



DUMPING THE WHALE.

however, arrived in New York in good condition after being seven days and seven nights out of the water. He was placed in a tank about ninety feet in circumference, where he swam round and round to the delight of the visitors. We question if the managers of the Aquarium would not have done better to advertise this specimen as a dolphin than to call it a whale. The public have large ideas of the size of whales, and some were not a little disappointed to find the boasted whale not quite ten feet long and only three feet between the tips of its fins, and weighing about as much as a horse. As a dolphin, however, the sea monster would have been surrounded with associations of the most pleasing kind, even if this particular slate-colored animal did not fulfil all the conditions required by the abounding allusions to dolphins in poetry. Herodotus tells the story of Arion, the greatest musician of his day, who, having embarked on a ship with great riches, was condemned to a watery grave by the greedy sailors. They, however, granted him permission to play one tune, and he, arrayed in his richest garments, used his lyre to such effect that