

there-about take it from what their Forefathers had thrown away, and had lain long in the open Air. The use above mentioned being considerable, the person, who sent it, hath been intreated, to inform what quantities may be had of it, if there should be occasion to send for some.

Of an Hungarian Bolus, of the same Effect with the Bolus Armenus.

The same person gave notice also, that, besides the *Bolus Armenus*, and the *Terra Silesiaca*, there is an Earth to be found in Hungary about the River *Tockay*, thence called *Bolus Tockaviensis*, having as good effects in *Physick*, as either of the former two, and commended by experience in those parts, as much as it is by *Sennertus* out of *Crato*, for its goodness,

Of the New American Whale-fishing about the Bermudas.

Here follows a Relation, somewhat more divertising, than the precedent Accounts; which is about the new *Whale-fishing* in the *West-Indies* about the *Bermudas*, as it was delivered by an understanding and hardy Sea-man, who affirmed he had been at the killing work himself. His account, as far as remembered, was this; that though hitherto all Attempts of mastering the Whales of those Seas had been unsuccessful, by reason of the extraordinary fierceness and swiftness of these monstrous Animals; yet the enterprize being lately renewed, and such persons chosen and sent thither for the work, as were resolved not to be baffled by a Sea-monster, they did prosper so far in this undertaking, that, having been out at Sea, near the said Isle of *Bermudas*, seventeen times, and fastned their Weapons a dozen times, they killed in these expeditions 2 old Female-Whales, and 3 Cubs, whereof one of the old ones, from the head to the extremity of the Tail, was 88. Foot in length, by measure; its Tail being 23. Foot broad, the swimming Finn 26. Foot long, and the Gills three Foot long: having great bends underneath from the Nose to the Navil; upon her after-part, a Finn on the backs being within

paved (this was the plain Sea mans phraſe) with fat, like the Cawl of a Hog.

The other old one, he ſaid, was ſome 60. Foot long. Of the Cubs, one was 33. the other two, much about 25. or 26. Foot long.

The ſhape of the Fiſh, he ſaid, was very ſharp behind, like the ridge of a houſe; the head pretty bluff, and full of bumps on both ſides; the back perfectly black, and the belly white.

Their celerity and force he affirmed to be wonderful, inſomuch that one of thoſe Creatures, which he ſtruck himſelf, towed the boat wherein he was, after him, for the ſpace of ſix or ſeven Leagues, in $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hours time. Being wounded, he ſaith, they make a hideous roaring, at which, all of that kind that are within hearing, come towards that place, where the Animal is, yet without ſtriking, or doing any harm to the wary.

He added, that they ſtruck one of a prodigious bignefs, and by gueſs of above 100 foot long. He is of opinion, that this Fiſh comes neareſt to that ſort of Whales, which they call the *Jubartes*; they are without teeth, and longer than the *Greenland-Whales*, but not ſo thick.

He ſaid further, that they fed much upon *Grass*, growing at the bottom of the Sea; which, he affirmed, was ſeen by cutting up the great Bag of Maw, wherein he had found in one of them about two or three Hogſheads of a greeniſh graſſy-matter.

As to the quantity and nature of the Oyl which they yield, he thought, that the largeſt ſort of theſe Whales might afford ſeven or eight Tuns if well huſbanded, although they had loſt much this firſt time, for want of a good Cooper, having brought home but eleven Tuns. The Cubs, by his relation, do yield but little, and that is but a kind of a Jelly. That which the old ones render, doth candy like Porks-Greaſe, yet burneth very well. He obſerved, that the Oyl of the Blubber is as clear and fair as any Whey: but that which is boyled out of the Lean, interlarded, becomes as hard as Tallow, ſpattering in the burning and that which is made of the Cawl, reſembleth Hoggs-greaſe.

One, but ſcarce credible, quality of this Oyl, he affirms to be, that though it be boiling, yet one may run ones hand into it without ſcalding; to which he adds, that it hath a very healing Vertue

Vertue for cuttings, lameness, &c. the part affected being anointed therewith. One thing more he related, not to be omitted, which is, that having told, that the time of catching these Fishes was from the beginning of *March*, to the end of *May*, after which time they appeared no more in that part of the Sea: he did, when asked, whither they then retired, give this Answer, That it was thought, they went into the Weed-beds of the Gulf of *Florida*, it having been observed, that upon their Fins and Tails they have store of Clams or Barnacles, upon which, he said, Rock-weed or Sea-tangle did grow a hand long; many of them having been taken of them, of the bigness of great Oyster-shells, and hung upon the Governour of *Bermudas* his Pales.

A Narrative concerning the success of Pendulum-Watches at Sea for the Longitudes.

The Relation lately made by Major *Holmes*, concerning the success of the *Pendulum-Watches* at Sea (two whereof were committed to his Care and Observation in his last voyage to *Cuina* by some of our Eminent *Virtuosi*, and Grand Promoters of Navigation) is as followeth;

The said Major having left that Coast, and being come to the Isle of *St. Thomas* under the *Line*, accompanied with four Vessels, having there adjusted his Watches, put to Sea, and sailed Westward, seven or eight hundred Leagues, without changing his course; after which, finding the Wind favourable, he steered towards the Coast of *Africk*, North-North-East. But having sailed upon that *Line* a matter of two or three hundred Leagues, the Masters of the other Ships, under his Conduct, apprehending that they should want Water, before they could reach that Coast, did propose to him to steer their Course to the *Barbadoes*, to supply themselves with Water there. Whereupon the said Major, having called the Master and Pilots together, and caused them to produce their Journals and Calculations, it was found, that those Pilots did differ in their reckonings from that of the Major, one of them eighty Leagues, another about an hundred, and the third, more; but the Major judging by his *Pendulum-Watches*, that they were only some thirty Leagues distant from
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