

A FEW STRAY LEAVES

FROM THE

GENEALOGIES

OF THE

Sturges and Colman

FAMILIES.

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INTRODUCTORY.

WHOEVER may chance to glance over the following pages will doubtless quickly discover that they make no pretension to being a comprehensive genealogy of the families mentioned; on the contrary, the compiler's main object has been to connect, if possible, their ancestry in the Plymouth Colony with their descendants in the state of Maine. He is especially indebted to Mr. Frank W. Sprague, of Boston, the well-known genealogist and writer, for assistance. In order to establish a controverted point, whether Elizabeth was the mother or wife of Edward Sturgis, junior, Mr. Sprague visited Plymouth to examine anew certain old records, which, with a document furnished him by Mr. Henry S. Gorham, Gorham genealogist, of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave conclusive evidence that Temperance Gorham was the wife of Edward Sturgis, junior, and Elizabeth, his mother. Temperance Gorham was the daughter of Captain John Gorham, who married Desire Howland, daughter of Captain John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, Mayflower Pilgrims. As Jonathan Sturgis of Barnstable, Massachusetts, later of Gorham, Maine, married Temperance Gorham, of the fourth generation, the double alliance establishes quite conclusively the Pilgrim ancestry of the Sturgis families of Maine, if not of those elsewhere in this country. The compiler is also indebted to Mr. Sprague for copies of documents and fac simile records of ancient date, and for an extended correspondence replete with genealogical information, which he would have gladly utilized had the limited scope of these "few stray leaves" permitted. He has also been assisted by Mrs. Nellie R. Jenkins, of Montclair, N. J., Mrs. Sarah E. Tate of Stroudwater, Me., and Mr. Charles M. Colman, of Vassalboro, Me., recently deceased.

PARTIAL STURGES GENEALOGY.

EDWARD Sturgis, the progenitor of all of the Sturgis name in Barnstable county, Massachusetts, and to a great extent elsewhere in this country, according to Freeman's History of Cape Cod, was a branch of a distinguished family in England. The early records of Barnstable county and the Barnstable church records have been destroyed or mutilated to such an extent that expert genealogists have failed to trace many of the family lines. The records that remain, however, state that Edward Sturgis was in Charlestown, Mass., in 1634, and in Yarmouth, Cape Cod, in 1639. His wife's name was Elizabeth. They had Edward, junior, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, born at Barnstable, June 1, 1646, Elizabeth, born at Yarmouth, April 20, 1648, Joseph, born March 19, 1650, who lived but ten days (and John, who emigrated to Fairfield, Connecticut, Mr. Sprague believes). Edward Sturgis was selectman of Yarmouth, was associated in town affairs with Miles Standish, and was for many years a delegate of the Colonial Court. In 1658, as appears by a document, he and three others were appointed by the town to determine the differences between the English and the Indian Janno, in relation to the right to sell land purchased of said Janno. In 1679 select courts were allowed in each town and jurisdiction, and he was appointed one of five commissioners to hold court in Yarmouth. He died at Sandwich, Oct., 1695. Edward Sturgis, junior (probably called senior in Yarmouth, according to Mr. Sprague), was born April 10, 1624, came to Yarmouth with his father, married Temperance Gorham, born 1646, and had Joseph, Samuel, James, Desire and Edward, junior. He died in 1678. He gave to his eldest son, Joseph, £20 "more than to his other children, and to his daughter Desire a silver tankard." His in-

ventory was £963, a large estate for the time. He left a legacy to the minister, Mr. Thornton; also one to Joseph Gorham, brother of his wife, Temperance Gorham, and husband of Sarah Sturgis, sister of Edward Sturgis, junior, a double family marriage, according to Mr. Sprague. \\ Desire Sturgis married Captain Thomas Dimmock.

Thomas Sturgis, son of Edward Sturgis, senior, in 1695 was appointed to the important duty, in those days, of "seating men, women and others in the meeting house." He had by his wife Abigail, daughters born in 1681 and 1683, who died in infancy; Edward, December 10, 1684; Thomas, April 4, 1686; Hannah, September 18, 1687; John, December 2, 1690; Elizabeth, December 25, 1692; Abigail, October 28, 1694; a son, 1696, who died in infancy; Thankful, March 18, 1697; Sarah, January, 1699, a son, 1702, who died in infancy, and a pair of twins, date not given, who died in infancy.

Samuel Sturgis, son of the progenitor, married Mary Hedge in 1667; was made a freeman in 1670, and died in 1674.

Samuel Sturgis, Esquire, of Yarmouth, was born in 1665, married Mercy Howes October 17, 1700, she being nineteen and he thirty-five years of age, and had a daughter July 10, 1701, who died in infancy; Sarah, March 24, 1703; John, November 16, 1704, who graduated from Harvard College in 1723; Samuel, October 28, 1706, who graduated from Harvard College in 1725; Thomas, November 25, 1709; Hannah, January 1, 1711; Prince, September 11, 1715; and Mercy, December 30, 1718. It is stated of him that he was "an eminent merchant."

Samuel Sturgis, of Barnstable, married the widow Mary Orris October 14, 1697, and had Nathaniel January 8, 1699, who died in 1711; John, June 6,

1701; Solomon, September 25, 1703; Mary, February 14, 1706; Moses, June 18, 1708; Jonathan, November 1, 1711; and Nathaniel, February 2, 1714. There were also daughters. Mrs. Orris had, by her first husband, Nathaniel, who came to Barnstable from Nantucket, and died November 23, 1696; Susan, Deborah and Jane. Samuel Sturgis of Barnstable was appointed a justice of the peace in 1713.

On February 6, 1717, John Bacon, agent for the town of Barnstable, petitioned the General Court "for a division of the towns into precincts," and February 10, on petition of Joseph Crocker and others, Samuel Sturgis and two others were appointed "a committee to determine the controversy, and settle the bounds between the said town and the Indians," which was accordingly done. The year 1726 was chiefly memorable for its indications of ecclesiastical discontent. Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, the minister of the western precinct of Yarmouth, felt constrained to enter a complaint to the Court of General Sessions, relating to his salary; but the appeal of the people to the General Court, through Samuel Sturgis, their agent, was sustained.

Thomas Sturgis, of Barnstable, born April 14, 1686, son of Thomas and Abigail, married Martha Russell, daughter of Rev. John Russell, December 26, 1717; died June 17, 1774; had Martha, November 19, 1718; Elizabeth, June 12, 1721, who died in infancy; Thomas, July 22, 1722; Elizabeth, August 26, 1725, who married Thomas Allyn; Rebecca, October 9, 1727; Jonathan, June 17, 1730; Abigail, July 22, 1732, and Hannah, August 24, 1735. Tracing this branch of the Sturgis family, it appears that Thomas Sturgis, born July 22, 1722, third of the name in direct descent, and fourth generation from Edward Sturgis, the progenitor, had a son Thomas,

born August 23, 1750, who married Elizabeth Perkins, and had a son, Nathaniel Russell, of Boston, who married Susan Parkman, and had a son, Russell, of London, who had a son, Russell, of Manchester, Mass., who had a son, Dr. Russell, who had a son, Russell.

Edward Sturgis, of Yarmouth, married Mehitabel Hallett, November 25, 1703, and had a large family.

Edward Sturgis, of Yarmouth, married Thankful Hedge, 1730.

James Sturgis, of Yarmouth, by his wife Rebecca had Rebecca, 1690; Hannah, 1693; Bethia, 1695; Temperance, 1697; Thankful, 1701; Elizabeth, 1703, and James, October 13, 1707.

John Sturgis, Esquire, of Barnstable, born 1703, married, first, Milatiah Crocker, March 21, 1734, and, second, Mehitabel Russell, widow of John Russell, May 9, 1754, and had Josiah, October 17, 1737; Milatiah, October 14, 1739; Timothy C., March 30, 1742; Lucretia, October 14, 1743; Sarah, April 17, 1755, who married Isaiah Parker; and John, March 19, 1758. It was stated that John, born February 18, 1731, and graduated from Harvard College in 1750, was his son, probably by a previous marriage, but that was not fully determined. John Sturgis, of Barnstable, was appointed a justice of the peace and commissioned Quorum Unus, 1753. He died in 1759.

Gorham Sturgis, of Barnstable, was commissioned justice of the peace in 1786.

In Sandwich, 1774, a demonstration was made, an agreement entered into and leaders chosen with reference to the general welfare and government of the people, and Thomas Sturgis was chosen one of a committee of sixteen "to join another committee in power and authority, and to be protected and supported in the same manner, to carry out the agreement adopted."

Mr. Sprague quotes from the History of Fairfield, Conn., showing that John Sturges of Fairfield was born about 1625, and died in 1700. He married Deborah Barlow and had seven children, one named Joseph, who married (first) Sarah Judson and (second) Mary Sherwood, and had at least twelve children, one named Solomon, who married Abigail Bradley and had three sons, Hezekiah, Joseph and Judson, and seven daughters. Among Solomon's posterity were Captain Solomon Sturges, Edward, Captain Eben Sturges, and Dimon Sturges, whose sister married Captain B. Lothrop Sturges, from another branch of the family. The latter was a son of Judge Jonathan Sturges. Walter Perry, who married Elizabeth Sturges, lived in Southport, Conn. From the names in his quotation and the fact that many emigrated from Yarmouth and Barnstable to southern Connecticut in John's generation, Mr. Sprague infers that he was a son of Edward Sturgis, senior.

Jonathan Sturges of Fairfield, probably the judge mentioned in the foregoing quotation, was born August 23, 1740; graduated from Yale; took an active part in the pre-Revolutionary movement; was a member of Congress; and died October 4, 1819. Jonathan Sturges, his grandson, born in Southport, Conn., in 1802, and who died in New York city in 1874, was a prominent and wealthy merchant, one of the most active founders of the Union League Club during the War of the Rebellion, and took a most studious interest in state and national affairs.

Descendants of Edward Sturgis of Yarmouth, Mass., the associate of Miles Standish, early settled in Maine,—then a province under the control of the Plymouth Colony and the Plymouth Company,—one, Jonathan, in Gorham, while three brothers—

David, James and Heman.—settled at Vassalboro and elsewhere.

Jonathan Sturgis, of Barnstable, married Temperance, daughter of Ebenezer Gorham, and had ten children—Hannah, born 1766, in Barnstable, who married William Files; Temperance, born 1768, in Barnstable, who married George Files; James Gorham, born 1770, in Gorham, Maine, who married Mary Roberts; Nathaniel, born 1774, who married, first, Betsey Patten, second, Temperance Woodman; Abigail, born 1776, who married Robert Files; David, born 1779, who married Betsey Paine and had thirteen children; Joseph, born 1783, who married Hannah Blake; Sarah, born 1785, who married Warren Gilbert; Jonathan, born 1788, who married, and died at Pejepscot, now Auburn; Eleanor, who died young. Jonathan Sturgis, senior, died May 11, 1834, aged 91 years. He was grandfather of Ebenezer Gorham Sturgis, who was born in 1807, and now, 1898, lives in Westbrook.

Jonathan Sturgis was a Revolutionary soldier, and enlisted in April, 1775, in Captain Hart Williams's company, thirty-first regiment, commanded by Colonel Edmund Phinney. Colonel Phinney led his regiment into Cambridge soon after the battle of Bunker Hill, and he was among the first to march into Boston after its evacuation by the British.

James Sturges—as he spelled the name while living, and as it is spelled upon his monument in Vassalboro—married, for his first wife, a Miss Faught—his younger brother Heman marrying her sister,—and, for his second wife, Nancy Packard, and had by the former, John, Ambrose, Samuel and James; and by the latter, Ira, Nancy, Hannah, Matilda, Emoline, Harriet and Esther Kendall.

John Sturges, son of James, married Caroline

Packard, sister of his stepmother, and had Llewellyn and George. He lived to be over ninety years of age. Both his sons died when young men.

Samuel Sturges was born June 2, 1807, and married Lois Danforth Colman, March 6, 1829. She was born April 26, 1800. He died April 12, 1843. She died September 5, 1883. Their children were, Mercy Ann, born 1830; Hannah Jane, born 1832; Almon Packard, born 1834; Albert Henry, born 1836; Perley Franklin, born 1838, and Alonzo Walton, born June 16, 1842.

Mercy Ann Sturges married Manoah Delling of Minnesota, who died in 1886.

Hannah Jane Sturges married Harrison P. Gilbert of Minnesota, and had a daughter, Lottie B., who married Schuyler Pew, and died, leaving a son, Lloyd.

Almon Packard Sturges married Rebecca Hamlin, and had three sons, one dying in his youth, Leroy, Almon and George Hardwick.

Albert Henry Sturges married Ruth Ellen Thomas, and had two sons and a daughter, Clarence Eugene, Agnes and Ernest Albert.

Perley Franklin Sturges married Emma Maria Healey, and had four sons, Frank Perley, Dwight, Case, Allan Healey and William Henry.

Alonzo Walton Sturges married Frances Ann Murray, April 4, 1867, she born August 11, 1841, of Revolutionary General Joseph Warren ancestry, and had two sons, Ralph Alonzo, born April 29, 1871, and Leigh Francis, born April 3, 1874.

James Sturges, junior, married Nancy Dudley, and had one son, James Henry.

Ira D. Sturges married Rebecca Goodenow, and had two sons and two daughters, Smith, who died in youth, Horace, Angeline, who married Samuel Thurber, and Lizzie, who married J. Manchester Haynes.

PARTIAL COLMAN GENEALOGY.

THE genealogy of Lois Danforth Colman, who married Samuel Sturges, in brief may be traced as follows: Tobias Colman was born in Marlboro, Wiltshire, England, in 1602, and came to Cape Cod with the colonists in 1630, locating on Nantucket island. He had a son Thomas, who had a son Benjamin, who had a son John, who had a son Joseph, who had a daughter Lois Danforth. Tobias Colman had two other sons, Phineas and Elihu, the former settling in Newington, New Hampshire, the latter in Connecticut, while Thomas settled in Newbury, or Byfield, Massachusetts.

Tyler Thomas Colman was born March 26, 1672; married Phoebe Pearson, and had two sons, Benjamin and John, and four daughters. One of the latter married a Taylor,* one, an Adams, one, a Spofford, and one, named Hannah, a Palmer.

Benjamin Colman was born February 6, 1720; married Annie Brown, who was born April 2, 1724, and had seven sons and three daughters, and two children who died in infancy. The sons were, Dudley, who married Polly Jones and had eight children; Thomas, who was drowned on Newbury bar; Benjamin, who married Polly Chute, and had no children; Moses, who married, first, Dolly Pearson and had one son, Jeremiah, and, second, Betsey Little and had one son, Daniel; Molly, who married Joseph Searl and had eight children; Samuel, who married Susannah Atkins and had children; Caleb, who married Sally Burbank and had children; William, who married, first, Susannah Thurston and had nine children, second, Widow Temple and had three sons, third, Widow Brown; and John. Benjamin Colman died at the age of 76 years.

John Colman, born May 12, 1744, married Lois Danforth, as stated, at Newbury, Massachusetts,

1765, and had four children—Eunice, who married Israel Turner, Joseph, Thomas and Polly.

Joseph Colman, son of John and Lois, was born in 1765; married Mercy Cross in 1787. They lived in Vassalboro. She died in 1843. He died in 1858, in Lewiston.

Joseph and Mercy Colman had five sons and five daughters, as follows:—

John Colman, born 1791, married, first, Sarah Colman, second, Betsey Matthews, and had Mary Ann, Lovina, Lucy, John Eldridge and Joseph.

Sarah, born 1793, married Josiah Carr 1814, and had William, Thomas, Jeremiah, Sarah and Hannah.

Maria, born 1797, married Edward Eastman 1818, and had Octavia, Nancy, Violet, Cordelia, George, Eliza, Harriet and Thomas Augustus; and died at over ninety years of age.

Lois Danforth appears in the Sturges genealogy.

Charles M., born 1803, married Mary Bryant 1825, and had Daniel, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Frances, Nathaniel, Hiram and Vesta; and died January 11, 1898, aged 94 years, six months and three days.

Dudley, married Cynthia Richardson 1829, and had Cynthia Maria, Susannah, Roxana, Guilford, Judith, Eliza Ann, Charles, Seth and Elvira

Jeremiah, married, first, Sarah Buswell; second, Mercy Doe, by whom he had Watson Edwin, Sarah Helen, Harriet Frances, Martha; and, third, Sarah Downs, by whom he had Rose, Omar, Ozias and Obed.

Martin, born 1812, married Rebecca Doo 1838, and had Emeline, Ellen, Selissa, Henry and Asbury.

Mehitabel, born 1814, married Jonathan Dow 1819, and had Jonathan, Joseph, Elijah, Dudley, Abrie, Mercy Maria and Harriet.

Eliza, born 1815, married William Fossett, and

had Helen, Eveline, Augustus, Abbie and Arad.

Thus it will be seen that Joseph Colman had 66 grandchildren. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lois Danforth Sturges, in Lewiston, Maine, in 1858, aged 92 years. John and Lois Danforth Colman, his father and mother, died in Vassalboro, in 1823, he September 22, she October 3, after a brief illness of two weeks, both at the age of eighty years.

Thomas Colman, brother of Joseph, born in New Salem, N. H., December 16, 1771, married Abigail Pulsifer, at Byfield, September 8, 1795, she born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, December 8, 1770, and had Polly, born at Rowley, Massachusetts, July 28, 1796, died April 11, 1845; Nathaniel, born at New Chester, New Hampshire, and died March 8, 1799; Benjamin, born at Sanbornton New Hampshire, April 11, 1800; Lucy, born March 9, 1802; Dorothy, born January 10, 1804; Thomas W., born October 14, 1805; Abigail, born September 7, 1807; Susannah K., born August 9, 1809, died June 7, 1883; and Sally P., born November 22, 1811.

Thomas W. Colman married Emily Chase, born August 1, 1810, and had Lizzie, born January 28, 1832, died June 11, 1892; Hannah, born January 25, 1834, died January 16, 1895; John N., born November 3, 1835; Benjamin W., born November 2, 1841; Edwin, born March 17, 1844; and Thomas Franklin born December 9, 1847.

Other great-grandchildren of John and Lois Danforth Colman and grandchildren of Thomas Colman are George W. Batchelder, Esq., of Lowell, Massachusetts, and his sister, Mrs. Nellie R. Jenkins, of Montclair, New Jersey, to whom the compiler is indebted for this branch of his genealogy. Mrs. Jenkins had three children, a son dying in youth, Dr. Fred E. and Gertrude. Her grand-

father Colman was a man of gigantic proportions, being over six feet in height and weighing two hundred and fifty pounds. He lived to be nearly eighty-five years of age, and died at the home of his son Thomas W.

John Danforth, grandfather of Lois, wife of John Colman, died in his ninety-third year. He had three sons—John, Oliver and Samuel. Samuel married Mehitabel Brown and had seven children, one dying in infancy—Eunice married Stephen Brown, Joseph married Rebecca Brown, Lois married John Colman, Ruth married Abner Woodman, Anna married Joseph Downer (drowned on Newbury bar), Elizabeth; all having large families, excepting Elizabeth, who remained unmarried.

Nathaniel Pulsifer, father of Abigail Pulsifer, who married Thomas Colman, married Abigail Proctor and had eleven children—Sally married William Woodward, Hannah married Joseph Moore, Abigail married Thomas Colman, Lucy married Stephen Yeaton, Polly married Ebenezer Lord, Nathaniel married, Samuel married (drowned in Plum Island river), Epes married, Isaac went west, and two who died young. All who married had children.

BRIEF PERSONAL HISTORY.

Mrs. Sarah E. Tate of Stroudwater, Maine, great-granddaughter of Jonathan Sturgis, writes: "My uncle Ebenezer Gorham Sturgis, now over ninety years of age, went to live with his grandfather Jonathan Sturgis of Gorham at the age of sixteen, remaining there until he was twenty-one; and he informs me that during that time James Sturgis of Vassalboro visited there. He is not certain whether he was an uncle or a nephew; thinks he may have been a brother to his grandfather, and says he re-

sembled him, although he seemed younger." Probably Jonathan Sturgis of Gorham used his own name and the names of his brothers—James and David of Vassalboro—in naming his children. Two brothers would hardly have named their children alike. No genealogist has, as yet, been able to find any record of the Sturgis generation next preceding Jonathan Sturgis, which may be accounted for by the mutilated condition of the Plymouth records. Aside from the purpose indicated, however, the compiler has made no attempt to trace the different family trees, but has given records of the earlier Sturgis families largely as copied by Freeman and others, with such changes as later-discovered facts have justified.

Mr. Sprague was born in Barnstable. He writes: "There is an old house there which was bought from the Dimmock family by Samuel Sturgis in 1690, and has been handed down since that time in the Sturgis family, the widow of the late William W. Sturgis, ninety-four years of age, now occupying it." The original Jonathan Sturgis mansion in Gorham, remodeled, is still in possession of his descendants of the Sturgis name.

Ira D. Sturges, son of James, who died about 1888, at Augusta, Maine, was, for the larger portion of his life, engaged in extensive lumber, hay and ice operations, residing most of the time at his Broadacres Farm at Riverside, Vassalboro, but in his later years at Augusta. He was president of the Kennebec Land and Lumber Company, and was associated with Governor Sprague of Rhode Island in the permanent improvement of the water power at Augusta. He was probably the pioneer in shipping ice to the South and selling it at retail, building ice-houses there for that purpose.

Benjamin Colman and his son John were men of varied ability and resources, and well adapted to the times in which they lived. Calico was then rare or unknown. A home-made fabric, hand-printed, was regarded as a fine article of dress, and a bride decked out in such, it is said, would have successfully vied with a modern belle dressed in the most gorgeous silks. A quantity of the wooden calico stamps, in the writer's possession, representing fruit, flowers, vines, etc., stained with the many dyes used, and bearing upon their backs the initials, "B. C.," testify to the skill of Benjamin Colman as a wood-carver, and the important part he took in Newbury's primitive textile manufacture. An old account-book of John Colman, also in the writer's possession, kept between the years 1766 and 1807, with an intermission of four years or so, during the Revolutionary crisis, contains the names of many who were doubtless ancestors of men, distinguished or otherwise, now scattered over our broad country. The name of "Hon. Moses Little, Esq.," the early proprietor of the territory now comprising Lewiston and Auburn, Maine, appears among the rest. John Colman was a man of many talents. He not only led the church choir, but composed many hymns and anthems. At the same time he was eminently practical, and is said to have made the first pair of cart-wheels in Vassalboro. He was a devout Christian, and read the Bible through in course scores of times in his family reading. As his parents had been, so were his children. During the battle of Bunker Hill, the reverberations of the cannon reached old Newbury. Joseph Colman, a lad nine years of age, was awakened by a noise in the rooms below, and went down, to find his father and other men running bullets and making cartridges for use in

the anticipated conflicts. John Colman made several journeys to Vassalboro, before settling there with his son Joseph, where the latter, as stated, raised a large family, most of his children marrying and residing on farms in the vicinity, Charles, recently deceased, being the last of that number. Martin and Eliza yet survive, living elsewhere in Maine. Descendants of Joseph and Thomas Colman, brothers, may be found in many states of the Union.

In preparing these "few stray leaves," the writer has been reminded of the homes of some of his early ancestors—the Sturgises and Colmans. Unlike them, instead of emigrating from Massachusetts to Maine, or from Newburyport to Vassalboro, he reversed the order, and, with his immediate relatives, emigrated, at the age of three years, from Vassalboro to Newburyport, from a comparatively new, rugged country, to an old, aristocratic metropolis. The transition appealed to his imagination like a fairy story from the Arabian Nights, and its memories linger pleasantly still. Newburyport was then at the height of her commercial and manufacturing prosperity; railroads were few and primitive then, and her shipping interests were important. Hence, the significance of the Newbury Bar, on which many an unfortunate mariner lost his life. It was a frequent custom for residents of the town to go up to the look-outs on the roofs of their houses, to discern, if possible, the successful passage over the fateful bar, of some vessel on which a relative or loved one might be returning home. Peopled, as was her suburb, Byfield, with Puritan stock, the Newburyport of fifty years ago was a most delightful place. And, then, it was the home of that eccentric but harmless character, "Lord" Timothy Dexter, whose book, "A Pickle for the Knowing Ones," the reader

was kindly allowed to punctuate or "pepper and salt to suit himself." Nantucket! In later years the writer has visited this historic island—just after the discovery of petroleum in Pennsylvania had robbed her of her greatest industry, the whale-fishery. Paved streets and brick warehouses, so short time before alive with a thriving, bustling population, were now almost deserted and tenantless, save when the summer tourists invaded the island, or the Monohansett arrived from the mainland, and the messenger, in "a two-wheel shay," drove through the town, blowing his horn to announce the arrival of the daily papers. No more pathetic picture could be seen in the desolate cities of the ancient East. But on this island, and the adjacent shores of Massachusetts, New England's forefathers dwelt, and as such it is hallowed ground.



OFF NANTUCKET.