

# PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM

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The cannon outside of the building is said to be one hundred years old.

After looking through the Museum, we went to The Captain's House, which is across the street. Mrs. Bertha Gilkey met us at the door and conducted us through the different rooms.

The first room is the Chinese Room in which were articles brought from the Orient. A pair of Chinese dolls captured the interest of the girls. They were dressed in their native costume made of embroidered silk.

The boys enjoyed the Whaling Room where there were different kinds of harpoons used in whaling. On the walls were

pictures showing the process of harpooning a whale, and bringing it aboard the ship.

Another interesting room was the Lincoln Colcord Memorial Library where there are old log books made by sea captains long ago. Here, also are books on sailing and sea adventure. Outside this room are pictures of Searsport sea captains from the very earliest time to the present day.

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