

handsome rows of ivory. Among terrific objects an enraged whale holds a prominent place.

An hour passed in unavailing attempts to accomplish the desired object, the whale becoming more furious, and the hope of conquering him growing fainter. At length, while the attention of the monster was directed towards us, the mate came upon him in an opposite direction, and dealt him a death wound, relieving us of a burden of anxiety, which indicated itself in the pallid countenances and nervous agitation of the boat's crew. He was very reluctant to yield, and the death struggle was long and violent. If a cat has nine lives, as is sometimes remarked, that fellow had nineteen.

Before night his blubber was in the try-pots, and his jaw was stripped of its covering. On extracting the teeth the cause of his singular movement was revealed. The cavities in several contained a large number of worms, an eighth of an inch in length. The teeth were perfectly sound, but the marrow or nerve of the tooth, which was an inch in diameter at the lower extremity, was in many of them entirely consumed by the insects that seemed to have bred there.—*Extract from a Whaleman's Journal. Hallowell Gazette.*

ONE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE.

We were in company the other day with a gentleman, apparently fifty or sixty years of age, who used in substance the following language :

"Were I to live my life over again, I should make it a point to do kindness to a fellow-being whenever I had the opportunity. I regret very much that my habit has been so different, and that I have induced feelings so unlike those which would lead to such a course of life.

It has been too much my way to

let others take care of themselves while I took care of myself. If some little trespass was committed on my rights or if I suffered some slight inconvenience from the thoughtlessness or selfishness of others, I was greatly annoyed, and sometimes used harsh reproachful language towards the offender.

I am now satisfied that my own happiness was greatly impaired by this course, and that my conduct and example contributed to the irritation and unhappiness of others.

"It was but the other day," continued the gentleman, "that I was passing along the street, and a coachman was attempting to draw a light carriage into the coach house. He tried once or twice without success, and just as I came up, the carriage occupied the whole of the side-walk, and prevented my passing. The fellow looked as though it ought not to be exactly so, and there was something like a faint apology in his smile. It was on my tongue to say, 'in with your carriage, man, and not let it stand here and block up the passage!' But a better influence prevailed; I went to the rear of the carriage and said,

'Now try again, my good fellow!' while with the end of my umbrella I gave it a little push, and in the carriage went, and out come the pleasant 'Thank ye sir; much obliged.' I would not have taken a twenty dollar bank note for the streak of sunshine that this one little act of kindness threw over the rest of my walk, to say nothing of the lighting up of the coachman's countenance.

And when I look back upon my intercourse with my fellow-men all the way along, I can confidently say that I never did a kindness to any human being without being happier for it. So that if I were governed by mere selfish motives, and wanted to live the happiest life I could, I would just simply obey the Bible precept, to do