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Monday 1st The boats returned about dark. This morn
 several the boats, and they have struck
 and killed a large Humpback. They were
 a long distance from the ship. Capt
 got off anchor but the wind blew away
 so we could not get to them. The boats
 came on board leaving the other two but
 with the whale it was sent. and they
 cannot pull him up. We were drifting away
 from them. So have anchored again.
 The men saw a whaler anchored near
 the ship. Capt calls it the Dancer.
 Tuesday 2nd Capt and mate went down to the boats
 this morn, and tried to raise the whale
 but could not do it. It was lost by him.
 While the other cruises for whales. The
 Starboard and Main boats have returned
 one of the others is almost here. It is
 known the whale will rise. I have been
 seeing on my deck. Capt Brady of the Dancer
 came alongside this afternoon. The Dancer
 has moved is now anchored a little to
 the north of us. Our whale sunk in thirty
 fathoms of water.

Wednesday 3rd Succeeded in getting the whale up and got
 it alongside about dark. The sharks have
 eaten it some but not badly. We have
 plenty of fresh meat for the crew. Capt Brady
 came on board a few hours this afternoon.
 I have finished my dress. Like it very
 much. The physician got his hand out well today.

Thursday 4th The Starboard & Main boats have been down
 today. Some just returned without anything.
 Capt with the two remaining boats came
 here and the whale in and commenced
 pulling. Capt Snell came on board a few
 minutes this morn. This whale took the
 the Dancer saw whales this morn but have
 taken nothing yet. I have finished one of my
 shippers today. I have caught a lot of fish.

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Friday 5th Finished pulling this morn. The S. M. B. Boat
 have been down some whales - but the
 Dancer's boats cannot to have raised them
 just as our boats did not interfere. The
 Dancer and Dancer have each got a whale
 today.

Saturday 6th Succeeded all four boats today. Large ones
 in his and struck about got up. Struck
 about four P.M. got the whale alongside
 at 9 1/2. Capt & Officer are now eating supper
 think it will make about twenty five barrels.
 I have been washing. Since then have
 changed our mattress and put a calico
 sack. Stewards, Cook, and Stewards have caught
 a large lot of fish today. The Dancer is
 quite a fine fisherman, and is very good
 of the accomplishment.

Sunday 7th Several the boats. But the whale in.
 The Dancer has a great many barrels come
 as today catching fish. The Dancer has a few
 cannot out of shore. of one of the boats
 gave them empty bottles for it. We also
 got three oranges and a few peaches.
 The Dancer has changed her anchorage
 she now lies nearly opposite us, but
 in shore. I have washed a little on my
 shipper, and that one is now complete.

Monday 8th The Starboard is anchored near us. They
 have taken 50 barrels of sperm since leaving St. John
 the Dancer the Dancer came on board this
 afternoon to get the letters we brought from
 St. John for him. They have struck two whales
 and lost both. The Dancer lost her whale
 they took Sunday. The Dancer cut it all
 up. They did not see even one piece
 today. They have taken another one gone
 ten or twelve miles to the south of us. I
 suppose they expect to get what whales
 come of the coast. Capt Snell has been on
 board the Dancer a large whale. but has
 him off to sea a long distance but did not get it.