

Dark Baltic July 15th 1857

Jan 4th Head quarters watch last night. all hands
men could go down at 3 am the morning
and have had hard at work until 2 o'clock
of the rain & strong down the ice. The whale
found 150 lbs. and I can truly say
I was very sick and thoroughly
disgusted with the business that was present
there. I was completely overcome with oil &
bad food. I am certain you would
not have any more. and I believe some
doubts who if you did, you would and from
I am very glad to see 4 more whales
such as this one. and this if any one gets
any to come on land. The whale is up
there. It is to be seen that in my
last night. Foggy disagreeable weather

Jan 5th Been scraping long & breaking out during the day
and another day's work in hand had
I was very tired & sleep last night.
At about 4 o'clock. Clearing up a little. The ship
blows - 3 miles off in the water. The whale
is immediately down with the boat and
after that we started. Each boat and
strong who should get there first
not soon back the spot where the whale
and saw the very large. Right whale
two feet was about the end in out, on
to them & old blackhead put both of
his flippers in and of them up to the
hitcher. The whale acted mild & by the way
my head was very sore along with the
ship. in thick air. The largest whale
I have taken this voyage

Jan 5th In let the whale lay along side of the ship
last night. & at 3 am we had boat him in.
Captain of Ship Cooper came on board to day
no whale. Old man must on board of
Ship runs Murray

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Jan 5th Commenced trying out the whale. Got out all of
whales. The whale matter yesterday & the
stand to day in Lat 50.10

Jan 6th In hand had no such matter the voyage
while trying out as in an evening now. Finished
scrapping the boat to day. shall finish trying
out and soon tomorrow. Capt. Diamond is
Clippers Ship Japan came on board to day

Jan 6th Finished trying out. the whale turned up
225 lbs in oil. if matter permits shall
two days in the morning. Spent with the
French Ship General. But my boat must in hand
their was not one of them. I could
spoke a word of English. I tried to supper
they had miserable living. give me the
old Baltic in preference to any ship I have
been on board of. as yet for good living
after supper and told me of the good living
boarded. Spent a little of the main brace
two, boats and men. The first to partake and
they pronounced it the best Branding they had
ever tasted. David & myself did not try it
it is now about two years since I have
tasted any. It is the custom on board of French
ships. It spent the main brace 3 times a day
the first test has been out 14 months from home
& has 300 lbs of oil

Jan 6th Stowed down the ice. The Captain says it is
hard. just 200 lbs. they always allow 10 lbs
in each 100 for shrinkage. The forehold is all
shrinked off. nothing more can be in there.

Jan 6th Mr. Stig built a fire under the decks
& on hand had 4 ft of ice to melt. I washed
the pieces in 3 hours & hung them all up. I was
fixing my today and able to wash. all hands did
the same. In look like another ship crew. and