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LOSE CALL FOR JACK TAR.

Just as the Shark was Abou to Grab Him a Swordfish got the Shark.

'Speaking of wonderfully adventures, said the retired sea captain, 'I doubt if anything ever was more wonderful than the one I'm going to tell you. It happened a good many years ago, but that doesn't alter its excellence nor interfere with its truth. I was first mate on the Lovely Lou of Bangor, and we had been on our way to South America for about four weeks. The wind had left the ship during the last day of this period, and we were dipping our peak to a lolling swell that seemed to come from nowhere and return to the same place without making a ripple on the blue surface of the ocean. The sails were all set and their shadows fell clear upon the glassy surface, but where the sun fell the water was as clear as crystal. We were well within the topics then, and several big sharks had been seen playing about the vessel. Suddenly there came a splash, and the cook ran to where I was standing on the poop deck, crying that one of the sailors had tumbled overboard. The Lou had no way, and I laughed at the idea of him drowning, telling the cook to throw him a rope, walking to the rail as I did so. The sailor was swimming about the quarter enjoying his bath when I suddenly saw an ominous black fin make its appearance a hundred yards or so from the ship I yelled for the rope, and as I yelled I saw the fin move towards the sailor, cutting the water like a knife. I knew that unless the man was taken out quickly he would be devoured, and rushed to the cabin grating to get a line. Seizing a piece of rope I bastened to the rail just in time to see the form of an immense shark turn on its side to seize the sailor. As he did so there was An instant's glimpse of a long brown body, and then the water was slashed into a sea of yeasty foam, the shark seemingly

being in trouble. I threw the line, and in a moment the sailor was aboard, scared out of his wits, but safe and sound. The threshing in the water still continuing, we proceed to investigate, and directly we were able to see that the shark had been pinned by a large swordfish, the sword running throughh the jaws of the shark in such a manner as to prevent the fish from opening them. Whether the shark's an-

tagonist had deliberately attacked the shark we know not, but its timely and unexpected appearance saved the sailor's life beyond a doubt, as another instant would have sent the teeth of the shark into the body of the man. We managed to release the sword from the shark and killed the latter, letting the other go free. It was a narrow squeak, I tell you."

A PERSUASIVE TALKER. Jim's Abflity in that line Could not be Sur-

Tae crowd had been talking of eloquent

speakers, and Ingersoil, Bourke Cockran, Depew, Talmage and other notable orators had in turn been championed by their respective admirers. The old cattle man had listened to it all, and when the talk flagged a little he asked if anybody present had ever heard of Jim Duncan. Nobody had!

'I never heard any of the fellows you mentioned,' said the old cattle man, 'but I wouldn't be afraid to back Jim against any of 'em fer persuadin' ways. Jim Duncan was a talker. I'll tell you what he did one time just as a specimnn. There was a tellow named Bob Harris moved to Alliance—that was the name of the town—and he had a young wife, and seemed to be pretty well fixed. One day Harris was killed up town in a row. Some five or six of us got together and tried to figure it out who was to break the news to his wife. Squire Irvin, our justice of the peace, was the oldest one among us, and we wanted him to go, but he said held rather face a grizzly bear than to take such news as that to a woman. Finally we pitched on Jim Duncan to go and tell her, he bein' so handy with his tongue, and Jim said he was willin' to do his best. He kind of run his fingers through his red hair hitched up his cavat and went into Mrs. Harris' house while the rest of us waited at the corner. In about fitteen minutes Jim came to the door and colled Squire Irvin in. We 'lowed the widow must be cuttin' up real sharp. In ten minutes more Jim came out

"How'd she stand it, Jim?" we asked. 'I guess it's pretty well smoothed over,' says Jim, 'and Mrs. Duncan and me would like all of you to come in and have some refreshments.' 'Jim Duncan shore had a persuadin'

Waiting for Expert Information.

One of the stories at the expense of Boston's extreme respect for the opinion of its critics is amusing.

A lady who has been at a great concert one evening was asked the next day:

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IN A MOONSHINERS' CAVERN.

What the Revenne, Officers Found a Mile Under the Ground.

The Louisville (Ky.) Evening Post describes a moonshiners cave in the following manner. It was recently invaded by a posse of police who furnished the paper with an account of the intricacies of the cavern. Entering the hole in the side of the mountain, they traversed a distance of 600 feet and came to a narrow defile which they were compelled to pass in single file, and which lead them into a spacious apartment. At the further side of the chamber was an opening that led downward to a depth of thirty feet, the bottom of which they reached by means of a pole placed there for that purpose by those who utilized the cave for their unlawful purposes.

Reaching the bottom, the passage led them straight forward for a quarter of a mile, where they were again compelled to go down fifty feet on a crude ladder; thence there was a gradual descent for nearly half a mile, and then the way led upward for fully 600 feet, which was easily ascended by means of steps cut in the dirt.

From the top of these steps a straight and level passage led them for fully 200 feet, and from there on, for about the same distance, the way again led down a gradual incline. Then for 600 or 700 yards a level and smooth path led to another chamber, where the officers found a clear spring of sparkling water, and within a few feet thereof was a trough filled with water, and within a few feet of the trough was found a moonshine still in a furnace of the finest masonry. The capacity of this still was 100 gallons, each full of new mash and ready for operation, and leaning against the wall here were found four Winchester rifles.

The distillery apparatus was destroyed and the firearms confiscated. Proceeding 100 yards further another, still of the same capacity was found, and nearly three Winchesters, which were also taken.

Between these two stills, in an out-of-the way corner of the chamber, was found a box containing the bones of two skeletons, while the bones of another lay by the side of the box. The officers also found evidence that the place is frequented by a gang of counterfeiters. It is the opinion of the revenue men that these bones are the remains of some Government officers who had met instant death at the hands of the outlaws, or of members of their gang who had betrayed them, or who they teared would give their secrets away, and, acting on the theory that dead men tell no tales, had murdered them, or that they might be the bones of those who had met death in battles with the officers.

There were many side passages leadings devious ways, and the officers believe that if they had continued though the cave they would have found another opening that led to the outer world. They were disposed to explore more of this cavern, but their guide, John Mullins, a fearless mountaineer, warned them that if they valued their lives they should get out of the vicinity, as they had destroyed the stills, and the news of which would go broad-cast the next day. Capt. Wilson says imagination cannot picture the wonders of the place, and that if any one who will visit the cave finds it different from his description, they can draw on him for their expenses.

BRAZ AILIAN MESSIAH. Strange Sect That has Sprung up in Bahia-

Story of its Leader. Brazil is having trouble with a Messiah who has appeared in the State of Bahia, attended by a band of three thousand fanatic adherents, armed with Winchester rifles and proclaiming a boly war for the re-establishment of religion and of the monarchy. He asserts that he is Christ, wears long hair and a blue tunic, and keeps near him twelve disciples whom he calls his apostles. He indulges in ecstatic visions, during which he declares

that he receives his inspiration from God. The man's name is Antonio Conselheiro. He comes from the town ot Aracity, in the province of Ceara, where he had a good deal of property and lived comfortably till a terrible domestic tragedy befel him. His mother and his wife were unable to agree, and, in order to put an end to their constant sqabbles, he had decided to move out of town with his wife. His mother then told him that the reason for her hatred of her daughter-in-law was that she was betraying him and that she would prove the truth of her statement him. He gave out that he was going off on a journey, hid in ambush, and at nightfall saw a man in the darkness approaching his house. Conselheiro crept up to him and stretched him out dead with one blow of his knife. Then he examined the body to find out who his rival was, and to his horror discovered that he had slain his mother. To insure the success of her infamous plot against her daughter-in-law she had put on men's clothes and acted the part of a fictitious

Conselheiro, out of his mind with despair and horror at his act, fled, and was

not heard from again until his expleits in Bahia became known. His remorse had driven him into mysticism and fanaticism, and he found it easy to gather around him superstitious peasants who believed in his revealations, and were ready to obey him blindly, and to give up their lives for the holy cause. The region where they have collected is in the mountains on the borders of the desert interior. At first they were left alone, but after they had established their authority in a number of villages, troops were sent against them by the Government. A battle was fought in which Conselheiro lost 150 men killed, but the Government losses were equally large. Recently, according to Le-Figaro, the fanatics were threatening the town of Joazeiro, on the San Francisco River, and troops were hurrying there from Alagoas, on the coast. Conselheiro, however, holds a very strong position, his men being intrenched in the passes of unexplored mountains, with a broad stretch of unknown and desolate country behind them,

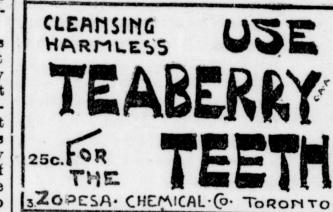
A Bodyguard of Tarpon.

A Sportsmen's Review writer tells how he landed a large tarpon on the Gulf of

'We came to our anchorage, and in half hour had a strike. The sulky brute would not jump, but when ironed would just show his head and blow and then dive down into deep water again. Exhausted by a previous fight with a tarpon, I could not fight him so hard, and it was fitty minntes

before he gave up. 'He jumped only twice; but a remarkable incident happened during the struggle. While the tarpon I had on was sluggish, he seemed to create intense excitement among all the others in the bay. They were leaping and cavorting around the captive and the boat as if they intended a rescue. At one time, when we were being towed at a great rate down the channel. twelve or fifteen of them formed in almost a perfect line of wars behind us, following and leaping into the air as they came' 'We are leading the grand march, Davie, the guide said, and I think from the remarkable way in which the fish acted we must have captured the head of the family.'





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