13th The anniversary of our marriage, Ten years to day we were united "until death us do part"

"Yes, ten most blessed years have passed
Since Heaven pronounced me thine
Each still more happy than the last
Since first I knew thee mine."

"Yes, mine! My precious husband, thou
More than when first thy bride,
Full well I know thou lovest me now;
My warmth thou wilt not chide."

"Stoics have smiled and poets talked
Of love's first fitful ~~beams~~ blooms;
But we in heightening bliss have walked
Neath ~~a~~ ~~score~~ scores of "honey moons"

May the day that shall separate us be far distant.

14th Saw Mount Fairweather in the distance, with its hoary summit clothed in snow. Passed a ship, but did not speak her, saw four at a distance.

15th. The ~~two~~ boats went after whales, and had the good fortune to capture a Mother and child, or cow and calf, as they are called, the little one will not make much oil. A little shore bird flew on board yesterday from the vicinity of Mt Fairweather, which they caught for me. it is brown and yellow, quite a pretty bird. I have turned my work-basket over for a cage, given him flax-seed and rice to eat and water to drink, so that he seems quite at home. If he will only sing, I shall feel so happy. I long to hear the notes of a bird again. I was exceedingly disappointed at the absence of birds at the Islands. We have enjoyed a warm, pleasant day.-

17th Loomed for whales in the morning but it was so calm, could not get near enough to dart. About noon, as good luck would have it for once, picked up a dead whale, it had been dead too long for the body to be of any use, saved the

two lips and throat, which made us 25 barrels. We put that with the calf and call it five whales.-

18th Minnie's birth-day, to which she has been looking forward with much pleasure she thinks now that she is quite old, six years. She has received from one and another, on board, as presents, a little breast-pin, and three dollars and sixpence in money. Spoke the John Howland at night, six whales this season. My little bird died about sunset.

19th Spoke the Contest, Capt. Ludlow this morning cutting in a whale, has taken five this season and picked up one of ours, the one that we cut from the 28th June. He gave us back our irons. Samuel and Minnie went on board. She brought back a bowl of nice honey in the comb that he gave her.

21st Spoke the Enterprise, of Nantucket, Capt Brown this morning, taken one whale this season and picked up three dead ones. Capt Brown came on board and stayed to dinner with us. He has lost one man this season by getting a boat stove.

22nd Start this morning for Bristol Bay, direct, unless we see whales by the way. After dinner spoke the William H Henry, of Fairhaven, Capt. Grinnell, three whales this season, will cruise up here a while longer, before going into the Bay. Finished ~~throwing~~ down our oil today 155 barrels, mail 600 now, all told.-

23d A rough rainy day with a high wind.

24th Pleasant and sunny with a head wind.

25th. Cloudy, with a good breeze.- going 6 knots, eight months from home today.

Aug 15th For the past three weeks have been making passage to Bristol Bay with head winds and light during most of the time. Have met with nothing of interest. Have seen neither whales or ships, but have been wending our way, solitary and alone, through the trackless deep.

14th Made Ouninack Island and the Ougamok group. We are to pass through Ouninak Strait, a passage 10 miles wide, I shall be glad when we get safely