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Monday 4th All four boats have been cleared, the Starboard and port, Chaceet Whales and the tourist boat. Ticket was not issued. The fact that one just at night and several others is now anchored a few miles south of us. The Bow Boat lying by it. Alf Bassett and the Englishmen, came on board about three o'clock and now at ten have just left. I enjoyed this visit very much. I finished my bag this afternoon. The Lt. H. Moore has taken up anchor and gone in near the shore. I get bored and grumpy. The Java has also moved coming in shore, and a little nearer us. our whale is about a mile from them.

Wed 5th Let reader weigh at one o'clock this morn. got the whale along side about seven. it is a large whale but has very thin blubber. Several the Lar and tourist boats, a number of ship company cut in and cut up the whale. our boats returned without anything. When Mr. Brightman got very near a large whale when it cracked and seeing the boat started off. I have been washing old clothes, full almost sick with a cold.

Thurs 6th Commenced killing this morn. all four boats down the Cuffs and tourist boats together and the Lar and Bow. at twelve o'clock saw the Cuffs or tourist boat just. saw get together and at 1/2 past 1 o'clock commenced moving to the ship at seven they have not got on board. there is but little wind and a strong current. so they make but little headway before dark saw the other boats coming from land. could all four boats have been here but the whale along side long ago. I have made two men collars for leather. made a pair of cuffs for myself. and shank two pairs of cuffs with machetes on the back - some for Arthur. My cold is some better but am still troubled with Rheumatism.

at home

The Star and tourist boats anchored the whale last night just as the other boats got to them. they could make no headway. several more the Java leaving the tourist boat by it. the other boats came on board and got supper about nine o'clock. then Mr. Glen went with the other boat. carried provisions to the other boat and continued to keep the sharks away. with boards by them through the night. got under way and took the whale along side about eight this morn. the sharks had eaten the whale badly around the head. Breakfast at nine then moved the Lar and four boats. a number of ship company here cut in and made out up the whale. I have spent the day in illness. Java moved this afternoon. is now anchored a few miles north of us.

Friday

Saw the Lar and tourist boats this morn. and commenced killing. a canoe came off the shore bringing provisions. Orange. Irish apples. two baskets. Skinned bought one of the barrels and because it was criss and would not do just as he wished it to do he threw it overboard. about noon saw Mr. Brightman just to a whale coming off shore very fast. took up anchor and started for them. but did not get the whale. he was spouting blood when both sides showed out and he went off. could not get to it again. we are anchored again near the place we left this morn.

Sat 7th

Saw the Lar and Bow boats. Mr. Holmes fastened to one and it ran off shore and took up anchor and started after them but soon again returned to disappointment. the iron drew near the whale. the boats were fast some time. we have returned to our old anchorage. I have spent the day cutting out a capriole for myself and washing old clothes for George and Arthur.