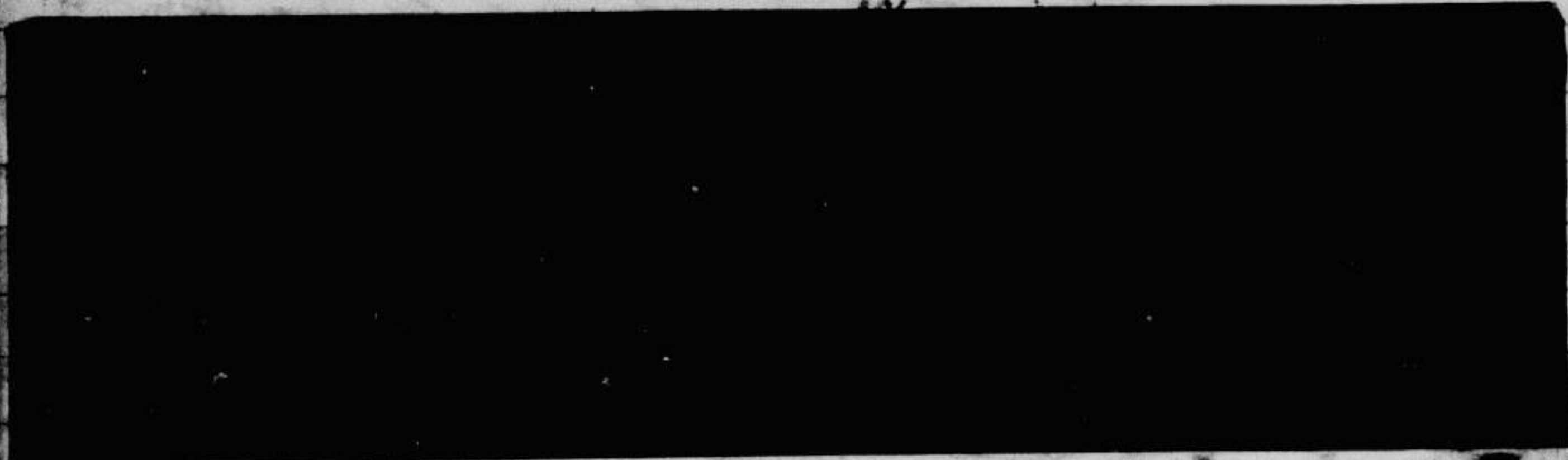


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the whale comes right up. he being likely to come up any moment. as soon as he comes up the Boat Steerer holds his Iron in his hand ready to strike the whale as soon as the boat gets near enough. I will give you a representation of an Iron which they strike a whale with also a picture of a hand l. i. e. by which they kill a whale with.



After striking the whale it is the Boat Steerer's place to go aft. and let the officer come forward so that he can kill the whale as soon as they can get a chance they haul the Boat up close to the whale and then the Officer takes the lance and drives it into the whale and endeavours to kill him but sometimes they can kill him right off. Other times it is an hour or 2 ~~for~~ perhaps longer before they can kill him. or get a chance to get near him. When dead he is taken

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along side and cut in and then tried out stowing. the Oil as soon as cool down below ready for port. Before leaving this whaling ground I will give you a description of a ship trying out and the Boats down for whales. also a description of French Rocks and the N. E. Coast of New Zealand.



Saturday New Years Day we left the French Rocks for Australasian Rights in the S. W. part of Australia being a good whaling ground we stopped there some time seeing no whales we left there for Kangaroo Bay in the later part of March. 1870. Sighting Vandiemans land on the 9th of April. Having such a heavy gale of wind did not dare to go any nearer so we stood off for the night till next.