against "East," a rival pig piloted by Miss Frances Bright of Princeton, N. J., in a novel "Ham Sweepstakes" held recently at Pinehurst, N. C.

FIGHTS SOVIETS



Alexander Kerensky, who was premier of the Russian provisional government after the fall of the Czarist regime, shown soon after his arrival in the United States recently. Kerensky, who has been living in Paris and is in this country for a lecture tour, prophesied that the Stalin regime will crumble in "maybe one, two years."

Air Defenses Interest King George



King George VI, making a surprise visit to the Woolwich arsenal on the outskirts of London, inspects a new 317 anti-aircraft gun. It was the first visit of his majesty to an arsenal since he ascended the throne last year. The monarch was pleased with the progress of the empire's rearmament program as it was revealed in his tour of the arsenal. As Britain begins its conferences with Italy designed to appease Europe, Prime Minister Chamberlain announced that the rearmament program will be expanded rather than curtailed.

VISION RESTORED



Fr. Antonio Santandreu, eighty-four, pastor of a church in San Francisco, Calif., whose sight was restored by an unusual feat of surgery. Blind in one eye and threatened with loss of sight in the other, the cleric underwent an operation in which a disc one-sixth of a millimeter in diameter was removed from his eye and replaced by a disc of the exact size from the cornea of a dead man.

Zog's Sisters Visit U. S.



The Princesses Rubie, Myzejen and Maxhide, left to right, sisters of King Zog of Albania, who are intent on becoming acquainted with American manners and customs in anticipation of the wedding early in May of the Albanian king with Countess Geraldine Apponyi, whose mother was Gladys Virginia Stewart of New York.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, © Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for March 20

KEEPING THE BODY STRONG

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:53-56; Judg. 13:12-14; I Cor. 3:16, 17; Rom. 12:1, 2.
GOLDEN TEXT—Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.—Judg. 13:4.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Body God Gave Us.

JUNIOR TOPIC—For Jesus' Sake.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Liquor, Drugs, and Tobacco Do to Health.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How Intemperance Affects Health.

The universe of God is perfectly organized in every respect. Beings that function in the spirit realm are spirit beings, not subject to the limitations of the physical world. We who dwell and serve in the physical world are equipped with physical bodies which are ideal instruments for our present existence.

With all their shortcomings and frailties, our bodies are indeed marvelous machines, intricate and delicate, yet unbelievably hardy and durable. They are a gift from God, and it is our express responsibility to glorify God in our bodies (I Cor. 6:20).

I. How to Have a Strong Body.

It is obvious that not every one has equal physical strength and health. In some measure this is by divine providence or at least by God's permissive will, and those of us who find ourselves thus limited do well to count on His grace for patience to use what we have for His glory. But not one of us wants to yield hopelessly to our inability. Rather we will do our best to overcome it. We want to know

1. How to cure weakness (Mark 6:53-56).

God alone can heal the sick. Even in our day when science has made such strides in the healing art, we note that the most successful remedy or system of treatment is the one that clears the way for what men call nature, but we know to be God, to work. Jesus healed the multitudes in the land of Gennesaret; He heals in America.

2. How to prevent weakness (Judg. 13:12-14).

The mother of Samson, who was to be a Nazirite, was to drink no wine and to observe careful dietary regulations before he was born.

Note also that if it is bad for a man to have such poisons in his veins before he is born, surely it is poor judgment to put them in after he comes to the age where he controls his own life. We need to watch our diets, and we have much valuable help on that point. We also need to give serious attention to the use of narcotics. It may surprise some to know that the term narcotics includes not only drugs and alcoholic beverages, but also tobacco, and such common things as tea and coffee.

Other abuse of the body, such as overwork, neglect of rest, etc., may well be mentioned. The besetting sin of some Christian workers is the destruction of their bodies, the very temple of the Holy Ghost, by overwork.

II. How to Use a Strong Body.

Unfortunate as it is to observe that some who would serve the Lord have to struggle with the weakness of the body, it is far sadder to note that all too often those who have strong bodies forget to use that strength for God. Our Scripture portions give us two excellent guiding principles. Our bodies should be

1. Kept for God (I Cor. 3:16, 17).

These verses refer to the body of the Christian, for only of him can it be said that his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit is a person, the third person of the blessed Trinity. He comes to dwell within the soul of the Christian immediately upon his being regenerated, thus making his body the temple of the Holy Ghost. A clear grasp of that truth solves the problem of what we should do with and for our bodies. We must keep them well and clean. We dare not defile them in any way. The body of the Christian is kept for God.

2. Yielded to God (Rom. 12:1, 2).

It is a high and noble sacrifice to die for Christ.

But our call just now is to be a "living sacrifice." There are times when that may seem harder than to be a martyr. We do know that it is not always easy to live through the drab, difficult, and sometimes dreadful days, with a clear and shining testimony for Christ. But it can be done and is always to His glory. It is by the transforming grace of God that we are enabled to live such a life.

Meditation

It is the mark of a superior man that, left to himself, he is able endlessly to amuse, interest and entertain himself out of his personal stock of meditations, ideas, criticisms, memories, philosophy, humor and what not.—George Nathan.

Like Unto Him

"There should be no greater comfort to Christian persons than to be made like unto Christ by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sickness.

For Your Scrapbook

THIS issue contains the second of a series of articles entitled "What to Eat and Why," written by the noted food authority, C. Houston Goudiss.

In these articles, which appear weekly in this newspaper, Mr. Goudiss discusses in a clear, interesting and understandable manner the everyday problems of food as related to the building and maintaining of health in children, young people and adults, as well.

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