procure what he wished, he went on board the "Saratoga", Capt. Slocum sent us some fresh dates, different from any that I ever saw. In the afternoon he went on board the Majestic where he was successful.
About 4 P.M. saw a Bow-head, boats from all the ships went in pursuit of him, but he made his escape by going under the ice. Five ships have been added to our company today, two of them have been reported as the Caravan and the Marengo. We have the most delightful weather I think that I ever experienced, still, clear and comfortably warm.
19th. A thick fog, so thick most of the time, that we could not see a ship's length, which considering our situation, so small a place to work in and so many ships, was rather unpleasant. The other three ships that we saw yesterday, were the Champion, Hudson and the Barque Fortune. The boats from the most of the ships were off this morning, and it seemed very lively to hear the horns and the guns informing the boats of the whereabouts of their respective ships. Our boat spoke the Marengo, and we received the compliments of Capt. & Mrs Skinner. The Majestic got a whale last night, so that there are now three ships boiling we are nearly through now, one whale turned out to be rather a poor one, but "small favors thankfully received". Several ships are now on their way in where we are. The whale made 67 bbls.
20th. Quite clear and cold. The James Maury Capt Berry is quite near us, came in last night. Capt. Slocum made us a short visit in the morning. We gave him a piece of fresh pork and three little pigs.
About noon the ships began to work in the ice, and after going through several fields of rotten ice, found ourselves in clear water again. We are surrounded by ice but have a large place to get about in. We were near the land, than we were before. Saw a ship at a distance which appeared to be cutting in. Capt Slocum spoke the Speedwell about a week ago. He thinks she is one of the ships in sight.

21st. Had quite a hard snow-storm which lasted all night, thick and cloudy this morning. Spoke the ship which we saw cutting in yesterday, which proves to be the Barque Fortune, Capt Anderson, boiling. Another ship near us which we supposed to be the Rambler. We afterward found it to be the Mary of Edgartown. A bow-head was seen in the forenoon and boats from all the respective ships went in pursuit of him, the Majestic's boats were the fortunate captors, so that she now numbers two whales. Our boat spoke the Omega while out and Mr Whittens sent his respects to us.
I hope he will be able to come and see us. Had quite a severe snow-storm for most of the day. In the afternoon a gale came up, and lasted for several hours. There is not much sea here while we are surrounded by ice, so that we lay very still. The Omega reports one whale.
22nd Boats were off once but without success. After tea Samuel went on board the Omega and Mr Whittens came here to see us, bringing the daguerotypes of his wife and Lizzie, had a very pleasant call from him. It seems very pleasant to see and converse with any one who knows my friends, even if they are personally strangers to me.
23d. Another whale belongs to the Addison, took him alongside about two o'clock and they are now engaged in cutting in. The Gay Head appears to be engaged in the same manner, Sixteen ships in sight.
Cold and rather cloudy, but very smooth. Yesterday we took a seal. The size of it surprised me very much but I am told they are to be seen here very much larger, this was the size of a large dog. They are very ugly looking creatures. I have seen many small ones.
24th A strong breeze in the morning, commenced boiling. In the afternoon moderated. Eleven ships in sight. Gay Head close by us. Saratoga came down to us and Capt Slocum came on board for a short time. Soon after he went back to his ship they raised anchor lowered their boats and succeeded in taking one, to the satisfaction probably of all concerned.
The Caravan took one yesterday also, and there is a Barque boiling in sight. Delightful weather, smooth and clear.