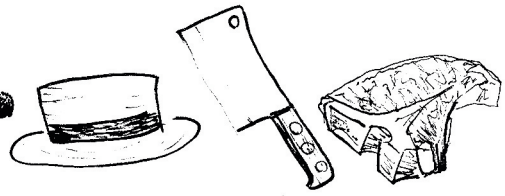


the Butcher



When they came to unpack the square mainsail, the Bellman discovered that someone had cut it up into pieces. Naturally, suspicion fell on the Butcher who admitted that he had committed the deed, but that it had been necessary in order to get it all into the locker (it had never occurred to him to fold it up...) He protested that he had labelled all of the pieces from 1 to 9, but he couldn't remember exactly how they all fitted back together again, although he did recall that the top piece of the sail had ring holes for securing it to the mast.

