31st. Lowered twice today for whales without success, two ships in sight doing the same with like result. think one is the Contest.
91st. Chased whales most of the afternoon about tea-time spoke the Gay Head Capt. Lowe came on board from months out, one whale this season, soon after spoke the Contest and Capt. Ludlow came on board again, he brought the daguereotypes of his wife and children for us to look at, which I liked well to do.
June 1st. Comes in at home with ~~[illegible]~~ flowers and sweet singing birds, very different from what we are now experiencing. I have prophesied that we should get a whale today, but we have lowered our boats twice in vain.
The whales are exceedingly shy. they will see the boats before they get near enough to strike them and surely they cannot be blamed for getting out of harm's way.
2nd Lowered twice again this afternoon, came back again as soon as they lowered. Saw three ships today, spoke or rather Signalized the Gen. Pike Capt. Russell.
3d Spoke the Sarah Sheaf this morning of New Bedford Capt. Loper. 10 Months out 800 barrels, he came on board and stopped until after dinner when we raised whales and he was off in an instant, boats were lowered from both ships in pursuit of them to no purpose. Capt L. had been on the ground since the last of March and has taken but two whales. he was away from home on his last voyage (a whaling and trading voyage) sixty-six months, when he returned he purchased himself a farm in the vicinity of Buffalo, and has taken this voyage for the purpose of obtaining a little more money so that he may not be obliged to work himself. caught a fin seal today its head resembles the head of a dog, its tail and fins are fish.

5th. Saw no whales yesterday and have seen none today, the weather is very thick and foggy.
6th. Nothing of importance happened until about 4 o'clock we saw a whale and got so near him with the ship, soon round and presently saw him again, after supper lowered the boats, and about 7 o'clock had the good fortune to have a large whale alongside the ship, we are all delighted and hope this is only the commencement of our good fortune. 180 bbls.
7th. We have been busily employed in cutting in today. I have had a severe pain in my head and face for the last week, which has made me sick, for three days I could not sit up at all. the motion of the ship, and the noise on head was very trying to me, but I have nearly recovered ~~[illegible]~~. I was disappointed that I could not go on deck to see the whale. hope I may have another opportunity very soon.
8th. Another gale today so that they have been obliged to put out the fires and stop the trywork.
9th. The gale has abated, but it is quite foggy. have commenced boiling again.
13th. Have been out of the way of whales and ships for the last few days. finished stowing down our oil today. the whale made us 195 barrels. we have had a very pleasant day almost calm. I went on deck at noon and passed an hour very pleasantly while there. I had my first good sight at a live whale. A large "sulphur bottom" came up close by the ship and performed several revolutions around it very majestically. A boat was lowered but he was too quick for them. we are now proceeding north in the direction of Rose Island. what we shall find in that vicinity remains to be seen.
17th Saw Hayes Island at a distance this morning. have had a very rugged day. No whales to be seen. Spoke the Charles Carroll of New London Capt. Parsons. ~~had~~ two whales this season. he says their