



ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 1855.11.11](#)
DATE: Sunday November 11, 1855
LOCATION: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He was a seaman from the whaling brig *Curlew*, lying at Towne's Wharf.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: New Moon, November 10, 1855
TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Two seamen from the whaling brig jumped overboard for a swim. They had been in the water a short time when one of them disappeared. The other man returned to vessel and reported that his companion had been seized by a shark.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not recorded.

FATAL OCCURRENCE.—REPORTED DESTRUCTION OF A BATHER BY A SHARK — Yesterday afternoon, two seamen belonging to the whaling brig *Curlew*, lying at Towns's Wharf, jumped overboard for the purpose of bathing and having a swim. They had not been many, many minutes in the water when one of them suddenly disappeared, and the other rapidly returned to the vessel, and reported that his companion had been seized by a shark.—*Empire, Nov. 12.*

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

OUR files from Sydney per the Tasmania, arrived yesterday, are to the 17th inst., bring five days later than that published in our issue of Wednesday last, as received by the William Miskin.

The stone of the new Sydney Exchange is nearly completed. It is expected that the building will be roofed in about three months' time.

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