

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1921

ADVICE TO WIVES

To all good women who're wed to a man,
And it's a trouble to lead him,
Don't worry, and scurry, and hurry
and ban,
Just feed him—the dear man—just
feed him.

Your husband is lazy and needs spurring on?
You'll want a fine lecture to read
him,
Now wait! 'Twill be trouble for
me meant underdone,
But feed him; he'll hunch just feed
him.

Another's a bully; he'll bluster and
Now, the best thing to do is don't
feed him.
For his talk and his tantrums will
be more and more, if you
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But, perhaps he's a gem of a man,
You all of the virtues concede him,
Then, don't let your gen' be loose.
Hasten, Mrs. Mullin,
Thus, thin, feed him, nice husband,
you'll feed him.

SWORDFISH

Some Atlantic fisherman say: "Where you find swordfish you find swordfish; they are about." Considerably, if this be so, where you know, there are swordfish you may look with assurance for swordfish.

Fishermen who seek the swordfish on the New England coast, as well as on the ocean, will hardly support this statement. With the swordfish make their appearance early in May, awarding themselves to the waters off New England, so that if they are to be found the chances are that they'll be a bit late unless they expect to meet the schools on their southward migration.

The swordfish does appear to follow the schools of mackerel along the Atlantic coast and Pearson Goode would intimate that along the New England coast they follow quite close upon them.

The formation of Nova Scotia upon the swordfish. A platform, specially built and elevated upon the bowspit, gives the observer, who is also the spear-thrower, a commanding position. It serves as a surface allowing its driver to move about the deck as also the upper lope of the caudal. It frequently leaps out of the water, and none of all the fishes of the sea can move more easily or more agilely than the swordfish. The observer who sees the fish breaking water, must be quick to throw the lance. When the weapon does go home the fisherman has time for but a few seconds because no creature of the deep has such a pugnacious disposition. It is played out and finally isolated on board. The same method of capture is employed in taking the tuna or horse mackerel at Nova Scotia's coast.

The swordfish derives its name from the fact that the bones of the upper jaw are long and slender, resembling a sword. This is its chief weapon of attack. The teeth are wholly wanting, the second of the two fins on the back is reduced, the fins of the back and abdomen snugly fitting into grooves, the absence of ventral fin, slim, muscular body, adapt the fish for swift and powerful swimming.

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"Many very curious instances are on record of the encounters of this fish with other fishes, one of their attacks upon shrimps. What can be the incentive for it to attack objects so much larger than itself?"

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The swordfish is common on both the European and American shores of the Atlantic. They do not breed on our shores, but probably do so in the Mediterranean and other warm seas.

"The swordfish is the 'universal car' of the world," says Captain Ashby, "that is, they are always drawn to each other at least thirty or forty feet."

"The pugnacity of the swordfish has become a byword. Without any apparent effort on my part, I have, in a short time, taken a swordfish more than twice the weight of my heaviest boat. The swordfish is a heavy fish, and it is not safe to attack objects so much larger than itself."

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Do you know when I got hold of this old School Board records last week, with their report of the doings of sixty, seventy and eighty years ago in Action? Just plain facts, nothing to do with my second or my third. And every word did these two columns of mine contain about my good old friends of yore down there, in my record of last week?

Well, I'm glad to forget them this time. You know, I got a lift down to the home of my old friend William Mullin, of Penetanguishene, and I found him in the funeral parlour of his first-born son, Bill, which took place that afternoon. I tell you it hit me hard to see this bright young husband man cut down in his prime. Why, I remember him from the time he was a boy, from the time he was a lad, from the time he was a young man, from the time he was a man, from the time he was a father, from the time he was a grandfather, and the time he was a great grandfather, and the time he was a great-great grandfather. He thought nothing of walking to the Academy and home again, and then doing the chores there, after he began his evening's study. When Jim died in Action, Action Jim, the oldest son, but unfortunately, he had aspirations, I remember, away back in 1874 or 75, after he got through with Dublin School, he got into the police force, and he got into the big hedge building companies. He died in 1890, though he had aspirations, I think that's what they call them? Well, I can't tell. I just willing to grant that he did die in the police force, and never made a mistake, knew all about it, and sometime will understand.

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