

June 1870

Sat 11th Capt left the ship about seven o'clock this
morn and returned about the same hour this
eve. He could not get them without smothering
his vessel and that he will not do here
he got a quantity of Beef and three potatoes
and some potatoes. He brought the two birds
that a black ashore gave him for me. I am
delighted with them one is a jet black with
a very white bill. The other is a very
beautiful brown with a close velvet coat
and bright red bill. He changes the color of
his plumage every six months. This morn
about eleven o'clock raised a Humphreys
and returned but it appeared to have
been around some boats that were off
fishing and got galled. As he was coming
very fast to windward they fastened them
a boat could pull this afternoon raised a
school of Blackfish and lowered again but
did not get any. Thru one but lost him.

Sunday 12th 8 A.M.

Sunday is with us once more. It is cloudy
but looks like clearing. A school of Porpoise
was around the bow a few minutes ago
some of the men caught one. I remember to
write last night of Mr Holmes kindness
while my husband was ashore. He is equal
very social and gentlemanly. He is equal
than to take care of a ship. took excellent
care of it yesterday and made himself very
agreeable. 7 P.M. The day has passed very quietly
have seen two Furber's only.

Monday 13th

Have had a pleasant day. This morn saw a Sun
fish. Mr Holmes went down after him, but could
not get him. This afternoon raised a school of
Blackfish and lowered, got six. Mr Holmes
got three Mr Thaxter two and Mr Lisbur one
and was fast to mother and the men were
out. Two are very large the others good sized. Course N.E. by N.

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June 14th This morn raised a large school of Blackfish
and lowered for them. Mr Thaxter got three, Mr Lisbur
two. Mr Holmes caught one. Then saw five Humphreys
and put a drug to his head and started after
the whales. They were so far from the ship that we
did not see them. So he did not succeed in taking
any. Said the other Boats saw him and gave
to him they would probably have taken one or
more. We have now eleven Blackfish. To try and show
with those already tried out. Will make us twelve
this morn. Tonight shall go back, hoping to see the whales
again in the morning.

June 15th

The day has passed without our seeing whales.
The officers and crew have been at work
on the Blackfish Clubbed, and commenced
trying it out this afternoon. Thaxter has
not been well today, and about five o'clock
saw him so I was very much afraid
he was going in to a fit. I put him in
warm water and gave him a dose
of Ague Pills and he seemed better.
Went to sleep and breathes easily. After
is almost sick with a severe cold and
sore throat but is not yet off duty.

June 16th

Thaxter was very restless last night this
morn I have given him a dose of oil
The oil is tried out and makes a
little more than eleven galls. have taken
in all seventeen fish. Making about sixteen
shls. of nice oil. This afternoon exchanged
signals with a Portuguese Juncoak. that was
steering S. our course is N. by E. Thaxter's oil
has operated and he seems better. I think
his sickness was occasioned by his being
in the sun so much when the Boats were
chasing fish. He wanted to watch them
I have cut and made him a suit of Indian tery
have not used my Machine before for a long time. it still
works well. I made the whole suit with the exception of buttons holes