in having any dainty morsel. In the afternoon had a strong breeze, about tea time it moderated and commenced raining.

10th. Samuel went on board the Ben Tucker in the morning and stopped until after dinner, Mr Payne the Mate came on board. About five o'clock it came in thick and rainy and we anchored in 7 fathoms of water. A French Ship lays quite near us. After tea Capt Barbour came on board and soon after we had a visit from Capt Hatch of the French Ship Jason 7 months out clean. He has been in the ice lost his entirely, part of his stern, sheathing and copper &c but does not leak. The Caravan has lost her entirely, the Mary of Edgartown has got stove in the ice, so that she leaks quite badly. The leak is nearly stopped now, unless it breaks out in some new place. She leaks perhaps 8 or 10 strokes per hour. Heard from the South America Nassau, William Thompson and William Tell Nothing Season.

11th. A hard rainstorm through the night, this morning it cleared up with a North wind, the first time for long while that we have had the wind from that quarter. We took up our anchor after breakfast and are now cruising round on the lookout for bow-heads as it is about time for them to begin to be along here. Saw a plenty of Muscle-diggers or Californian Grays this morning. Afternoon Samuel went on board the B. Tucker to see who was gammoning with him and to learn the news. Stopped to tea and Mr Paine, the Mate, came here. 17 ships and Brigs in sight, most of them coming down the Straits. Samuel learned from Capt. Sarvent that a number of ships had been up in the Arctic, and down through the Straits again as there were no whales there. We are pretty well satisfied that there have been but a very few to go through and a large body of whales is yet to come, and they must pass this way to get there. In the evening Capt Barbour gammoned with several ships on board the America. She has taken nothing since May, has 3 whales, the Japan nothing, Hudson 1 whale, Helen Mar nothing and Arnolda nothing.

12th. Most of the fleet we saw yesterday have gone South, but the B. Tucker and Addison have decided to stop around here for a few days, and go around in the Bays. Capt. B. came on board in the morning, but it came on so rugged that he soon left us. During the four ow we had a strong breeze and a heavy sea. Spoke the Emerald Capt. Hallock from the Arctic, going South, nothing season. In the afternoon worked up in St. Laurence Bay and found the weather very delightful. About 5 P.M. anchored in 23 fathoms of water in company with the B. Tucker and the Goethe Capt. Austin. He is just from Rodeack with 3 whales, reports whales quite plenty there, but difficult to take. He are to send boats farther up the Bay prospecting. And oh! that they might find one bow-head, to cheer our hearts.

13th. The anniversary of our wedding-day, being eleven years since we were ~~married~~ united in the holy bonds of matrimony, and eleven happy years have they been to us. Two boats left the ship in the morning, we gone through the day, about 8 o'clock Mr Nickerson returned in Mr Brown's boat leaving his boat there laying by a whale called a Muscle-digger, Rip-Sack Devil-Fish or Californian Grey. He had previously anchored as it was a calm and we could make nothing, but he got under way to try to beat down to where they were, as it was impossible to do so, we anchored again that we might be able to hold our own. We had Esquimaux in great numbers on board through the day men women and children, Minnie had a grand time running races with the children, they appeared to be quite playful. Samuel purchased about 80 lbs of Walrus teeth and two splendid bearskins of them. We saw two bears on a hill from the ship last night, which looked to be mammas. About 7 P.M. as it was coming in foggy sent Mr Chappell out to Antone's assistance with orders to leave the whale if necessary.