

Sun May 4th. Plenty of blows were seen from deck to day, and towards night a large whale came up close to the bows so that the ship came near running over him.

May 5th. First Monday in May is herring day as usual. I suppose. Landed about 10 o'clock A.M. and Mr. Wartus fastened in a right whale, which we turned up about 3 o'clock out of sight from the ship and towed him to the ship, which we reached about 7 o'clock. A sail in sight this afternoon on the weather bow.

May 6th. Cut the whale in to day; parted the fin chain, and made a strip of manilla rope; started the two works before supper.

May 7th. Stood by watches of 6 hours through the night; cooled down the works this morning as it began to blow severely and took in all sail except maintop sail. A ship passed close to us to windward forenoon and we were near enough to read her name with the glass: it was the Splendid of Cold Spring.

May 8th. Started the works this morning; three ships in sight to day to windward, one of them boiling. This one run down towards night, and a boat came aboard from the Nantasket. Capt. Smith of N.S. & whales this season.

May 9th. Cooled down again this forenoon, but started them again before night. The Nantasket in sight all day.

May 10th. Finished boiling this morning; he turned out 115 bls; pleasant day and plenty of fin backs; cleaned the bone this afternoon. A ship ran down to us towards night, and ran across our stern in a fog.

Sun. May 11th. (Stayed down to day) rather windy; two ships in sight to day.

May 12th. Lay to all day, in a gale of wind; sail in sight.

May 13th. Made sail this morning.

May 14th. Very foggy this morning. Plenty of whales around, and several came close alongside, but did not lower. Lowered about 10 o'clock, and Mr. Wartus fastened and held on about 4 hours, but was obliged to cut as it began to blow heavy & he kept his flukes flying all the time, and knocked the boat-steerer from the boat but helped him in again. Took in sail and lay to with quarter watches. Took in the main top sail at night for the first time, except in 1811.

May 15th. Lowered several times to day, and missed a number, fastened but the line parted & whales in sight every where.

May 16th. Lowered a number of times, and about 1 o'clock P.M. Mr. Williams fastened and turned him up about 3 o'clock. Commenced cutting in but it began to blow and he slackened the fluke chain to day by him all night, but the chain parted and off he went; we saved about 30 bls but lost the head and broke the head breaker.

May 17th. Lay to all day, and quarter watches.

Sun May 18th. Commenced boiling to day; whales all around the ship, because it is Sunday.

May 19th. Lay to all day; whales blowing along side.

May 20th. Lowered twice this forenoon, got nothing. Lowered about 1 o'clock P.M. and killed two whales one we brought alongside, another sunk and the third went off sporting thick blood. The end of the boat was knocked from the boat by a whale whilst landing him, and was brought aboard senseless. Mr. Wartus' boat was stove while in the act of fastening and returned to the ship. A ship to the lee and boiling.

May 21st. Lay by the whale all night, and cut him in about 2 o'clock P.M. we had two fluke chains on him, but there was a heavy sea and both parted before we got quite through cutting in.