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Sunday 10th This morn. went to the Star and Bow boats and intended to leave the others, but by the time they were ready to receive us the Star boat fastened to a small whale, and soon killed it. Capt sent the other boats to help him in to the ship. Lieut. Elbert going with the Star boat, got it to the ship and cut it in before chained. Mr. Holmes stepping on board to help out, the waist and bow going off together, after climbing the tail we went down and fastened to another boat up anchor as soon as the boat was out of sight, and after being fast for two hours or more the iron drew again. Mr. Holmes says he could not pull him, we have taken up the boat and are now going in shore to anchor again. This is the fourth whale we have lost within the week past. Mr. Holmes leaving three in English one, two came here been off. Looking for a few Spades, Sweet Potatoes, Cassinias, Potato Peas into, and one Potato. But Capt. says he giving a whole box of this for it.

Sept 12th All four boats have been yesterday and took nothing. The Star and Bow (these are working to windward). I have been working on my deck. This morn. all the boats drawn again the Star and Bow going together and the Star and Bow. Mr. Holmes fastened to a small whale the first iron drew and the Star was to the second iron fastened to it have lost another whale. Making five whales lost in ten days. The Star and Bow boats went ashore. This afternoon, got Cypris Phantoms &c. Mr. Driffin the English agent returns with him. Shall stop the night with us. He brought me a very nice furrow and a small white Seal to Lullie. Capt. brought me pieces of light cambric and one of Sargassum of him. The cambric is very pretty. Mr. D. also gave me a ball of rubber in the natural state.

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Sept 12th The Driffin has spent the day with us and will remain through the night. The Star and Bow boats have been drawn out here taken nothing. have seen four whales. The Starlight is a few miles north of us. Capt. Croft came on board this afternoon and remained until eight o'clock. They have taken but 20 lbs since we last saw them have killed a number of whales but the sharks have taken them all so before they could get them alive. I have had a severe headache all day. I thought of our darling Lullie, how she would be even. The Star and Bow boats went down early this morn. about eight o'clock. Capt. started with the Driffin for the shore. The waist boat in company, a canoe full came off to meet them and took Mr. D. ashore. Then the boats will go to look for whales. A Russian on shore gave the Capt. about twenty seals when he was on shore Tuesday. I have just been putting them away. 7 PM. Boats have returned. The Star and Bow boats have not seen a whale today. The Star and Bow have seen one going very fast.

Sept 13th The Star and Bow boats went to windward and the Star and Bow (these are working to windward). about one o'clock the Star boat fastened to a whale but could not see the first boat so they could not see the first boat. When they got back the Cooper and Shipkeepers had got the anchor up and were making sail. They came on board and we started for the whale. soon met the Capt. coming on board. The whale dark and he left Mr. Bright with it, as he was coming on board. A crew and only the first we have seen this season. but had to come to the ship to get another line. Then all three boats went after them. but did not get them. we are now anchored by the boat with the whale.

Sept 14th Star Boat
Capt. Driffin followed and
was fully within 1/2 mile of Star & Bow boats.