

54 *Shark in sight* Monday July 10th
Delightful weather & plenty of whales in sight early in the
morning. Lowered two boats between 6 & 8 in the morning
but they did not succeed in fastening. Took breakfast and
lowered again and the Wain boat soon got fast and killed
her whale before a boat could get near him
and shot before the first lance. He poured
out blood as thick as tar but it was more than two hours
before he turned. The Old man was in the boat and supposed
it was a pregnant cow and the gun of it was he lanced
her where he supposed the calf was located but after all it
proved to be a Bull. I ordered him to the ship at 10 1/2.

Finished putting at 6 of the afternoon having been
6 hours he will make about 180 lbs. Took
supper at 5 and lowered for other whales and the
boat lost track again and after holding on
till 10 in the evening was obliged to cut and cutting
gave it up and gave up. The fog was very bad and
not visible. The boat was then put up.

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Wheatness, July 12th 1845
Wind to the E. & it with some light rain. The water boiling.
The back of the horses has been fast today but got worn away and
do not get down as bad as we do, we have seen nothing to
fear except
the old shothorn. It is quite poor
have to repair nearly all of them some rather deep some
broken. The other dinner and poor heads and many poor heads
some marked long and some not marked at all and
heads mixed together with the tails on the long ones
so it will be easily seen that my patience is tried a little

177. Beautiful weather and not a ripple on the ocean so the oil
blow is as clear as if she was on the bottom. Bailing as fast as
possible seen for the oil is running out of the whale we got a
week ago as fast as two men can bail it up in the lubber
room. At 2 P.M. lowered the two greater boats for whales
and set gear. At 4 commenced breaking out the
harboard side of the after hold for the purpose of getting oil
The watch was kept at it all night pumping the gear and
filling it. At the stowing rig and bbls. and it is done
with laughing to be the men say sharp from forward
the rig at it as if they were getting a dollar apiece
for every rig and bbl they would find. One pig got his leg
break in the derrick so it was thought best to let him to save
his life. The lighter gave the men nearly a bbl of oil
I. At 10 o'clock bled off a can of oil from the light.

The same good kind of weather Boiling and standing in the
 after hold. Finish getting up the 12th gang of sharks
 repaired all but one of the last gang. Made out to get a
 3rd and a 4th. Got along first rate in the after hold
 as the cables gave the run another 600 of Northrop's under
 511. Satisfied.
 Very pleasant particularly the first part. Saw a few
 but not old but they were a great way off and the wind was
 too light we could not get to them. Finished boiling
 and standing a low water at 2:30 and a circle of
 a couple of my poor old sharks. The herd in
 from 20 to 40 miles distant. Go on.