that have taken three whales and but a few that have
two. It has been thus far a very icy season and the whales
it is supposed have been in the ice where ships could not
go. It is about time for the ice to break up now if it is
to break up this season. The 4th of July to day and the
Sabbath. how different our situation from our friends at
home. A gale of wind with ice and land to avoid, the ice
probably would be a refreshing sight to them. probably the
celebration if there is any to come off will take place
tomorrow. he had a turkey stuffed and roasted
with wild ducks, which are very plenty here. perhaps
tomorrow we may get a whale. Spoke the B. Tucker in
the afternoon. Samuel went on board to tea. As it cleared
away a little, they decided to start for another day.
5th. Thick and foggy through the night lay off and on
under short sail. lost sight of our consort until about
noon, when it cleared up a little and we found him
anchored about two miles from us. Twelve ships in
sight some off them anchored at various places
along the coast. the Russian passed very near us.
As it cleared up the B. Tucker weighed anchor and
we proceeded together along around the point to
look for Mysinka Bay as it is called, which is the Esquimaux
name for "good". We were obliged to pass through a
little ice, which was very thin, but we have now
arrived safely at the desired harbor and are safely
anchored and tomorrow morning shall commence
operations, hope we may find it no worse than we
fear. Another ship entering the bay tonight.
A canoe of natives have just arrived and I will
leave off to go up and see them.
6th. Commenced breaking out and arranging matters
preparatory to repairing the ship. Procured a Carpenter
from the B. Tucker and Carpenter and Blacksmith
from the James Maury who is anchored near us
Sat. they have got her out of water as much as possible on the
larboard bow. so that our position on board is not very
comfortable. I have had invitations to go on board the

other ships, but I think I can stay here very well. Capts.
Barber and Tucker were on board all day. We have had
fine pleasant weather through the day but all outside
the bay there is a thick fog-bank. I would hardly believe
there could be such a difference. The James Maury
has taken two whales this season.
7th. About 1 o'clock in the morning they awoke Samuel by
telling him there was plenty of ice drifting toward us.
he immediately got up, and went on deck, and found
that the ice was too heavy to drift through and we
must get under way. which we did also the B. Tucker.
the James Maury lay still as he could clear the
heavy ice. After the ice had passed and we saw
no more coming we concluded that was the last
instalment and decided to go back and anchor again
as we were in no condition to go to sea, as we were
keeled over to one side very much and down at the
stern, when we were in the ice we slipped our anchor
and when we went back after getting through the ice
we recovered it again. We had a fine day this day
Capt. Barbour came on board and invited Minnie
to go on board and dine with him, on roast turkey.
which she was delighted to do. About noon the Caravan,
Capt. Bragg, came in and anchored. Minnie returned
about four o'clock with a bouquet of beautiful flowers, which
she plucked from the shore, having been there with
Capts. Barbour, Tucker and Bragg. She visited the Esquimaux
in their huts, which were poles set up and covered with skins.
their winter residences are underground. they were cooking
a piece of walrus meat in oil, while she was there they
offered her a piece, which she declined. They think
much of her, the little children that come on board
run about with her. the children even infants are dressed
the same as their parents. the females wear loose pants
"a la Bloomer". and the males wear tights which is the
only difference perceivable in the dress of the two sexes.
the men have their hair shaved on their heads except
around their foreheads - and the women have theirs cut
short around their forehead and two long braids behind