

July 27th 1855

During the night it moderated and this morning made sail again heaving about S. Towards night raised whalis and lowered about S. Pole. This time had the good fortune to capture a small one hails to the waist boat Being killed with very little trouble and no accident took him alongside by sunset. Is it possible that we have got even a little one or is this a dream. 'Tis even so and nothing shorter anyhow. The sun to night is out of sight Lat $37^{\circ}00'$ Lon. $38^{\circ}57'$.

July 28.

Strong breezes and Choppy sea sent in at 10 A.M. and to night got the works to going Under double reefed topsails fore sail staytalls and spencers. No obs.

July 29, Sunday

These 24 hours no change Boiling same one sail this morning supposed to be the sun out of sight afternoon Lat $37^{\circ}50'$ Lon. $40^{\circ}45'$.

July 30

West gales and moderate but light showers in the morning terminating in good weather Shook out reefs finished hailing about 1 o'clock this morning the whale yielding about 25 bls. for which small favor we feel very thankful indeed Lat $38^{\circ}13'$ Lon. $40^{\circ}50'$.

July 31.

Today a hard rain storm from S.W. and under reduced sail steering S. E. No obs.

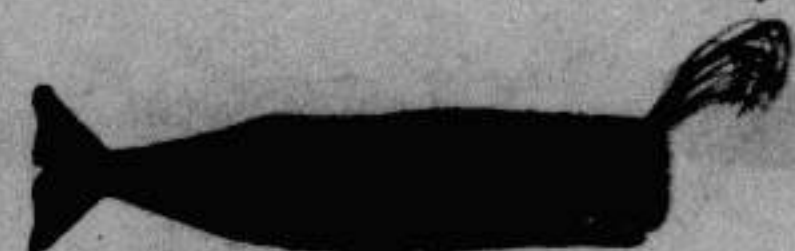
August 1.

These 24. All kinds of weather variable winds Calms and light showers to night S.W. breezes and Course S. E. Whole 7 sails on No obs.

August 2

Wind Steady and Course E. S. E. Set 1 gallant sails Picked 2 steks of timber one a large one measuring 96 solid feet hard pine both badly bored by worms These are converted into fire wood and show quite a pile of it Lat $37^{\circ}31'$ Lon. $36^{\circ}10'$.

August 3.



Took another small whale today having raised a school of them this morning. Took him alongside at 11 A.M.

This was the smallest one we ever had alongside and hails to the L. boat besides being a deformed one with a crooked jaw. Aint we lucky in getting 2 so near together and both on Friday the day we sailed from home and may be it will banish the idea that some hold that it is an unlucky day. These little fish won't make our fortune it is true But who can tell but what they are an earnest of what's to