that we brought from home with us. Minnie claimed her so we did not kill her with the rest and she became quite a pet on board. We hoped to carry her home again. She has had bunches in her throat, several operations have been performed on her but as fast as one was taken out another would grow. She could eat nothing and we thought it best to have her killed and put out of misery which was done today. It made us feel very badly to lose her. We become exceedingly attached to such pets on shipboard. Three ships in sight today—

18th A thick fog as usual today. Lowered for whales about 5 P.M. but without success.

19th Thick for the most part of the day with a strong breeze. Lowered for whales about 10 A.M. fastened to one—he appeared quite still the other boats were drawing near, and we were beginning to hope that the prize might be ours, when lo! here he was close to the ship loose. What a change in our feelings. The boats chased him for awhile but soon gave up in despair, as he was going very fast to windward. When the boats returned we learned that they were obliged to cut from him in consequence of having a foul line. Out of six whales that we have been fast to, we have saved two. The Benjamin Morgan has struck seven and saved five, which makes quite a difference in a season's work. Saw the Rambler's boats fast to a whale for a few minutes this afternoon but they soon lost him.

19th Spoke the Rambler this morning. We did not gam as both hoped to see whales, and the wind breezed on quite strong. After dinner however not seeing any whales, Capt. Willis ran down to us, lowered his boat and came on board. He said I must see how much he wanted to see us, to come on board in such a strong breeze, almost too much for whaling. He left the Arctic the 15th, had taken nothing since we saw him. He hopes to get a whale or two here, and I hope he may providing we can do the same. She brought me a box of eggs which I was pleased with. He did not stop to tea as it was getting to be

very rugged and I was very glad to see him safely landed on board the Rambler. At such times I always think of the sad fate of Capt. Lamphier and his boats crew who were lost on returning to their ship. Saw no whales during the day.

21st More like good weather than any thing we have seen although the sea has not yet gone down. Spoke the William Rotch in the afternoon. Capt. Ellison said that he had seen several whales through the day, but we saw nothing although we cruised over a great deal of ground. After tea raised the Rambler with a whale alongside. We did not really envy him but we wanted one too.

22d Pleasant weather, so much so that it seems as if we must have a whale to cut in. Have been cruising all around today and saw nothing that looked like a whale. Minnie has a very strong desire to go to Asia she wishes to see where the ark was, also to visit Shiloh and see the tabernacle, to go to Jerusalem and see if she could not obtain a piece of the cross, and to day while she was conversing on the subject, she seemed to think that if she could, she should take a shovel with her and see if she could not find where Moses was buried on the mountain. She thinks that as he was such a good man that his body would not turn to clay as they do now. She has a great many strange and original thoughts I think for a child of her years. Three ships in sight, the Rambler boiling.

23d Good weather. Saw no whales except one in the afternoon that a ships boats were fast to, which we suppose to be the Good Return, they did not succeed in capturing him.

24th A dead calm. Samuel lowered a boat about 9 A.M. and went on board the Rambler Capt Willis having set a signal for him, while there they spoke the Good Return and Capt Fish went on board. He has taken one small bowhead and picked up two making him in all about 20 bbls.

He reported the Julian as having been in St Lawrence Bay to repair and took one bowhead while there, reports a great many whales in that bay, but it was blowing a gale of wind so that their anchors would not hold. Capt Willis sent Minnie and myself a lot of books