8th Commenced boiling this forenoon. Saw a ship which we thought to be the Japan, but as soon as we commenced boiling he started off. Quite rugged in the morning, but about noon it cleared away and we had fine weather for the remainder of the day.

9th. Fine weather in the forenoon, in the afternoon were obliged to "lay to" in a gale. Saw a ship after tea which we judge to be the same one that we have seen at times for several days.

10th. The wind died away during the night to nearly a calm, fine weather this morning, the ship still in sight, fine weather during the day. Spoke the ship after tea, which proved to be the Japan. Capt. Dimon, did not gam, he had been chasing the whales this afternoon without success. has taken two whales since leaving the Islands. About Sunset commenced raining and blowing a gale.

11th. Weather rainy and thick in the forenoon in the afternoon pleasant. all hands employed in stowing down oil. Stowed down 140 barrels from the two whales.

12th. Fine weather during the day with the exception of one or two squalls. After dinner spoke the ship Splendid of Edgartown. Capt Smith came on board and passed the afternoon with us. As he was bound for Valparaiso very soon, I sent some letters in by him that he might mail them home. I sent two sheets to Falmouth one to S. P. Bourne and one to Sarah. one to New Bedford to George, one to Father & Mother, one to Charles and Louisa and one to Cynthia to Sandwich, and one to be left at Valparaiso to Thomas Bailey. hope they may reach their destination before letters that we shall send from the Islands. Capt Smith has not taken a drop of oil for eleven months, has 250 sperm and 140 whale. In the afternoon there was another ship in sight.

13th. Pleasant weather with quite a strong breeze. The ship Splendid in sight astern of us. After tea one goose flew overboard and we were obliged to send two boats out after her. they finally succeeded in catching her after injuring her with the boat-hook. consequently we were under the necessity of killing her. About dark the wind increased,

14th. Pleasant weather with a strong breeze the ship still in sight. In the afternoon the gale increased and blew with great violence during the night. About one o'clock I was awakened by a sound as of the rushing of swarm waters my first thought was that the ship was going down - but my fears were entirely groundless, as we only shipped a heavy sea which broke one of the sky-lights and sent the water into the after-cabin. The Steward was called up to bail it out which he soon did, but almost every thing was wet through.

15th. The gale continued unabated, until about eleven o'clock when it rapidly increased. about twelve o'clock, shipped another heavy sea which went across the ship with such force, as to carry away the bow-boat, davits &c from the other side. The gale was much harder than any we have experienced since leaving home. In the afternoon the gale rather abated and the sea went down.

16th. Quite a strong breeze but the gale has left us. Minnie says "She wishes that Papa would "huff up his helm" and start for the Islands, for she is quite tired of this weather, for we came here for whales, and can find nothing but gales" and I think it is even so. Saw a ship to day quite near us, probably she was not far distant during the gale. Had a severe pain in my face to day, which I suppose proceeds from a defective tooth.

16th. Another strong breeze with some rain and very thick saw some indications of whales - so Samuel thought it best to "lay to", and not go over the ground in a fog - Have been confined to my bed for two days with the pain in my head and face. the sore broke this afternoon, so that I think I shall soon get over it.

17th. A thick fog again this morning; had some trouble with one of the forward hands, which ended in confining him in the run - such things are very unpleasant to me, he has been down there once before, during the voyage, and I hoped that would be sufficient for him, but it seems that it has proved otherwise. In the afternoon a hard rain-storm.

21st. A gale came on the night of the 17th which has continued, without abatement ever since, and last night Samuel resolved to go "before the wind" and leave this region as quick as possible, 'tis useless to stop here, for if we should see whales, which we do not, it would be of