

leaving the men all in the water in a rather dangerous condition plenty of large sharks being around but we lowered down our boat and picked the men up hardly. Had we got the men in the boat when a very large whale came up close to us the Captain lies out to the Boat Stern to get the Irons ready, and Hit Him but Hee was not quite near enough. In the mean time the third mate was pulling as hard as they could for the whale that stove the Boat Hee having two Irons in him besides 300 fathom of line to tow behind him which he would have to stop and rest before many hours at last the third mate latched up to him and put 2 more Irons in which just about killed Him. In half an hour after striking him the second time the Wave was set, which meant that the whale was dead. After towing him along side we attempted to cut him in commencing to cut in on the Body part the Ship gave a heavy roll to windward, which was such a heavy strain that our main mast swung and had it not been for having good rigging the masts would have gone over the side and probably some other damage

would have been done. Before leaving this whaling ground I will give you an idea of the method of catching Whales and how it is done. There is 2 or 3 men at the mast head of a whole Ship. During the whole day to keep a look out for whales and when they see a Whale's spout they ring out then the blow is the Captain asking where away the men at the mast head answering where ever it may be to windward or to leeward sometimes they are in one place and some times in another. The Captain asking again how far off the man at the mast head answering 3 miles off from the Ship. Call all hands and clear away. The boats came next there was a tremendous rush on deck some doing one thing some doing another some ringing out. where are they where are they. The first mate answered hear they are on the lee Beam. right. Close to us hurry up Boys and get the Boats ready. So the Order comes from the Captain to lower away down we go 4 Boats all to gether. After sailing about 2 1/2 miles we have to wait with the Boats and wait for the whale to come up seeing one sail already to boat should