

Bk Ocean Steed Aug 16th 1869
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Dr Sir

As I have leisure I will send you a line to inform you that we are all well. And although we have seen no sight for oil this season we are in hopes of getting a cut.

We are now in the Ocean Steed Ground arrived here three days ago, and although we are early, saw whales the day we arrived. We were in co. with Bk. Pacific - she being to windward raised whales, and took one. We worked hard all day to get up, and as the sun sunk below the horizon the whale went down within a quarter of a mile of the boat.

It was extremely aggravating; but it could not be helped; all did their best.

The whales were large ones, and had the O. S. been a fair sailer we should have probably have got a hundred barrel whale.

The sailing qualities are the only poor ones about the Ocean Steed! No better "Sea-boat" can be built!!! - is handy and convenient - and since I ballasted her is much better than before and can take care of a whale in rugged weather as well as any one.