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Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> This morn Capt Snell lowered three Boats. The  
men came on board with his men lowered to 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Then commenced cutting in, and after some  
reversal the Bow Boat and the remainder  
of the men have been hauling. Yesterday Mr  
and Sylvia had a gassel in the Boat and  
when they returned Sylvia came to the Capt  
asked him to let him go forward. But he  
would not do that. For he is too good a  
boatman, but he has kept him on board  
today and let Mr Holmes have the Boat. Sylvia  
will not go in his boat any more.  
The Boats returned without having taken  
anything. I have been <sup>now</sup> mending what <sup>is</sup> broken.  
Capt Snell brought his Album on board this  
morn for me to see the pictures.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> This morn each Boat lowered three Boats  
down after. Capt Smith went on board  
the Linton and stayed until after dinner  
when Capt Snell came back with him. They  
had not seen her long before. The men  
seen just to a whale, and they saw his  
fin dead. But he sunk so they could not  
raise him. They left our Bow Boat and crew  
anchored by him. The rest returned. The Bow Boat  
fastened to the whale fish. Capt Snell has  
returned to his Boat. Mr Holmes has gone  
with him to see the eye with Mr Ellis.  
The Linton took water, and his crew are here.  
This is our Anniversary Sabbath at home.  
May our Heavenly Father meet with and bless  
them all.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> This morn sent five boats to the Linton to  
try to raise the whale, and if they could  
not raise him to put a buoy and leave  
him and try to catch another, and wait  
for that to rise itself, as it will do in  
48 hours. Capt Smith has gone on board the  
Linton, to help out in, in case they get him up.  
He has taken Goodie with him. I am very small  
there is the Cook, Steward, Datcher and a sick man left.

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5<sup>th</sup> Evening. Capt returned before noon as they could  
not raise the whale, or rather could not hold  
him up. They got him up and fastened  
in him but they could not hold him without  
tearing the Boats in pieces, so they sent Mr Holmes  
and Mr Holmes forward to know what to do.  
Capt Snell came in board, and they finally decided  
to put a buoy on the whale and let the boats  
go in search of another. The signals agreed upon  
were made, and Capt Snell dined with us then  
went with Capt Smith on board the Linton to get  
his under way to go down to the whale. But  
now at last they are further from the whale than  
they were when they started. Wind and current are  
both about. Mr Ellis <sup>and crew</sup> came on board, with Mr Holmes  
they will stay the night. I feel very sick with Capt Smith  
about, have put Shellee in bed when he is sleeping  
sweaty. I hope his health will soon come.

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Capt Smith returned last eve about nine o'clock.  
I was very glad to see him. I feared he might have  
to stop the night. The Linton is anchored about  
five miles from us. We shall take up anchor in  
this morn and go up near them while the Boats  
from each Boat go to tow the whale to the  
Linton. Evening & sunset. We anchored near the Linton  
this morn, and saw the Boats coming with the  
whale. but soon saw the current was taking them  
too far north so they would not reach the Boats.  
Capt Smith went down to them with his Boat  
but it was too late then. Capt Snell also went  
with his boat but it was useless. They had  
to leave and go on board the Linton. They  
had under weigh and go to the whale, and  
dropped anchor beside it. I could think of nothing  
but a General procession, as I watched the  
eight boats in a line. Towing the whale they  
had nearly finished cutting in when Capt Smith  
returned at seven o'clock. four Boats have been  
raising for whales, saw two, took none. I have been  
catching fish. Caught three Bottle Fish two Silver fish  
and three Soups. There seemed a little on the sail.