

(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.