

before its time " (Rowntree, *Social Service*, 1913 Swarthmore Lecture, p. 17).

Logan-Story Correspondence, 1927; *The Friend* (Phila.), vol. 45 (1872), pp. 323ff; *The Friend* (Lond.), 1911, pp. 504, 522, 545; etc.

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C. FRANCIS JENKINS (vols. xix. xx. xxii.). " Our friend, the Inventor, C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington, D.C., has apparently shifted the activity of his inventive genius from the field of the cinema to that of the air plane. In connection with the latter, he has recently announced two inventions which, taken together, he considers will remove the present problem of expensive and inaccessible air ports. The first provides for a brake apparatus for air planes, while the companion device is designed to launch a plane almost instantly and on one hundred feet of runway " (*American Friend*, July 28, 1927).

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New Bedford and Nantucket

There are several notices of New Bedford and Nantucket in *The Maritime History of Massachusetts*, written by Samuel Eliot Morison and published in Boston and New York by the Houghton Mifflin Company in 1921, a book of 400 pages with many illustrations. " The New Bedford Quaker shipowners who had made fortunes by neutral trading before 1812 perceived that the palmy days of the carrying trade were past, refitted their merchantmen as whalers, and went out after oil with a spirit and perseverance that made their town within six years the first whaling port of North America " (p. 315). " As Nelson's fleet lay licking its wounds after Trafalgar, who should heave in sight but the ship *Ann Alexander*,¹ of New Bedford, captain Loum Snow, with a cargo of lumber, flour, and apples—just what the fleet needed! " (p. 180). " New Bedford, not only Federalist but Quaker, declared in town meeting on July 21, 1814: ' We have scrupulously abstained from all interest and concern in sending out private armed vessels ' and resolved to quarantine for forty days any American privateer that polluted her harbor "

¹ Ann Alexander, an English Minister, was visiting the States about this time. She was the daughter of William Dillwyn, of U.S. and Eng.

(p. 199). "Several simple Quaker families of 1815 had become millionaires by 1840. The nucleus of the great Howland² and Hetty Green fortunes was gathered in 1824, when Isaac Howland Jr., died. Stately mansions of granite and elaborate Gothic cottages arose on the highground overlooking the harbor . . ." (p. 319).

References to Nantucket Island are numerous—"the worshippers of Nantucket form a cult of positive fanatics—passionate devotees" (p. 5). "The first white settlers of Nantucket, in the seventeenth century, were Quakers³ and harborers of Quakers who fled from persecution at Old Newbury. Before 1775 the descendants of the Macys and Coffins and Folgers and Husseys had spread the fame of this island by their boldness and enterprise as whalers. Then came the war with Britain" and disaster (p. 155). Chapter xi is headed: "Newburyport and Nantucket." There is a view of "Nantucket Harbor in 1810." One chapter deals with "The Whalers, 1815-1860."

Friends in Fiction

Extract from *Debts and Credits*, by Rudyard Kipling:—"Just before dark I made out Cordelia—that Southampton ketch that old Jarrott fitted with oil auxiliaries for a family cruiser last summer. She's a beamy bus, but she *can* roll, and she was doing an honest thirty degrees each way when I overhauled her. I asked Jarrott if he was busy. He said he wasn't. But he was. He's like me and Nelson when there's any sea on."

"But Jarrott's a Quaker. 'Has been for generations. Why does he go to war?" said Maddingham.

"If it comes to that," Portson said, "why do any of us?"

"Jarrott's a mine-sweeper," Winchmore replied with deep feeling. "The Quaker religion (I'm not a Quaker, but I'm *much* more religious than any of you chaps give me credit for) has decided that mine-sweeping is life-saving. Consequently," he dwelt a little on the word, "the profession is crowded with Quakers—specially off Scarborough.' 'See? Owing to the purity of their lives, they 'all go to Heaven when they die—Roll, Jordan, Roll!"

Extracted by A. B. Searle.

² "James Howland, 2d, of New Bedford, was given a merchant ship by his father on his eighteenth birthday, and, as her captain, went on a honeymoon voyage to the Baltic with his still younger bride before the year elapsed" (p. 74).

³ It is not correct to state that the first white inhabitants were Quakers, though they arrived soon after the settlement and were favorably received.