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June 17th Landed three Boats this morn. The boat crew and shipkeepers have been showing down have about 50 Bbls 6 gallos have about twenty shot on deck. The Boats did not get back until after dark. Capt Crase of the Starlight hailed us as he passed they were chasing whales. Saw about four different ones in sight of us but all were going to fast to be captured. I have been working on a white walrus tail for myself. Studdert has a bad finger, but left home for the night.

Studdert down 50 Bbls 6 gallos

June 18th All the Boats have been down. Saw went in his Boat. So I have had a long lonely day. They have been chasing whales but taken none. I have been writing on my waist. Studdert's hand is a little better tonight but still very painful. The Starlight took a small whale today.

June 18th Landed four Boats. Capt went in his own boat chasing whales. The Lar and Hunt were together and the Lar and Hunt about one o'clock saw Boats killing a whale but at first could not tell whose they were. They were so far off. But they proved to be ours. Capt got the whale a mile or so. The best we have had this season. They got to the ship about dark. Will get out in tonight. I have spent the day writing on my white waist have finished the article, and nearly finished the thing.

July 14th Landed the Lar and Hunt Boats. Some of Officers and crew have cut in the whale nearly cut it up. Capt Studdert & the party about five o'clock. I have done a large washing and feel very tired, since washing have been to visit a friend but for "further" the Boats returned without anything. Have seen several whales but they were very shy.

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July 13th Have washed my clothes and finished my wash. Landed three Boats this morn. They have just returned. Have been chasing whales. The Lar and Hunt at one. But it was a long distance from the boat so the crew did not go in far enough to hold. Took out nearly the small tub of line and the gun then came out. It was a large whale. Now I wish we could have got it. Studdert's hand is still very sore. I have made pie once. We have been making cookies.

July 14th The four Boats went down this morn. Capt went in his about noon saw first boat and went long after they commenced towing got to the ship about sunset. It is a good sized whale. It took the boat to hold him up he sunk quickly heavy but he is now along side with Luke and the chains are shall out out in sunset morn. I have got again a few fingers but it was long, and think I poisoned it with blushing.

July 15th Landed Lar and Hunt Boats. The remainder of Officers and crew have been showing down. Lar and Hunt cutting in the whale. and have commenced cutting. While they were cutting in I got in the 67 Bbls but with Lullie. a few sharks came over the whale. I struck one with an iron that Cooper made for me, and after that they left I could not get a chance to strike another. The boat returned without a whale. have chased but did not succeed in getting one. I have commenced a letter to give Mrs. Rootage. This is the last anniversary of our marriage. Oh how time flies. I cannot realize that twelve years have passed since I became a wife. but so it is. and we are twelve years wiser and wiser than we were then. I hope we may be safe at home with our families too good from tonight with a good voyage. but I hardly expect it. But pray earnestly that we may be spared to return to our home and great old friends and friends on the 15th.

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