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me to come up to the American
Consulate so I went up there and he made
me a present of a Sovereign which is 5 dollars
for my work. Coming across he offered me
20 dollars a month to go home with
him and be Cook and Steward. but I
thought the work would be too hard
for me so I would not go. I thanked
the Captain very much. Stopping in Sydney
some little time while I had my stay
in Sydney I was surprised to see some
of the natives of Australia they are entirely
destitute of hair a description of which
I have shown you below as you will see.



THE TRIBE OF HAIRLESS MEN, N.S.W. - FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY J. W. B. SYDNEY.

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Sydney is a fine place being a very healthy
climate a description of which I shall give
hereafter. I shipped out Sydney, on the
Barque Chance a Colonial Barque, and
the 12th of September with the 140 lay, bound
on a Cruise for sperm whales that is
every 140 Barrels of Oil we took aboard
I had one Barrel to my self. Sailing from
Sydney, on the 21st of September with a
fair wind bound to the western whaling
ground to Cruise for Sperm Whales. Fine
Clear weather most of the time. On the
8th of October we had the luck to
fall in with 3 very large whales pretty
close to us. So we called all hands
and lowered our Boats down and managed
to get along side of them but the Boat
Stew the one that strikes the whales
happen to miss hitting either one of
them. After sailing about all day without
getting any nearer them we at last
went aboard with our boats feeling down
hearted. so we cruised and cruised from
one week to another. Some times we would
see a whale or two a month Other times
we would see a thousand whales all
around the Ocean as far as you could
see with the naked eyes on the 21st
of November we had the pleasure of
seeing the whales as thick as the
air around us so we called all