suffered exceedingly Sunday night and the greater part of this day with a gathering at the roots of my tooth. I was able to get up however and prepare the treat for her. We set the table and called the officers down about 1/2 past 7 P.M. Minnie was so happy she hardly knew what to do with herself, and I think we all enjoyed it pretty well. the officers all united in saying that they had not sat down to such a table since they left home. The treat consisted of a plate of Sister Celia's fruit cake, two loaves of cup cake frosted, two plates of currant jelly tarts and a dish of preserved pine-apple. Also hot coffee good and strong with plenty of milk and white sugar. after we had finished there was an ample supply left which was sent into the steerage for boatsteerers &c. Minnie arose this morning about 4 o'clock to look at her presents. She had a box of little notions a book and a pocket handkerchief from Mrs Brayton, a pair of china vases from Mary White two packages of paper dolls a book and a package of dancing-cards from Helen Whitney, an ivory shuttle and an half a dollar from her Papa and a bottle of Cologne a tooth-brush and a quarter of a dollar from her Mamma. Not of much value but they were all very pleasing to her.

21st. The afternoon of this day the fog cleared up and the sun came out bright and pleasant after having a rain-storm of two days we have been in the vicinity of Gore's Island for several days but it was calm and so thick we could neither see it nor get observations, this morning Samuel thought he had cleared it and as we had a good breeze ventured to square the yards and make a fair wind of it, he got a latitude at noon, and at 4 P.M. got good altitudes so that now we know just our position

22nd Made St Lawrence Island this morning Samuel intended going off Cape Behring first but the wind hauled, we are headed now for Kings Island where they have in times past made "good cuts." I cannot think for a moment that Dame Fortune will permit us to leave the whaling grounds at the end of the season, without one drop of oil. I exert all my powers to keep up the spirits of the Captain and officers, and I really believe that they are in far better spirits than though Minnie and myself were not here. about 7 P.M. heard the cry of "there blows"! we were almost sure they were a school of bow-heads but they proved to be "humpbacks".

23d Rainy for the most part of the day about 6 P.M. came in thick and foggy so that Samuel gave up his intention of going to Kings Island, and squared away to go through the Straits. Saw a school of Muscle Diggers about sunset.

24th Quite thick. Saw St Lawrence Bay and the land all along the coast in that vicinity

26th. Saw the land, raining through the day, about 6 P.M. it set in very thick and foggy so that Samuel thought best to anchor which we did at the mouth of Michigmen Bay in fourteen fathoms of water.

27th Cleared up a few minutes in the morning so that Samuel obtained a glimpse of our position, about 10 A.M. a strong breeze came up, so that Samuel deemed it best to take up the anchor thick during the day and our position any thing but pleasant, land in every direction, besides a current to contend with, we made short tacks

28th Saw the land again this morning and found that we had kept about in the same place that we were yesterday as Samuel hoped to do, saw a ship this afternoon the day which was a very welcome sight. foggy more or less through

29th Foggy through the night, in the morning cleared up a little so that we raised the ship close by, she has passed East Cape and now if this breeze holds on for a few hours we shall be in the Arctic where I sincerely hope the fog will leave us, there has not been a day for the last month that we have not experienced more or less fog. About noon the wind left us. So we concluded that we would have a gam, we were almost afraid to fearing that we should learn that they had been doing well in the Straits. We hauled up the mainsail, and set the colors for the Captain to come on board, when who should make his appearance but Capt Coffin our last year's acquaintance of the Champion. I was very happy to see him. he has taken one right whale and pickled up one fin-back this season. We did not grudge it at all, for he was one of the fleet that went into the Islands clean last fall, as it now looks we shall do the same this season. Imagine our feeling when we were told there had been a grand cut taken off Cape Haddens by a few ship in June there 30 a 40 ships were hanging about for weeks in the ice