

to be under these large "blanket pieces" or the falls and blocks which sustain them when taken on deck. Such can never be so careful when in this position for should anything give way or part above them to escape from certain death would be almost impossible.

Thus far I have not written much or given any particular description of whales and whaling and to attempt it would only be to repeat what has been a thousand times told before and what in theory is more familiar than I could possibly make it besides I know next to nothing about it myself and do not feel inclined to particularize. I shall therefore proceed to notice from day to day only such things as appear most new and interesting to me with doubtless here and there an exception to the general rule.

At 5 P.M. the wind had risen to a gale and more sail was taken in leaving double reefed Main Top-sail Fore and fore Topmast Stay-sail and main-~~span~~ just sufficient to keep the Bark under steege way during the night hoping that the weather might prove better on the next day.

June 24th

Wind and weather differing but little

from last 24 hours. At 5 P.M. having finished "trimming out" turned up 20 lbs. the quantity yielded. This is secured on deck and it is the Capt's intention to send it home and all besides which we ~~may~~ be fortunate enough to obtain before we arrive at Fajal.

June 28

The last three days no change but the weather is now pleasant and agreeable once more. A fine S. W. breeze. At about 2 P.M. two sails were raised from mast-head about 8 miles distant. The Steward is getting a little better again.

July 1st.



Five days with but slight changes have glided by since my last account and the ever moving wheels of time have brought the glorious fourth to us once again. It has been a real soul animating day here at sea although our friends happy in each other and blessed with every means of enjoyment are far far away and that reflection causes the one only cheerless spot within. I shall never forget it for its pleasantness so much the sea so sunny and so calm and at the anniversary of American