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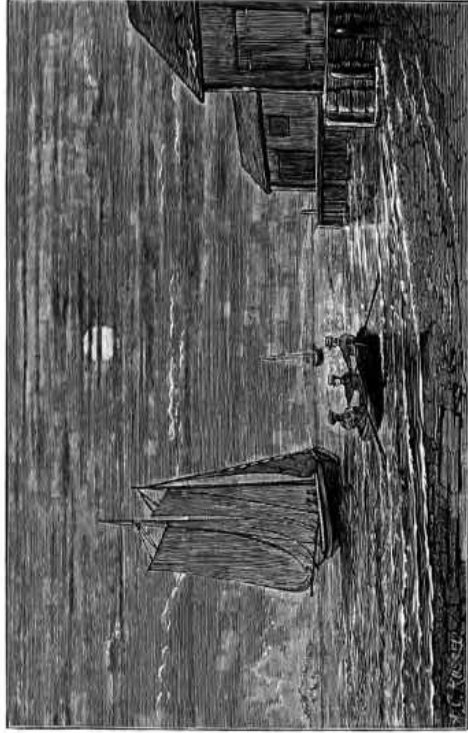
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Landing a fugitive slave at Fiske's Wharf, South Boston, from the Yacht "Moby Dick."
Capt. Austin Beavee, on the night of July 18, 1853.

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At Mount Auburn, to Rev. CHARLES T. TORREY, who died in a Baltimore jail; at New Bedford, to Captain DRAVTON, who endured a terrible imprisonment for years in Washington — for which Charles Sumner wrote the inscription; at Lake Harbor, Michigan, to Captain JONATHAN WALKER, who, in 1844 was cast into a dungeon, and pierced in the hand with a hot iron, by Florida slaveholders — the hero of Whittier's soul-stirring verse, "*The Branded Hand*." All Massachusetts citizens,

"Breasting the full tide of wrong,
Unappalled by the danger, the shame, and the pain,
And counting each trial for Truth as their gain."

So, in the slight record of these pages, gratefully dedicated to THE COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE, would this lover of his fellow-men seek to keep green the memory of the faithful service done to humanity in Boston harbor and streets, in which hunted fugitive slaves were snatched from kidnappers, sheltered, housed and fed, and forwarded with all speed and secrecy to Canada; their rescuers defended in the courts of prosecution, and when Sims and Burns fell victims, their cause plead with unexampled eloquence, till Freedom's fame found wings on every wind.