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It may not be amiss to mention that when we left Urukoo for the East of Japan we took with us four of the natives & as we were getting whales almost every day they proved of infinite utility to us - besides with a large share of ready wit they united a most vocal vivacity which frequently afforded us a fund of amusement - The youngest was about 14 years old the eldest about 20 - On the 10th saw whales but off & got 2 which produced 20 bbls each - On the 14th saw whales but off & got 2 which together produced 70 bbls the same night while Boating one of the Sandwich Islanders fell overboard we immediately backed the main top sail & prepared to lower a boat but after passing under the ship's counter he found unable to catch hold of the rudder being & was taken in to the Cuban men. As the winter season drew near the weather which was bad at first

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began to grow worse - accordingly on the 19th we squared the yards & shifted our course for the Sandwich Islands - having cruised on the coast of Japan ^{4 days} during which time we took in 12 bbls of sperm oil - On the 21st saw whales behind the boats & killed one which produced 60 bbls the remainder of September we had very calm weather so that for 5 days we had not wind enough to carry us 5 miles October commenced with pleasant weather - On the 10th at daylight saw a sail to windward at 10 AM she stood in to us she proved to be our old consort the *Spencer* of Nantucket Capt Barker - they had seen ~~hundreds~~ of whales but had taken but 700 bbls - She was bound to the Sandwich Islands & we kept company - the next day saw whales behind the boats in company with the *Spencer* & chased them a boat 10 miles - but the weather