

tough and strong. The fishermen estimated that in amputating it, they left ten feet attached to the body, and as six feet were destroyed, this would make the original length thirty-five feet. Near the extremity it broadens out like an oar, and here it is upwards of six inches in circumference; then it tapers to a very fine point. At the extreme end is a cluster of about seventy suckers, diminishing in size towards the point, having all denticulated edges. Next to this mass of small suckers come a double row of large ones, twenty-four in number, and an inch and a quarter in diameter, but the edges not denticulated. A second cluster of suckers, similar to the first, and about fifty in number, comes next to the large ones. Altogether, there are about one hundred and eighty suckers on this extremity. Before placing it in the museum, Mr. Murray and I had it photographed, by Messrs. McKenney and Parsons, of this city.

It is very evident that this is one of the long, thin tentacles of one of the ten-armed calamaries or squids; and that the arm which was destroyed was one of the eight thicker arms. I carefully cross-examined one of the fisherman who captured it—an honest, intelligent fellow—and he persisted in affirming that the body was sixty feet in length, “three times the length of his punt,” as he put it, “which is twenty feet in length, and was close to the fish.” I am inclined to think that he has, without any intention to mislead, over-stated the length, partly, perhaps, because alarmed and confused at the time, and partly because the outstretched arms would appear to add to the length. But I am satisfied that the monster seen by these men was certainly of enormous size—not less, at a low estimate, than from thirty to forty feet. It is difficult to conceive of a more horrible fate than to be entwined in the embrace of those clammy, corpse-like arms, and to feel their folds creeping and gliding around you, and the disks, with their cold adhesive touch, glueing themselves to you with a grasp which nothing could relax. The cold slimy touch is extremely sickening, and sends a shudder through the whole frame; while the ferocious glare of the cruel eyes strikes terror to the heart of the victim. The monster darts out its long arms with a snake-like, undulating motion; swiftly they glide round and round their victim, with a pressure like a tightening cord, the suckers feeling like so many mouths devouring him at the same time. Gradually the paralyzed victim, encircled in the terrible arms, which are as supple as