

Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 11, 1886.

A Cruise Across the Chesapeake Bay

On Board the Engage Boyer.

For the Kent News.

On a bright morning about Oct. 31st, 1886, five hearty, hale young men, intending to participate in the killing of ducks on the Susquehanna flats, having secured license, left Baltimore in high hopes of reaching Harve de Grace or Spanish island in time for the next day's sport, but adverse winds and tide drove them under the lee of Grove point, where they anchored for the night. After tea they banded in as best they could for the night. When morning dawned they again set sail and after tacking and treading the flats—the desired haven—about noon, but after diligent search they failed to find sufficient space to put out their box and they continued on their course and anchored at Harve de Grace, where they found the citizens quite hospitable and ready to accommodate. The hotel being free to the crew caused some surprise but did not mar their pleasure in the least.

The captain was obliged to keep a diligent watch over a portion of the crew for fear of desertion, leaving him alone with the boat in a foreign land. He however surmised the cause of so much attention. From some unaccountable cause the people conceived the idea they were entertaining Jay Gould and friends.

Wednesday being a dead calm proved a failure for sport as there was no flight of ducks and very few came to grief that day. They again anchored at Harve de Grace that night and next day, when they painted a portion of the town red, and Friday morning when old Salt was up in the eastern horizon, they were in a most favorable position and ready for the slaughter which they enjoyed very much until about noon, when a shift of wind caused a gentle ripple and gave promise of additional sport, when one of the crew entered a protest against further slaughter and claimed would overtake the market and that he was of the opinion that the wind would soon blow a gale and drive the bayside boats and boats on the shore.

The captain not wishing to decimate the quacks yielded, when they set sail for Baltimore, which they reached safely. When the time again arrived for sailing the captain found his crew not as enthusiastic, however, he soon recruited another crew, but when the time for sailing arrived found his ship high and dry on shore, but, not to be outdone, he had her cabin raised and made comfortable and with some little vexation launched and provided for another voyage.

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