

hold feeling cheap enough for it had been witnessed by all the other watch who hearing the disturbance were all standing around the hatchway spectators of the mill.

Soon leaving the bay we went over to Felixstowe harbor to get wood and water and then stood up the coast as far as the small Russian village of Agass and a gale coming on we ran in for shelter and laid there until the gale subsided when we resumed our cruising. One afternoon about four o'clock we saw a whale to leeward and lowered accordingly. Having a moderate breeze we set the boat sail and stood down for them. We had got almost near enough to dart at one when he went down and we thought he was gone but in a minute or two he reappeared not having seen us. We started for him and the next time he rose we were upon him and plunged two irons into him solid. He instantly started and ran about two miles and then hove up rolling and finning evidently feeling very uncomfortable. The second mate's boat coming up and fastening we soon had him spouting thick blood and by dark had him alongside with a fluke chain around him. He staved us down 140 bbls.

After cruising about here a spell longer and not seeing much to tempt us to prolong our stay we started for the right whaling ground in the sea and soon found ourselves there. We had lowered a few times but it was evident to every body but the Captain did not care about troubling them. One night just at sunset a whale made his appearance close to the ship and lay there rolling and tumbling about not seeming to be in any hurry at all. Upon seeing him the Captain told the second mate to lower and pull right on to him and either strike or gally him. The second mate then lowered and having nothing to do but obey orders pulled for him and went straight up to him and his boatmen he plunged two irons

into him upon the reception of which the whale gave a plunge or two and then began to show fight sticking about with his flukes but not showing the least disposition to run. The other boats then lowered and the mate getting fast to him while the third mate instead of fastening kept pulling up to him trying to lance him but as it was dark by this time he could not see very well and therefore could not tell what effect his lances had. Darkness had now hid us from the view of those on the ship who had hoisted a light to let us know of their whereabouts. Instead of trying to kill the whale the mate and second mate were four or five rods astern of him towing by the lines that the irons were fast to and now not being seen from the ship did not intend to get any nearer. The whale by this time had got tired of this game and had begun to run so that we (the third mate's boat) quickly lost sight of them. The Captain's order on leaving the ship were that when it grew dark for each boat to display a light so that he could keep the run of them and try of each other. On losing sight of them we lit ours but the two mates were too cunning for that and so we soon lost all knowledge of them and proceeded to the ship. We had hardly got on board before the other two boats came alongside both of them reporting that their lines had parted which was received by the Captain with a sneer. It was singular to say the least that two new lines should have parted at the same time. It may have happened but something very like a knife was seen in the mate's hand just before it parted and then he was observed to take it up and whip it over the gunnel which would make the cut end have the appearance of having parted. The reader may take his choice of the two reasons for losing him whether it parted or was cut.

The next day in the forenoon three whales were seen together a little distance from us and lowering the third mate soon got a chance to