

many a poor soul in times past from careless exposure to the ocean when common sense and reason has taught and proved the great impending danger. It seems the mate had struck the whale which as soon as perceived the other boat having become separated pulled for him so as to be near in case of accident. The sea was very heavy and wind strong of course against both they could do but little still they pulled for they knew the danger in being fast to a whale in such weather and they would if possible be ready to give assistance to their fellowmen. The boat was only visible at times when the seas would fall away between them or they would rise but now they look for the fast boat every eye is strained for a moment but nowhere can they see her at length she is seen by the one that is steering and she seems to be filling with water pull ahead is the cry and every nerve is now strained to reach the poor fellows in time to save them. The distance is short and it seems quite possible that they may with strong hopes and renewed strength they bend at their oars well nigh filling their own boat as the heavy seas come roaring above them. Again the one that is steering looks with a more anxious gaze and alas his worst fears are realized. Their lies the boat bottom upwards and the crew are trying to cling

to her to keep from drowning till the boats come up for they see her and send up a cry that thrills every heart ^{with} anguish. They labor hard to keep a hold on the boat but the heavy seas make the boat very uneasy and they are fast becoming chilled and exhausted and can survive but a short time longer already some of them are observed to sink in the waves and the boat how slow it moves and yet how near it seems? Why does it not rush to their rescue ere they go down for the last time? So true they cannot they too are nearly exhausted struggling against wind and waves and now their progress is slower than ever. A few more weary strokes and they reach them but too late to save them all four have sunk to rise no more the other 2 are only kept from drowning by being lashed to the boat and are insensible they are taken on board and after long and anxious watching with no means left untried they slowly revive but still in a critical state and there are hopes that they will entirely recover. Among those lost was the mate. It is thought he held on too hard and the whale run the boat under and so they were drowned. Poor fellows! how will the sad tidings of their fate reach their friends who perhaps even now are thinking of a safe return and a happy greeting? This sorrowful event as related by the Captain