

# THE VAMPIRE OF THE OCEAN.

[We are induced to give the following, as being a more accurate and scientific account of this enormous "sea beast," than that which appeared in our paper of the 5th inst.]—W. CHRON.

From the President of the New York Lyceum of Natural History, to the Members, dated New York, Sept. 11.

On the 9th day of Sept. 1823, returned from a cruise off Delaware bay, the fishing smack Una.—She had sailed about three weeks before from New York, for the express purpose of catching an enormous fish, which had been reported to frequent the ocean a few leagues beyond Cape May and Cape Henlopen. The adventures in this bold enterprise have been successful.—They have brought for the enlargement of science and the gratification of curiosity, an uncommon inhabitant of the deep, which has never been seen on the land before.

The creature is one of the huge individuals of the family Raja; or perhaps may be erected, from its novelty and peculiarity, into a new genus, between THAT, the Squalus, and the Acipenser. Its strength was such, that after the body had been penetrated by two strong and well formed gigs of the best tempered iron, the shank of one of them was broken off and the other singularly bent. The boat containing the three intrepid men, John Platchen, Theophilus Beebe, and Wm. Potter, was connected, after the deadly instrument had taken hold, with the wounded inhabitant of the deep, by a strong warp of line. The celerity with which the fish swam, could only be compared with that of the harpooned whale, dragging the boat after it with such speed, as to cause a wave to rise on each side of the furrow in which he moved, several feet higher than the boat itself.

The weight of the fish after death was such, that three pair of oxen, one horse, and 22 men, all pulling together, with the surge of the Atlantic wave to help, could not convey it far to the dry beach. It was estimated from this, and probable estimates, to equal four tons and a half, or perhaps five tons.

The size was enormous; for the distance from the extremity of one wing or pectoral fin to the other, expanded like the wing of an eagle, measures 18 feet; over convexity of the back, and on the right line of the belly, 16 feet; the distance from the snout to the end of the tail, 14 feet; length of the tail, 4 feet; width of the mouth, 2 feet 9 inches.

The operation of combat and killing lasted nine hours. It was a heroic achievement, and was witnessed by crowds of citizens, on the shores of New Jersey and Delaware, and by the persons on board the flotilla of vessels in the bay and offing.

During the scuffle, the wings, side flaps, or vast elated fins of the monster, lashed the sea with such vehemence, that the spray rose to the height of thirty feet, and rained round to the distance of fifty feet;—it was a tremendous encounter. On shore all was awe and expectation.

Mr. Patchen, whose taste and zeal in zoology are well known, has attended very much to the manners of the VAMPIRE of the ocean, to the preservation of the skin and external parts, to the osteology and skeleton, the internal organization; and in short, to every circumstance that was practicable during such a hazardous business, and the tempestuous weather which distressed them almost from the beginning to the end of their voyage.

I merely mention, before I lay down my pen, that the animal is viviparous, and of course connects fishes with memiferous animals; and that the respiratory, motory, generative, and sensitive organs, present an extraordinary amount of rare and interesting particulars. Incomprehensible as well as wonderful are Thy works, O Creator! in consummate sagacity thou hast executed them all!

This is but an outline; I intend to finish this sketch; and prepare it as well as I can for the society's formal notice.

While I express full approbation of our friends, whom neither difficulty nor danger could discourage, I utter a further sentiment, that they may be well repaid by their intended exhibition.

SAMUEL L. MITCHELL.

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# LONDON,

Nov. 1.

## THE WONDERFUL CHILD.

We stated in our last, that this child was expected here in a day or two, and in fact he arrived yesterday morning, and has as might have been expected, occasioned a considerable stir and speculation in this place.

Before proceeding in our remarks, it may be necessary to recal to the reader's attention the particulars of the story regarding this remarkable child. An unmarried woman in Galloway having become pregnant, she was brought before the Church Court, where she laid the child to a married man named John Woods. He denied the charge, with some remarkable expressions, such as that he would not acknowledge himself guilty unless his name was written at full length on the expected child's forehead.—Persisting in his denial of the charge laid against him, he was, according to the legal course of church procedure and discipline, allowed to take an oath confirmatory of his denial. The woman, it seems, was present when this took place, and declares that such an impression did the man's hardihood, in making an oath she knew to be untrue, make upon her, that she conceived his name and person to be constantly in her mind's eye.

This took place about six years ago.—Soon after the child was born, and on the tenth day after his birth, the name of the alleged father appeared on the child's eyes in legible characters, viz. 'John Woods' on the right eye; and 'Born 1817' on the left eye. Such is the account given by the mother, midwife, and people in the part of the country where the birth took place.—John Woods immediately absconded from the place, and about two years ago the mother married an Irishman, with whom she now lives.

How this singular phenomenon lay asleep till this time we know not, but of late the thing has been blazed abroad, and has excited a considerable degree of curiosity as well as credulity. Bets to a considerable amount for and against the truth of the story were laid in this place; and, in consequence, some Gentlemen here interested in these bets, proceeded to Galloway, and by their exertions, the step father of the boy has been induced to bring him to Glasgow, where, as we have already stated, he arrived yesterday morning.

We were amongst the number who yesterday saw the child before further communication with the public was for a time prevented. We went to the place with the full conviction that the story was an imposition, but we must confess that what our eyes there beheld shook our scepticism greatly.—

The moment the boy opened his eyes, something very singular strikes the beholder, though at a distance, and a very superficial examination enables him to perceive characters, these becoming more distinct as the examination becomes closer and more steady with the naked eye, but still better defined upon the application of a glass of small magnifying powers. The word 'WOOD' in the right eye appeared particularly defined and legible—the letter W appeared well formed, and of a size similar to the type we now use, which appears indeed the size of all the characters. The characters taken for the name and year, appear in the Iris surrounding the pupil of the right and left eye.—

The Iris is a dark blue colour—the letters in Roman characters, white, in some appearing streaked with blue slightly. Such was the appearance when we saw them. The child having had no sleep for two nights previous, was extremely drowsy, and there being a vast number of persons in the room, all anxious to gratify their curiosity, and pressing upon the child with their fingers about his eyes, it was impossible to get him to keep his eye-lids open so long at any one time as to give us an opportunity of examining accurately, letter by letter, whether each was equally well defined.—Some appeared paler and less completely formed than others, but which might proceed from our hurried observation, as the boy moved hastily, his eye and eye-lids alternately covering and exposing his eyes, from fatigue and fear of having his eyes touched by the numerous hands pressing around him. The Iris in John appeared more distinct, as also, 17.

Such were the appearances we witnessed yesterday. How these characters came there—it they can be the effect of disease, or a confusion in the construction of the fibres of the eye that may approach so near the form of letters as to make the beholder take them for such, we do not know, and will not take upon ourselves to determine. There was certainly no appearance of the work of human art, for the purpose of deception, at least that we could see, though a more minute investigation may shew it otherwise, but we certainly cannot well conceive how any such attempt could be made on the human eye, and more especially on the part mentioned, without destroying the orbs of vision, which is certainly not the case.

As bets to the extent of several hundred pounds are here depending upon the truth or falsehood of the phenomena mentioned, we learn that the child's eyes are to be examined this day or tomorrow, by several of our most experienced surgeons, and the bets taken to be decided by their reports, whether they consider the appearance natural or artificial, and got up for the purpose of imposition. The more we revolve it in our minds, the more we are puzzled to account for what we saw, and we find every one who had the same opportunity, in the same state. Characters undefined, in numbers to complete the words and date mentioned, are certainly in the eyes, as has been stated, or some unaccountable deception must have been practised on our eyes and the eyes of numbers more, but of which we could discover neither trace nor suspicion. Glasgow Courier.

### NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of the Honourable JAMES FRASER, late of Halifax, deceased, are requested to render their Accounts, duly attested.—And all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to the Rev. W. C. King, Windsor, or James D. Fraser and Alexander G. Fraser, of Halifax.

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Halifax, N. S. Nov. 15, 1822.

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Halifax, 3d, Jan, 1823.

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Halifax, Sept. 5, 1823.

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AT a very numerous and respectable Meeting of the Halifax Diocesan committee of this Society at the National School, on Wednesday the 1st of Dec.

His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of DALHOUSIE in the Chair.

The attention of the Committee was called to the injury which is sustained from the want of some funds which may be applied to the benevolent objects of this Committee within the Diocese of Nova Scotia; as the benefactions of Members of the Society, at their entrance, and their Annual Subscriptions are the exclusive property of the Parent Society.

Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, That a column be opened in the Subscription Book of this Committee, for the names of such persons (whether Members of the Society or otherwise) as may be pleased to subscribe any sum, not less than half a Guinea, annually, for the benefit of this Committee; with understanding that all persons, so subscribing, although they may not be Members of the Society, shall thereby become Members of this Committee, and be entitled to purchase books at the reduced prices, and to attend and vote at all its Meetings.

JOHN INGLIS, Secretary.

\* \* Any Contributions or Subscriptions in pursuance of the above Resolution, will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Secretary.

A new Catalogue of the Books, on sale by the committee, including the numerous additions which have lately been made to its stock, will soon be ready for distribution.

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Oct. 17. 1823. GEO. N. RUSSELL.

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Halifax, March 22.