and as the ice was quite near us and we might be obliged to carry sail to keep off and our ship being so light Samuel thought it best to stow down some of our oil which we have on deck. At about nine o'clock they went to work Samuel was on deck through the night and Minnie slept with me.

19th A fine pleasant morning. We need not have stowed down our oil last night as it proved, but it was best to be on the safe side, oil is too scarce to be thrown over board in these hard times. We stowed down 30 barrels, have not finished boiling yet. Loweed several times without success, whales very wild seen them once and then they vanish. Saw the ice today at a distance, it looks quite formidable. 20 ships in sight.

20th. Quite Calm today too much so to be successful in taking anything. Boats down for the most of the forenoon Mr Huntley spoke Mr Whittens boat. He said he had been wanting to see me all the season. thought I could tell him considerable news. They took a whale day before yesterday which sank. they succeeded in pulling him up this morning. As our boats were coming aboard, a ship signalized to one of them to come on board, Mr Crocker went and returned with a letter and package of papers for us from Mr Whitney we have received our mails quite regularly for the last week I wish they might continue but it is probable that we have received the last, and much more than we expected I was glad to see in one of the New Bedford papers the safe arrival of the R. I. Supply Schooner Guthrie of which brother George is Clerk. he also heard by letters received of the safe arrival of our bone and oil in New Bedford that we sent home last fall. Whale oil was quoted at 50 & 55 cts per gallon, and Arctic bone 85 to 90 cts per pound, that is much better than we feared. After tea we received a call from Capt Sanborn and Mr Whittens of the Omega and soon after Capt Newman of the Barque Covington came on board, they were both in the Cape Thaddeus cruz. Capt. S. has 6 whales and Capt. Sanborn is now boiling his 7th. There is no one in the fleet, ourselves excepted, who I would rather have the oil than Mr Whittens. I am truly glad for him. I could give him favorable intelligence of his wife up to Feb. 18th. Minnie gave him her "pow bit" of a note that she received from

Lizzie to carry home as he could not see to read it. Saw 30 ships in sight within a few miles of Cape Lisburne, is it any wonder that we do not get oil? yet not one dares to leave for fear he might lose his chance of getting even one whale.

21st Samuel was called at two o'clock this morning, to go aloft he thought that if we could raise whales very early in the morning before they were stirred up we should stand a better chance of getting one, but not a spout was to be seen. 43 ships in sight, not one of the lot had boats down and out of the 43, 3 only were boiling what a prospect! A strong Southerly breeze today but pleasant the whales seem to have left the ground, perhaps they have gone into the ice as they were chased so much yesterday finished boiling this morning.

22nd. Samuel went aloft this morning about 4 o'clock, raised whales at ½ past five, sent two boats out and after breakfast sent the remaining two. there were plenty of whales all around us, and had there been a breeze think we should have stood a good chance to strike, but it was a dead calm. The wind died away in the night, and about 10 A.M. it came in thick, could hear the whales spout occasionally, but saw nothing. We were obliged to call our boats on board with fog horns After dinner a nice breeze sprang up and the fog disappeared, also the whales. chased one this afternoon but he went very fast to the windward, spoke the Rambler Capt. Willis, he was boiling a whale which he took night before last. has taken two this season, one on Kodiack and this one, we did not gam, as both were busy. Saw a Barque's boats strike a whale about 6 P.M. to the windward of us near the ice, stowed down the remainder of our oil today. 168 bbls in all, a very good whale. About 10 P.M. spoke the Magnolia Capt Peirce came on board for a short time, as he wished very much to see Samuel they were formerly shipmates in the Magnolia with Capt Simmons Capt Soule of the William C. Nye was Mate. Capt Sawyer of the Addison Second Mate and Capt Peirce of the Magnolia third Mate, he is a Portuguese with I should considerable black blood in his veins, but a very likely man for all that.