we shall be obliged to remain in this vicinity we cannot say. Soon after breakfast raised a school of whales. lowered our boats and were so fortunate as to take two. It was so calm that it was nearly night before we got them to the ship - They were considered small whales but they looked formidable to me.

14th commenced cutting in. all hands busily employed except Minnie and myself. we are supernumeraries - nothing for us to do but look on. and we avail ourselves of that privilege. I want to see every thing that is going on. I may never have another opportunity.

15th. Employed in boiling yet - Sabbath day, but it seems not much like it. I do not see how it could be avoided very well without much loss. they work day and night. Minnie and I have amused ourselves by watching the fish from the cabin window that follow our ship for the refuse of the whale that is thrown over board. we saw at one time six sharks following the ship - with the pilot fish ahead of them and no end to the skip jack and Albecore - while on the surface of the water and flying around are hundreds of Mother Carey's Chickens. the air is almost black with them. Minnie says "how many pretty things we see on the ocean, don't we"?

16th. Have finished boiling and are busily engaged in clearing up - shall stow down 60 bbls. quite a good beginning. We had some Albecore for breakfast this morning and Minnie saved one of the bones to dry and carry home, that they might know what an Albecore was. she is much engaged in collecting curiosities. I have a crab's leg in my work-box, now, to be sent to Cynthia the first opportunity.

17th. The ship's company have been engaged some parts of the day in catching albecore to salt down for trade at the Islands. It is said they always command a good price there. put up several barrels. they are very plenty - and look beautifully especially in the night, the water is illuminiated with them.

18th Stowed down 60 bbls oil today - have a clean ship again. have been catching more fish today - Caught some Pilot-fish. they are very pretty fish about the size of a trout blue, striped around with black - and are considered very nice eating.

19th. Had some of those fish fried for supper last night and the rest for breakfast this morning - They tasted very nice. nicer than they ever will again to us I fancy - About ten minutes after I had finished my breakfast my face began to burn and my head to ache badly - I looked in the glass and my face was a sight to behold just as red as it could be, all over, chin, forehead, ears and neck. I lay down upon the sofa and my head ached so that I could not get up to ring the bell for Samuel. Presently he came down and of all the looking creatures that I ever saw - his face was fairly purple - Said I what is the matter? he replied "I did not know what was the matter with me until I saw you, now I know that we are poisoned by eating those fish after they had been kept over night, at that time Mr Dickerson came down, he was aloft. he did not know what was the matter with him but he felt so badly he did not dare to stay very longer - So it went on, one came down after another until all who had eaten them, felt the consequences. Some were fortunate enough to throw them off their stomachs without any help others were obliged to resort to emetics - We all felt poorly enough for the remainder of the day - Now the very sight of a pilot-fish is enough to make us sick -

20th. caught some more albecore to day some very large ones, measure four feet around them. I caught about a dozen, some of them I could pull up myself and others I required some assistance.

21st Killed my terrapin today - We are going on a little faster than we have been, but at a slow rate still only three or four knots an hour. It will take us some time to get to the Islands at this rate.

22nd We are having the weather a little cooler now than we have done but it is very warm - I think I never knew what warm weather was at home, but, in a calm, around the