

# IN ARCTIC GRAVEYARD

## PART 7

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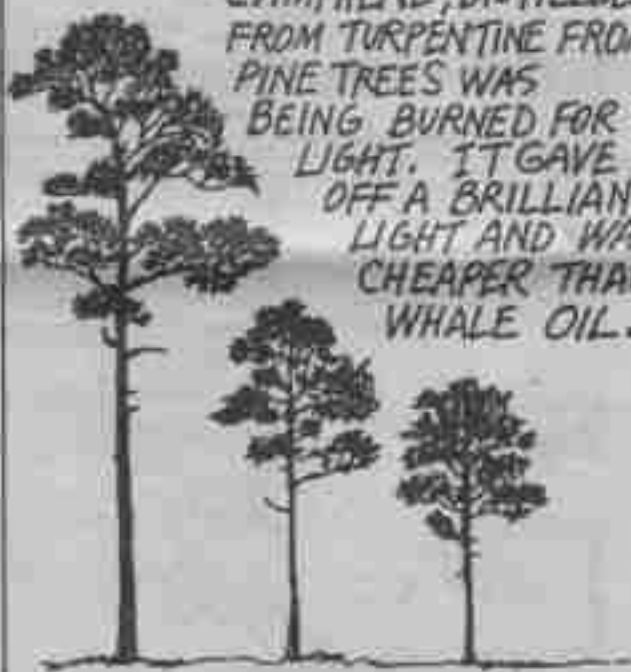
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The development of substitutes had also depressed the market for whalebone. Spring steel, Celluloid and "feather-bone" made from goose quills were suitable and cheaper alternatives in the production of buggy whips, umbrella tines, and other items. When slim ladies' figures became more fashionable than the exaggerated "hour-glass" look of the Victorian era, boned corsets became unfashionable and the bottom dropped out of whalebone sales.

SUBSTITUTES FOR WHALE OIL HAD SIPHONED OFF DEMAND AND PRICES FOR WHALE OIL BEGAN TO FALL.



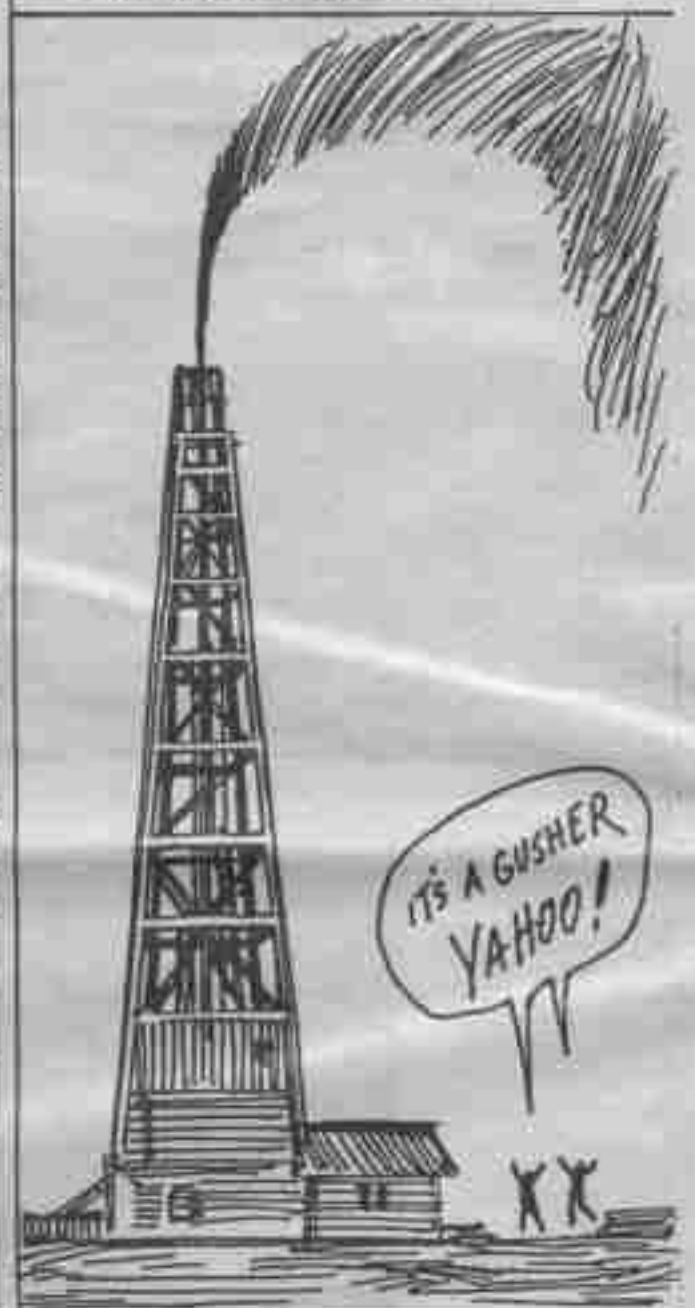
CAMPHENE, DISTILLED FROM TURPENTINE FROM PINE TREES WAS BEING BURNED FOR LIGHT. IT GAVE OFF A BRILLIANT LIGHT AND WAS CHEAPER THAN WHALE OIL.



COAL WAS BEING DISTILLED TO MAKE GAS, WHICH WAS BURNED FOR ILLUMINATION....



AND IN 1859, PETROLEUM WAS DISCOVERED IN PENNSYLVANIA.



AT THE SAME TIME MORE AND MORE SHIPS ENTERED THE BERING SEA. THE NUMBER OF WHALES TAKEN DECLINED. JUST AS IT HAD IN THE WORLD'S OTHER GREAT OCEANS. FRUSTRATED BY THE EMPTY SEAS WE SAILED FARTHER AND FARTHER NORTH AND TOOK GREATER AND GREATER RISKS IN THE SHIFTING PACK ICE IN ORDER TO TAKE WHALES.



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