





The Sword of the Sea

One of the most impressive among many impressive kinds of fishes is the sword fish. Strong, supple, and daring beyond words, the sword fish rips into a school of mackerel, slashing and cutting with its "sword" in a most deadly fashion. It will even attack whales or ships. In the British Museum

there is displayed a sword fish sword pierced into twenty-seven inches of solid timber A British ship in drydock for repairs in 1795 found a "sword" driven right through metal sheathing, a plank three-inches thick, and into a sixinch solid timber. A sword fish sword thrust through the bottom of a dory is said to be not uncommon. Some swordfish may attain a weight of six hundred pounds.

