23 Samuel was called at two o'clock this morning to go aloft, raised whales standing towards the ice sent the boats in and had the good fortune to get whale No 2. for the Addison. they killed him in the ice, and we went ~~round~~ through the ice with the ship afterward to get the whale, I had thought after my experience of last season in the ice, that I should be frightened if we should make the attempt to go through this season, but I was not frightened at all, some of it appeared to be quite solid, but there was plenty of room to work the ship without coming in contact with the large pieces. while we were going through, I saw a sight that I hardly expected to see, three boats from the Barque Sark of New London were fast to a whale, the whale took them right alongside of our ship, he was spouting blood. Minnie and I watched with great interest until he "turned up." After getting our whale alongside, we went out into clear water on the opposite side from where we came in, six ships in sight boiling, saw the Helen Mar take a whale last night. Capt Willis came on board this morning was very glad to see us, only it reminded him almost too much of his own family he has taken two whales, picked up a dead whale on Hodiack and taken one to-day, his two are just equal to our one, In the afternoon saw the William Gifford with a whale alongside and after supper saw the boats towing a second one to the ship, a famous beginning, I am really glad for them—

24th Samuel got up at three o'clock and went aloft, saw no whales, but called all hands at four o'clock to breakfast then sent four boats in the ice to see if there might be another whale for us. About 9 o'clock saw the Rambler with a whale alongside before noon saw three more taken passed the Sark boiling, we have not commenced as all our boats are off. At noon set the signals for the boats to come aboard, they had seen a number of whales but could not get near them, After they had eaten their dinner they started off again, I was on deck when they went and took off both of my shoes and threw after them for luck. I took this day to wash as it was so pleasant

We are having a delightful spell of weather, and it seems to me that it is too good to last, it is getting quite late in the season but it may be that the last part will be better than the first. Ships in sight in all directions as far as the eye can see. If there were a few ships here it would be capital whaling, but as it is I suppose no one will do first rate.

~~25th Sent the boats off in the ice this morning. Saw the Rambler's boats take a whale also three other ships~~

Capt Price of the Magnolia came on board about 11 o'clock he is getting quite desperate because he can get nothing here. I tell him it is all right he ought not to get any more there are plenty of poor ships that need this cut, he got 800 off Thaddeus. We passed close by the Rambler while she was cutting. He thought he should send his boats in again to stop all night. but I hardly think he will as there is quite a strong breeze, and ships will all prefer to stand off from the ice.

25th A strong breeze and rugged Sowed twice for whales. Mr Huntley got almost within darting distance of one had he spouted once more I think he would have been ours. Passed close by the Ann C. Hye. Capt. Soule performed some curious capers on his house for our benefit probably showing his indignation because we were boiling and he was not. Spoke the Covington nothing since we saw him. We heard of the American, Speedwell and William Gifford cruising several nights since, I wish the Addison had been amongst them. Saw one ship take a whale today—

26th Samuel thought last night he would try to work on side a little out of the fleet and if the whales were not as plenty he might stand a better chance of striking one so we ran off the first part of the night and then lay aback with only one ship in sight of us. in the morning we were among a fleet of 30. Sowed the boats after breakfast there were several whales ships in sight but it was a dead calm and the whales were going quick. After our boats came on board our old Consort the Julia ran down to us. Capt. Vinegar and Sammy came on board for a short time and right glad were we to see them