seen no chance since he made. Some coffee about 10 o'clock and set out a small treat consisting of soda crackers, cheese pie, and cake. Capt. Thomas presented Minnie with a Japannese cricket which he purchased at Hakodadi. She was perfectly delighted with it.
The Captains left about 12 o'clock.
11th Cold and blustering with occasional snow squalls. several ships in sight also plenty of ice off shore some of which appears to be very heavy. Sent two boats in to the ice for walrus in the afternoon but it came in thick very soon after leaving so that they only took one which they left behind nothing that looks like a whale is to be seen. every one almost despairs, but at the same time they do not dare to leave here fearing the whales will make their appearance suddenly as they did last year after so many of the ships had left the ground. We shot quite a number of ducks today also had an addition to our family of eight little pigs. the wind has been North west to day the first change from due North since we have been here, probably that has kept the ice down so late this season.
12th. A Southerly wind today, it is cloudy and snows occasionally but there is quite an observable change in the atmosphere. P.M. the wind soon after changed to the North west again. head boats in after walrus today they towed nine to the ship and brought a number of heads on board, several ships in sight.
13th A calm in the morning we were several miles from the ice, sent the boats in after more walrus and if it breezed up we were going to meet them if not they were to bring the heads only. the wind soon breezed a little, as we were standing off he raised a bow head and set the colors immediately for the boats to come on board. the bow-head vanished immediately and we have not seen him since. 8 or 10 ships in sight, after tea we lay aback for a Barque to come down to us we found it to be the Tybee Capt. Freeman an old acquaintance. he very soon came on board and we passed a very pleasant evening. We went down to the other ships but they were gamming by

themselves, consequently we had no more addition to our party. Capt Freeman had been to Hakodadi and he wished Samuel to go on board and look at his wares which he purchased. Samuel returned with him about 10 P.M. and stopped until 1 A.M. he made a few purchases and Capt Freeman sent me a pair of lacquered waiters and sent Minnie a Cabinet, a very handsome present. he also brought a bucket of Hakodadi apples and a jar of preserves. Quite a melancholy accident occurred to him while at that port he smoked his ship for rats. the crew slept on deck, the steward and cabin boy went in the house at 12 o'clock one shut the door in the morning they were both found dead. Capt. Freeman has taken four whales this season, was fortunate enough to be in the mob off Shaddens. He reports ice in the straits which alarmed us a little fearing that we might get caught in here and be obliged to stop all winter but they say there is no danger of that, after we have a Southerly gale which we ought to expect now and which will drive the ice up North to the barrier then we shall have good weather and in all probability find whales.
14th The French ship Jason ran off for us this morning wishing to speak us which he did about nine o'clock. Capt Hache came on board. I had seen him before. he is a Frenchman but talks very good English, his boats crew all wore heavy wooden shoes which looked very queer to us. Before dinner Capt Freeman of the Tybee came on board, in the afternoon we had an addition of Capt Jenks of the Mary to our party. and after tea Capt Soule of the William C. Nye came on board. The Jason took two right whales on Shodrick, the Mary and the Wm C. Nye each took four off Cape Shaddens. Capt. Soule expects to find his wife and child in Honolulu when he arrives at that port in the fall. Some ships within a few days found it quite difficult to get through the straits, but it does not appear to give the fleet any alarm so I will not let it trouble me. I think more of the whales now than anything else. it seems "as if I should fly" when I think it is the middle of August and not a whale yet what shall we do. where shall we go. Capt. Soule says that he saw three bow heads today going very fast to the South, in consequence of this Samuel thinks he will lay aback tonight and he may see whales tomorrow. Eleven ships in sight.