Boat With a History.

Captain Crowninshield's Plan to Take Napoleon From St. Helena.

In those days, when fleet and yachts filled out with every conceivable luxury, all sorts sought from the port for new pastime, it is interesting to note the story of a pioneer American pleasure craft and to recall the chief aim of its owner—the rescue of Napoleon from St. Helena.

The Derbyshire, or Salem, Boston, was operated by various members of the family for more than 100 years, dating from 1805. Upon here was sent out many ships owned by the family called Crowninshield, in which vessel rub a loss of our water. Strange friends had lies in other fleets. In 1806 Captain Jacob Crowninshield brought home from Bengal what he said to have been the first elephant ever seen in America, a creature of huge dimensions, whose fame was sounded far and near. It was a fortunate investment, for the owner realized from his sale the sum of $15,000.

This same Jacob Crowninshield was a pioneer and chief of fleets, and started as a profitable business in the East India and China trade. Some of his ships were a little more fortunate, and very successful, and he was thought to have made a fortune. Crowninshield not only made money himself, but also made thousands upon thousands of others from what he called a "chance." Some of the ventures were very large, for at one time he had 15 ships in the East India and China trade