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The a.m. schooner Clifford is boarded and a harpoon, a short gun, a revolver, some more old rope and a Capt Crabtree are stowed on with us and another start made. The Capt regaled ...

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... the last occasion they had to cut the horse loose to prevent the sharks from swamping their boat, we had it in our hearts to make a Jonah of him. The verdict stood that on account of the late rough water the sharks had stood out to deeper seas. The tow was cut loose & it slowly bobbed out to deeper waters. A couple of weeks following another knock came. The sea & sky looked auspicious. In an hour's time we were sailing over the bar with another tow -- a poor old cart horse going out with wind & tide to fill the maws of hungry sharks -- in prospect. The darkies said on one return from the first trial that we ought to have hitched on to the steamers buoy and have waited until the sharks came. With this in view we slowly came up alongside of the buoy and made the boat fast. We gave the tow plenty of line and waited for signs.

There was a steamer riding at anchor close by and as sharks customarily hung about these steamers (sometimes as many as seven having been seen at one time) it occurred to us that if we made the tow fast alongside the steamer that we could attract the monsters. So we sailed up, made fast, opened the tow so that the juices could permeate around and tickle the palates of our intended. Some got on board and waited. The ...

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The Captain said they had seen one old fellow lazily poking around that morning. A half an hour passed by and no sharks in sight. We decided to go out to sea in deeper waters and look for them there. I transferred myself to the Captain's boat and ordered the boat [??] my boat to follow and if any signs were about to signal us. So we sailed on with the Captain and turned into the deep bay to show him some fishing spots and a view of the coral bottom through the water glass. Soon the tow passed and directly the boatmen made signals that sharks were about. We set sail for the tow and upon nearing all oarmen pointed out a brown object lazily swiming just underneath the surface which I recognized at once as a good one of a length of about nine feet. He shyed off as we came up apparently frightened at our sail and by the time I had got into my boat he had left entirely. We cruised around for an hour after that. We let the tow adrift entirely and stood away. We made fast again with along line. We sailed slow. We sailed fast. All of no avail. Not one shark put in an appearance and we cut the second tow adrift not altogether discouraged but very much disgusted and somewhat wiser. Having learned by experience that sharks are not as plenty as reported and when found were not ravenous.