

## he whole pile.

(By Bonnycastle Dale, in October | and it had been he who had passed hired came puffing into the wee har-Rod and Gun.) my shack.

We were off the lonely and isolated "I-lost-rific-this-morning-stolen. island called Forester, due north west its not laid down by twelve I bring had used b-fore seemed to just glide of the big Queen Charlotte group in police in," I told him. I knew they from the arrival to "Pay-me-Now," the Pacific. This is the most south- were in great fear of the deep sea from the Jap, or Dane or Swede erly of the group of islands lying just patrol that was hunting some des- skipper. I guess they had had un- swimming through this phosphores- he snapped and rolled and displayed north of British Columbia. There peradoes along this coast-still he certain lessees before, as they alway looked relieved when I promptly pa was much confusion hereabouts. 'The could have popped us both over and Alaska Award line was being pushed it is a question if our bodies would them. The Captain belonged to the north rapidly-and too far west we ever have been found-still the bluff all thought for Canada's good. All worked, and he was at my shack althe riff raff of the beachcombers of most as soon as we were. ed several times that we just wanted to dredge for a few days in fifty the Coast were flapping along under "What side you look?" I asked him tattered and mildewed canvas, in in Chinook, still pretending to find fathoms and he always figured-"One me from eating them please-I once day ban twenty-five"-"two ban two homemade craft; of divers and weird a lost rifle. twenty-fives," and so on and so on. shapes-and we felt and knew we "O-koke" ("this" he answered) would be "good picking" for any of then I knew it was on the other and He couldn't get far away from that in a Chinese restaurant-and I guess daily price of his Seeker. these gentry-just a naturalist and a started to look.

boy, unarmed at that. So I bought, "Wake Kloshe" ("no good,") he So behold, Laddie and I and "Ban" as the boy calle' him and "Chew-it- you very kindly. for specimen work-and the pot work, said after a long hunt and changed too, a Winchester Special, using .22 sides. Pretty soon he grunted in all" as Laddie ed the other to-Special Long; and hung it on the surprise and I went over; and there bacco devouring idividual. He was wall of the shack-we went for a was the innocent little rifle hiding actually polite, always pushing me walk-so evidently did someone else there in the ferns. I praised him for carefully aside so that he might spit for when we returned the rifle had "finding" it, told him I would put a to leeward.

walked off too. We at once tracked man in Skookum House (jail) next "I ban starting!" said the Norse and traced a passer by and off we set thing I lost. Then he slyly asked me, man "Ting-a-ling" goes the bell-no for the nearest "Il-la-hie" or "sum- "If I missed anything else." "No," I start. mer grounds" of a wandering fishing told him and off he slouched. "Ole-le! Ole-le!" he yelled

we puffed.

tribe. One member I knew slightly Laddie, Jr., a short time after,



ed up a group of polyps-each one al- as a great black shape suddenly rose most forty inches long-just like a near the dragging rope of the net "Here comes the Nan-itsh!" said bone needle-Yes! white animal bons; astern, and a killer whale reared for Laddie, Jr., and the new boat we had and on the top a head as big as your a moment in sight. Once we ran into finger and all luminous at night. "I'll a stream of passing salmon with their bour. Translated she is "To-Seek"-bet they have a regular illuminated attendant sea lions, long dim shapes If I hope she does. All the boats we field of growing wheat down there

when all the knitting needles are in and ate one every time they got hunposition-oud just think of a fish gry enough. We took one wolf-eel, cent mass down there and them all his terrible mouth and crunched to aving away as it passed. Oh! Joy," said Laddie, "And these are the things cockle shell which the boy threw into "I ban do it" tribe I think, as he the Chinks eat." he said as he pulled his awful maw; he was fully six feet always used these words. I explain- out a ladle net full of sea cucumber. these long jelly-like, grisly things were most beautifully coloured-but excuse

had "blird nestes roup" and sea cucumber, and pressed oily duck served they are there yet as I made a nice full meal off plain crackers. Thank and moonfish. These last were big I guess they didn't name this one,'

said the boy as he picked up a thing that looked like a Japanese puzzle made out of bone-another polyp, a regular beautiful little bone basket, a real embroidery of bone. cut out The ooze, as you might call it of

that first drag was a thing of wonder; we had animals so like sea weeds that "You stay mit the engine," and off we could not telt them apart-and sea weeds so like animals that no man

may discover the dividing line each Now it needed both the men to ge a thing of wondrous beauty set away our big heavy drag-purse over, a net bag twenty by ten; with a ten by two down where no man's eye should see it .-- What is this scheme of things we iron frame open mouth. A "splash!" down she sinks and we are at last call Life, anyway? really dredging again. I just want to Day after day, hour after hour, so remark that dear as the opening day long as we could afford that "one-day of shooting or fishing is to the deban-twenty-five-dollar-hoat" we took Nan-itsh, and rolled and fixed me with votee of gun and rod, so is the first of the treasures of the deep-and reits bright green little eye I withdrew appearance of the dredge above water deposited them to the ama in haste-you see I had not lost any on our first day to us. the wondering Norsemen. We could harks.

not have kept the perishable cats There was a dull oily roll in from the restless Pacific, just enough to part had we wished to do so. make one sleepy this bright young "Throw him all out." lamented

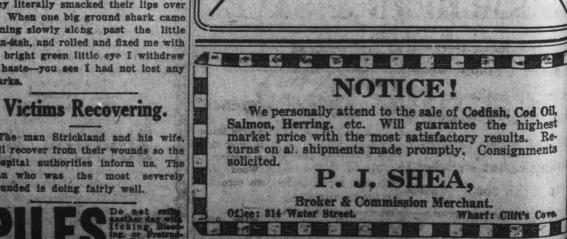
summer day, the soft coal smoke loquacious Ollie-as net full after net blew all about us and half drowsed full was carefully liberated. We were The man Strickland and his wife. us too, when "bump!" went the getting into deeper water now and "gate" far below and "Ollie" rushed odd anemone and rare sea whips and vill recover from their wounds so the spital authorities inform us. The man who was the most severely ip and back. "She got stuck!" he strange jelly like masses came in wounded is doing fairly well.

velled. Away he darted like a mad- hourly-and at times dark strange man, put the engine backing against shapes devoured them as soon as w the run of the tide and soon the big liberated them, ground or t purse mouth rode the boulder and on sharks and some odd fluted to we went-at about a mile an hour sharks. Yes! and the big mou

cod were not averse to filling th "Stop!" signalled the Captain-and stomachs with their late fellow cap he drag rope was put on to the tives. ach and up came the purse-belly-1 "Whoop!" screamed

fragments every mussel or giant of weird sea life. We got tons of the rarest sea weeds, but alas! we were not prserving, only picturing. We lived like lords on any and all the known dainties of the sea, but most carefully refused to serve any unknown bit of horribleness. At times, in the shallows, we took rare abelone shellfish as big as base-balls. They can exude enough-stick-emtight to make any sea glue manufacturer die of envy-and they roll up and fashion out a nest that exactly resemble gray felt hats with the crown At nights when we slept in the may nests made by those Norsemen. short where they were long and too narrow where they were wide. I used to poke my head out for air. and all the tragedy of the sea was enacted in the moonlit waters down beside mened as if each chap ate the next aller one with intense energy-and they literally smacked their lips over it. When one big ground shark came finning slowly along past the little

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