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and lowered down our boats I think we was chasing the whales about 1 hour when all at once the Captain cried out, Boat fast and saw that boat going along at the rate of 8 miles an hour. I was not belonging to my boat but the Captain's Boat that season, and our Boat very seldom lowered unless we had to in a case of necessity. While we was aboard of the ship we had to navigate the ship around ahead of the whales so as not to frighten them. In about 1/2 hour the whale was dead, and then we lowered down and helped the Boys tow him alongside, after picking him along side we passed the fluke (skirt) around his tail, and had him all fast so there was no danger of losing him any more. I will give you a sketch of the method of cutting in a sperm whale ⁱⁿ aboard of a ship.

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It was a very large whale after trying him out we found that he gave us 102 Barrels of Oil. On the 28 of November we left the western ground for French rock being a better place to catch whales there being more of them there than any where else. On a Wednesday day we had the delightful pleasure of seeing a large school of whales. We lowered down our boats the Captain's Boat not lowering down, I was at the wheel steering the ship right for the whales, following them as fast as they went away from us the boats had not been down more than an hour and a half when they got for to a 65 Barrell whale as soon as they struck him the whale stove the Boat all to pieces of which you will see