

gun and as it is part of a whaler's creed of politeness to give the mate the precedence in lowering we were waiting for his movement. "Lower away" says the Captain. "In a minute" is the answer "as soon as I get my gun loaded." The whaler being close to the ship we were anxious to lower away and pull for them before they went down and now the mate having loaded his gun lowered away and we started for them. The mate being the nearest got almost within darting distance of them when they went down being probably alarmed by the ship and we saw no more of them. It was now evident to all of us that the mate's delay with the gun was the reason that we did not get a chance at them for as they were coming towards the ship all the time if he had lowered when they were first seen he would in all probability have got on to them before they had seen the ship. We now began to think that our officers were not infallible in the art of whale-catching. We had lowered three times and had not succeeded in striking a whale although the first time it was the fault of the boat-steerer. On our return to the ship the Captain and mate had some words together which did not help the matter much.

In a day or two after this we made the Island of Guam and setting a signal for a pilot one soon came off and took charge of us. He was a native of the island and spoke the Spanish language to which government the island is subject. After running down the coast five or six miles we came to the entrance of the harbor where we were boarded by another native official who announced himself as the Captain of the port.

We entered the harbor which is formed by a reef which stretches across the entrance and dropping our anchor we found ourselves stationary for the first time since leaving home.

Five or six vessels were lying there taking in wood and water, painting, &c. and as they were all out on two years from home our advent among them caused quite a sensation. At evening we were visited by a boat from every ship and the crews soon made our acquaintance. As whalers nearly all fit for three seasons they told us that the rules among whalers were that the first season out they must give the second season, beg, and the third, steal, so they began begging us for tobacco, books, thread &c. The Captain had gone on shore leaving the mate in charge of the ship. In two or three days he came on board one morning and told the starboard watch to get ready and go on shore giving them three days liberty. So they soon took their departure and we occupied the time until their return in painting ship.

They came on board the evening of the third day and the next morning we got ready and were soon on our way to the shore. We landed at what is called the beach and the town being 7 miles from here we were forced to walk that distance or stay where we were. As we were in no hurry we made a visit to some of the huts which we saw around us. The inhabitants of this island are very friendly all speaking the Spanish language and all of them decently dressed. The women mostly wearing loose dresses of calico and as a general thing presenting a very pretty appearance and some of them are very handsome. But all the natives are copper-colored though not so dark as the Kanakas. There are some white people here but mostly inhabitants of old Spain.

Having our fiddles with us we went from one hut to another and gave them a tune which would please them very much and they would produce a bottle of aquadente or brandy and treat us to a glass which would consist of a coconut shell until it became evident that this would not do if we