11th. Has been very rough today – this afternoon the ship made a sudden lurch – which threw me with such force from my chair, as to overthrow the Melodeon from its standard, to the floor where we all fell together. The Melodeon was not so much injured as we feared although there is a large hole made in the bellows and the frame is somewhat marred. Shall put it away for the present. I tell my husband "So much for having the old woman" with him" but he seems to think he can get along better without that than he could without me.

18th. Have had a succession of damp, foggy, windy, cold, dreary days very far from pleasant on deck. I get along very comfortably with it however, have a nice little stove, a good cozy fire, a kind husband and a dear little daughter, how ungrateful should I be to complain. I also have plenty of books and an abundance of work. It would be delightful indeed to see friends, near and dear but uninterrupted happiness is not for mortals to enjoy.

20th Have had a very pleasant day clear, bright and sunny. Have seen no right whales as yet, almost every day we hear the sound of "there blows" but they all prove to be fin-backs or hump-backs. I hope we may commence our labors before long. Have been obliged to kill Minnie's terrapin and the little kid to save their lives, as the weather was much too cold for them. Pincher gets along very prosperously.

24th. Saw two ships this P.M. went down to them and spoke them. They proved to be the Benjamin Rush of Warren, Capt Wyatt, clean and the ~~Enterprise~~ Nantucket William Henry Capt Gammill, 800 oil since leaving the Islands – Heard of the Enterprise with one whale – they had all experienced very rough weather.

Samuel went on board the B. Rush for a few minutes but as it was rough did not like to stop.

25th Saw two right whales this morning, being the first we have seen, but it is of not much use to see them such rough weather as this. Two boats lowered in

pursuit of them, but they soon came back to the ship, had a very rough day. At sunset saw another whale – Six months today since we have been in our floating home. They have passed very rapidly and pleasantly to me. What the next six months may have in store for us the All Wise only knows. But we have the assurance that "as our day is, so shall our strength be." It is so rough that I make sorry work at writing.

27th. Spoke the Cincinnati this morning Capt Williams clean, of Sterling. Capt W. came on board and passed the day with us. In the afternoon spoke the Contest of New Bedford Capt Sandlow 7 months out 430 whale 20 sperm; nothing this season have experienced much bad weather and seen but few whales. We had a very pleasant visit from them. Capt Sandlow has a farm on Long Island, has three children, has been a voyage for each of the two elder children, and is now on his last voyage for the youngest. It is a question in my mind whether it is advisable to do so, whether the children would not be as well off without it. Heard of the death of Capt Cushman and his wife of the Sancer, she sailed a short time before we did for the same owners. He died five days from port, and the poor woman took passage in a Merchant ship, home, but died on her passage. I have not heard the particulars, but it may be from the effects of grief. We had two letters on board for the Contest. Heard of the Hundtville, Capt Grant, having taken one whale, being the second only we have heard of. The Captains seem all undecided as to where to go, or what to do, the season seems different from what it has in general been, where they have formerly found good whaling there are no whales to be seen. Perhaps it will all come out right in the end. Capt Sandlow has not been in port since he left home, he gave him a couple of barrels of potatoes – which were very acceptable –

28th Spoke the William Henry again tonight, had seen one whale since we last saw him. The weather was so rough he did not come on board –