

strike. We pulled right on to them and striking one he went down while one of the others startled wildly stood on his head and with his tremendous flukes in the air directly over the boat seemed to threaten destruction to all on board but giving one or two vigorous pulls we quickly glided out of Kaimi's way and the next instant his flukes descended in the very spot that we had occupied giving us a thorough wetting. The mate now fastened and the whale starting to run our iron drew from him leaving him in charge of the mate which was a good thing for the whale. After running a short distance the whale hove up and began to show fight and just about the time that we would reach him he would start on again and leave us behind. Being in full view of the ship the Captain had a fair opportunity to see the officer manoeuvre and finally the mate was drawing the whale got clear and we returned. The boat being hoisted the Captain gave orders to set all sail and bore away for the Straits which we went through towards night and shaped our course for the Sandwich Islands.

Chapter VIII. Between Seasons.

We had very rough weather after leaving the Straits but the latter part of the passage the weather was fine and we soon found ourselves at anchor in the harbor of Oahu where our first and second mates obtained their discharge without any difficulty but it was rather late in the day to begin to think of making as we only had one more season to go.

Oahu is smaller than Oahu but more thickly settled by whites there being quite a town here but the morals of the natives are not improved any by this. The harbor is not so safe as that of Honolulu but is much more frequented on account of the greater facilities for obtaining provisions. We laid here about three weeks giving liberty and recruiting ships and then started for the line on a sperm whale cruise. Before leaving the Captain shipped a first and second mate.

The first island that we made was called Oahu Island and on the day that we came in sight of it we buried our third mate who had been sick with the dysentery ever since leaving port. We laid him out and raised him up in canvas and took out the gangway board and laid him on it and then all hands were called and the Captain commenced to read the burial service and at the words "Recommit this body to the deep" two of the crew lifted the plank and allowed the body to slide into the water and it immediately sank being heavily weighted to rise no more until the resurrection.

After the burial was finished the Captain took a boat and went on shore. We were met on the beach by a crowd of natives who immediately taking hold of her carried her over the reef and deposited her high and dry on the beach. We landed and the Captain proceeded to the chief's house while the rest of us began to look around. The huts were in a little cluster under the shade of cocoanut trees close to the