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has cruised all day without seeing it has spoken the Elsie boats and they have been with us since then. At eight P.M. we are still under way but suppose there is not much chance of seeing it tonight but hope to be in the Channel. I am really worried about them. I have finished my cushions and commenced filling in Geo's slippers.

Friday 30th

We were on different tracks during the night looking for the Strait Boat. But saw nothing of it until about ten o'clock. Saw a boat coming towards us that proved to be the one we were looking so anxiously for. and we were rejoiced to see them all well. Mr. Loughborough says the current carried him to the South West. into eighty fathoms of water. The boat anchor would not hold them. The skunks had nearly eaten the whole wife. and at five o'clock last night seeing no one in sight and provision and water nearly gone out from the whale at nine o'clock this morn went on board the Elsie and got breakfast. When we were coming towards them. came on board got her up and about twelve. though sorry to lose the whale feel that we ought not to think of that but thank our kind Heaven. Father for his protecting care and let each attend to the one about once. This afternoon the Janie left Perry Hunter is in sight they have anchored in or fifteen miles from us. The Elsie is anchored quite near we stopped anchor again tonight near Ambingette. So ended another week. The Janie has been in the Starchant Boat. he has picked up and killed a small one for Christmas. Was with him the two boats tows him to the ship. then went off again to look for another. Geo and the ship's keeper cut him in. The four boats have returned without anything more. The Starchant has taken another today.

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Saturday 2nd

All four boats have been down since we saw the whale and chased but did not get any. The four boats got out at five o'clock but did not catch. Mr. Sisson and his boatmen have not got along very well for some time. and tonight he says he does not want him any longer and the boatmen say he had better go forward than stay here any longer. In the 4th boat boatmen will be after go in the four boat. and Geo Elbert, will take Harry place in the Strait Boat. I hope the exchange will give satisfaction to all parties. The Elsie has taken a whale today. It is our Annine Sublatta at home (may) but with them and Elias one and all is very gather and this table and also with all who gather and this table whenever they may be.

Sunday 3rd

Since the last 6 four boats this morn and then took anchor and have been going to the Southward all day. are now anchored to windward of all the vessels. The Brig St. John took a small whale last night is being it today. the Starchant is killing the whale she took Saturday. and we are also looking care. This morn saw the Janie Hunt strike a whale but do not know if they got it or not.

Monday 4th

All four boats have been down since we saw in this so I have had a lonely day. have thought often of the other ones at home and wondered how they were celebrating the 4th. I have been working on Geo's slippers. The Starchant and well known boatmen have been out since a whale today. The last and four boats have chased whales nearly all day but did not get any. Was hoping we might today but there seems to have been none for us. The Brig St. John struck one today but lost it.

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off to the Starchant
Shelby and Geo
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