# THE TIGER OF THE OCEAN

STRENGTH AND FEROCITY OF THE HAMMERHEAD SHARK.

bailed though years and never given cause for a man to call yoū coward, there comes a time when you feel the creeps and your knees grow weak," seid a man who was a whaler ope. "That time is when you look over the rail of a ship rising and falling on a calm sea and find a big hammerhead shark looking up into your eyes. The white shark is voracious and merciless, but the tiger of the sea, as the hammer-head is called, is worse than that. He is the most repulsive looking fish that swims. He will take up the trail of swims. He will take up the trail of a ship like a bloodhound, and his per-sistency is menacing and malignant. A white shark can be frightened or beaten off, even after seizing his prey, but the hammerhead shuts his jaws bits a builder and will be ont to pieces like a bulldog and will be cut to pieces before he will let go. A man in the water may dodge the rush of a white hash but the tiger never misses his shark, but the tiger never misses his mark. He hasn't the speed of the other, but it is his slower gait which makes him more certain of his vic-teen men. They put off from the tim.

"While the hammerhead shark may be caught all along the Atlantic coast, his true cruising grounds are in the tropical seas. To get among the big ones you must voyage up the Bay of Bengal or coast along the great bar-rier reef of Australia. You will find the white shark there, too, but the two species never run in the same school. I do not know that they quar-rel when they meet, but certain it is that THEY AVOID EACH OTHER. be caught all along the Atlantic coast,

THEY AVOID EACH OTHER. It is seldom that a big shark is caught in Northern waters, but in the tropi-cal seas a twelve-footer, either white or hammerhead, is looked upon with nontempt. One day, as the ship White Wings was becalmed about fifty miles off the coast of Madagascar, a ham-merhead shark of such size appeared merhead shark of such size appeared alongside that he was at first taken for a whale. He remained with us for over an hour, lying like a log on the water, and it was easy to get his di-mensions, or at least his length. He was exactly thirty-three feet long and about the size of a flour-barrel. If a tow-line could have been made fast to merhead shark of such size appeared mensions, of at reast his relations, of at reast his relations, of at reast his relations, of a relations, and see relations, and see a relations, and see relations, and see a relations, and see a relations, 1. The fish seemed to be played out they hauled him in, but no sooner he feel the deck under him than no sooner its lo him than wired business. 'The blows he began

statements the raft was about twen-ty feet square, and they piled at least a ton of stones on it. It was a bulky, unwieldly thing, and yet when they got shark and raft clear of the shore, the harnessed captive started off et HAMBLEARD SHAKK. His Power of Destruction Exhibited Best in Tropical Waters-One That Towed a Whale and Another That Mandled a Buil-When He Turns on the Munter-Trap in Which He Is Taken. got shark and raft clear of the shore, the harnessed captive started off at steamboat speed and seemed to make passed by a catamaran, when fifteen miles at sea, and was still keeping up his stroke. "I have known a white shark to

"Sailor though you may have been follow the ship twenty-four hours, but for a score of years and never given never longer. By that time his hun-

THEY WOULD NOT MOVE. tropical seas displays more fierceness than those of the Atlantic, but he is Cross, from Calcutta to London, was wrecked on Nelson Island, at the north-ern end of the Indian Ocean. She had there passed is a different of form the wreck on a raft, but the wind blew them out to sea instead of upon the beach. The raft was surrounded by by

lower end, and to this chain

### A HUNK OF REEF.

A HUNK OF BEEF, A HUNK OF BEEF, One morning they towed the light raft sprang into the air and fell back there two miles off shore on a smooth sea and puiled away to watch proceedings. planks. In ten minutes that fish al. It was even chances that a white shark most made a wreck of the schooner, or ground shark or a small hammer-

ed out of driftwood. According to their the tragedy at Batavia, happening statements the raft was about twen- only four years ago, was convincing

only four years ago, was convincing proof that he is a dangerous foe. A boat with five men in it hooked a big hammerhead, and after running out 100 feet of line the fish turned and rushed. As he neared the boat he leap-ed clear of the water and landed am-ong the men. In less than one minute he had heaten out the hottorn pleaks With the King of Beasts John Cooper, who from being the youngest lion-tamer in the world-he was a full-blown trainer at the age of be had beaten out the bottom planks of the boat with his tail, and of the four men who met death two, at least, had broken legs or arms before the shark rolled out of the wreck and went twelve-has become one of the great est, is no believer in harsh measures

Firmness and kindness will make any animal fond of you," he said re cently. "I have had lions so fond of his way. me that if I petted one, others would

# CATCHING COBRAS.

Means Used by the Snake-Charmers in Capturing These Dangerous Reptiles. would wound the feelings of the others, and if persisted in, would lead to The cobra is so passionately fond of a row." music that it can at any time be en-In some of his performances, Mr

ticed from its hiding-place by the Cooper had a lion on either side of notes of a violin or a bagpipe. It selhim with feet on his shoulders. Pointdom hears anything but the bagpipe, ing to a picture of himself in such a

but if there be one instrument which position, he said: it loves more than any other it is the "You see this lion on my left shoulviolin.

der? That is Betsy. She was blind If a cobra takes up its abode in the Whenever she got out of position in neighborhood of a dwelling, it is custhe group, she had a perfect horror tomary to send for a pair of profesof touching me. She was afraid that sional snake-charmers. They at once she might hurt me. If she was in her proceed to work upon the snake's love right place, she knew exactly where I of music. One of them strikes up a was, and what she could do without tune near the place where the cobra striking me with her claws or knock is supposed to be ing me down. I have often been If it is there it is sure to be attract- touched at her care, which was quite as

ed by the music, and soon to make its great as any of us are capable of exappearance. It emerges slowly from ercising. Poor blind Betsy !" its hiding-place, and takes a position in front of the player. It is his business to keep its attention engaged while his companion creeps up behind

it with a handful of fine dust.

the neck just below the head. The snake turns in fury, and winds its body round the arm of its captor; but its rage avails it nothing. It cannot turn its head to b e. If it is desirable to extract the fangs at once, the captor presses his thumb on the threat of the cobre a thus com-

at once, the captor presses his thumb on the throat of the cobra, thus compelling it to open its mouth, and the fangs are drawn with a pair of pinc-

ers. If, however, the operator desires to keep the snake intact for the present, the musician comes to his comrade's assistance, forcibly unwinds the coils, and places the body of the cohra in a basket. Only the head is left out, this being still held by the other man. The lid is pressed down to prevent the cob-ra from wriggling out. Then, suddenly, the captor thrusts the head in, and bange down the lid bangs down the lid.

Sometimes music is used to draw from the snake its poison, to be used for medicinal or experimental purposes a in front of it. It is too much engrossed to notice him until the music sudden the control of the real lead in or more performance. Perhaps in made some gesture that they remembered. Anyway, the lions had awaken-bered. Anyway, the shole do existing surroundings, launches forth at the man who is nearest. Quick as its thrust, however, is the movement of the man. He interposes the plate and receives the bite on it. The poison goes through the puncture in the leaf, and in the leaf, and in the leaf, and in the leaf. and in the leaf. musi

The poison goes through the putte on it. The poison goes through the puncture in the leaf, and is deposited on the plate. It is a thick, albuminous fluid, like the white of an egg. One drop of it, communicated to the blood, is enough to cause death to any warm-blooded animal

# ITS GRAPHITE NOW.

#### Lead Pencils in Modern Times Contain No Lead Whatever. Once upon a time sticks of lead were

with buzzing up to you and saying 'howdy' once, but with a great excess used for making marks on paper and of politeness or good nature or friend-in England is Newton, which occurs ly feeling, or just downright stupidity, no fewer than 72 times.

# IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND.

### DOINGS OF THE EEGLISH PEOPLE REPORTED BE MAIL.

Record of the Events Taking Place in the Land of the Rose-Interesting rences.

The Mayor of Southampton's "Stella" und now amounts to £6,380.

J. L. Toole is 66 years of age. Sin Henry Irving is five years younger. The lifeboats round the British coast

during the fast year rescued 628 people.

St. Peter's Presbyterian church, Livrpool, is about to celebrate its jubilee. It has been estimated, that steamers are 20 per cent., safer than sailing vessels.

Queen Victoria's annual trips to and from Scotland alone cost her close on £6.250 a year.

It is proposed to institute open air restaurants in London during the summer months,

In the British navy there are at least 150 ships that have seen over a quarter of a century's service. Annie S Swas, Mrs. Burnett Smith,

was one if those who attended her Majesta drawing room recently.

Gossips say that Lady Peggy Primrose, now the Countess of Crewe, was athed two millions sterling by her qu Speaking of the memory of animals,

mother. Ann Grant, a domestic servant, who recently died in Cambridgeshire at the age of 87 years, has served 71 years in age of one family.

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, who at the age of 90 is about to retire from service, has been in the British navy for 75 years.

In six-shilling form Ian Maclaren's most popular book, "Beside the Bon-nie Brier Bush," has reached an issue of 90,000 copies.

The most up-to-date fashion in calling followed among smart London bachelors is to employ a commission-aire to leave one's cards.

The William Black Memorial Fuel is lagging once more, and an appeal is now made for small sums from the ad-mirers of the deceased novelist.

The Royal Institution of Great Britain, in commemoration of its centen-ary, has elected as honorary members honorary members ary, has a number of prominent Americans.

table institutions having their headquarters in London amounts to over seven million pounds per annum. The principal trade of Bradford just

now is said to be in mercerized cotton dress goods. A firm there has receiv-ed an order for mercerizing 160,000 pieces of goods woven in Lancashire. Many animals in desert regions never have any water except the dew vegetation. A parrot in the London Zoo

expenditure amounted to £5,922 14s. 11-2d., there is an excess of £38 4s. 11 mer, very likely not, but one fly, at this season, can make a heap of trou-ble. This fly "said Mr Gozzleby "is last year.

> Dr. Jameson, the Transvaal raider, wants to enter Parliament.

The greatest university is Oxford. which has twenty-one colleges and five halls. The most common name for a place

wich Gardens. In the catalogue was a group of elephants that I used to 'perform,' but had not seen for twelve years. As they were led into the ring, I said to one of them, 'Hallo, Pal' an expression that used to be part of the

Mr. Cooper said, "I doubt whether they

forget anything. Some years ago there

was a sale of elephants at North Wool-

TAMING THE LION.

Mr. John Cooper Give: His Experience

be jealous. In a group of seven or

eight lions, an ill-timed caress of one

performance. "The elephant was electrified, and began to trumpet in an extraordin-ary manner. The others joined in and

Although his animals had such good memories, there was one time when Mr. Cooper's own memory failed. He had been very ill, and it was his first appearance afterward among his lions. When he got into the cage he found his mind a blank. He did not even

his mind a blank. He did not even know one lion from another. Quite helpless, he looked at the lions, and they at him. They were waiting for the words and gestures that were asso-ciated with the different perform-ances.

continued to gaze at them, but He

could make nothing of it, and was turning away to give up when one of turning away to give up when one of them sprang upon him on one side, then another on the other side, and the rest ranged themselves about him. They were going through the final scene in the performance. Perhaps in turning away he had unconsciously made some gesture that they remem-

## so Gayly Early in the Morning.

"One swallow may not make a sumble. This fly," said Mr. Gozzleby, " is the one that comes into your room to greet you in the early morning, soon after sun-up, but long before you

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want to get up. He is not satisfied

bonnair fly that got up so early. But side her.

Sir Henry Wm. Primrose, K. C. B., has been appointed chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.

It is alleged that of the various Highland representatives in the House of Commons not one can speak Gaelic. A medical paper estimates that over £50,000 worth of medicine is annually distributed gratis at the English dispensaries

The sketch of the Queen which sells best in France is one taken on the seafact is that you try to smash the de- shore with a Skye terrier walking be-

> Rudyard Kipling says that the hardest work he ever did, and the hardest he ever saw done is that of a news-paper office.

Steam omnibus lines are being established between Newcastle and Hull and other cities of northern England. The fares are only a cent per mile.

#### SLEEP.

Some doctors believe that a man has just so many hours to be awake, and that the more of them he uses up in a day the shorter his life will be. A man might live to be 200 if he could sleep most of the time. The proper way to economize time, therefore, is to sleep when there is nothing better to do.

#### OUT OF HIS SIGHT.

Get out! commanded her father. Din't ever let me see you here again. Very well, replied the confident bung man. Your daughter can tell you the nights I am to call, and you can arrange to be out until I leave.