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Thursday September 1st 1855
I have at last succeeded in finishing one of the "How
leaders" and have presented it to the Capt.
He is very much pleased with it and all hands
give me so much praise that I am at a loss to
know how to answer them with becoming modesty.
The wind had nearly left us but the fog is
still in favor of our company. One sail in
sight. Sounded shot and got muddy bottom at
15 fathoms.

1855
Friday September 2nd
Very pleasant weather. Fog and small rain the
most of the time. At five in the forenoon exchanged
signals with a ship to the leeward when she stood
toward us and hauled aback.
The rain off and on. Spoke her, from
and gave the name of Magnolia
of which Bedford is her name.
Capt. Cox gave our Capt. an
invitation to come on board which
he readily accepted and there Mr. & Mrs. Pease came
on board to join with Mr. & Mrs. Pease of course.
They have lately taken a whale which made them 2500 lbs
and picked up a cask of specie and which was covered
with barnacles and had the appearance of having been in
the water a great while. The Capt. returned at 9 P.M.

1855
Monday September 3rd
The day the wind has been very strong from the N.W.
and cold with frequent squalls or rain.
Sailed twice for whales and chased 6 hours but
returned with fishermen's luck.
In the forenoon the Magnolia's
boat fastened to the whale we lowered
and held on to him about all day and
was then obliged to let him go. We have
seen a number of whales but they are all
young quick to the windward. It is now 11 in the eve. and
Capt. Cox is coming on board. He left at 11 o'clock
with his whale-boat, their line and went off with all the
craft of two boats. We are now from the coast.

Off St. Pauls Island
Tuesday September 4th 1855
There has been a good day for whaling but we have seen
nothing but small blubber. At noon sighted St. Pauls
Island. Our Capt. went on board to see Capt. Cox
again this evening. His sister is here talking about whaling
of course. The Capt. returned at about 11.

Wednesday September 5th
Foggy and some rain through the day nothing in sight
but some blubber. He gave the idea of getting
this season and some talk of coming here again but I
think this will be the last time I shall appear myself in this
latitude. Finished my miniature show case and shade
have offered one hundred dollars for it but I think 200
will not fetch it yet. It belongs to my wife now. What
will it be if she chooses.

Thursday September 6th
Foggy again to day. At noon spoke the Samson.
Heardon sailing in 35 fathoms the first whaler taken
since we saw her before (see 53 page). Our Capt. went
on board and ran off to the Magnolia
and Capt. Cox joined with us and
were this passing the time while I spent
a few lines to my poor wife to send
by the G.R. who is supposed to sail for
the Islands before long or blacky
knows how long before we shall go to land.

Friday September 7th
The wind has returned to its old corner S.W. and
increased to a gale with a plenty of rain lying to night
close reefed by top-sail fore-don. The Magnolia
sailed off our lee beam.

Saturday September 8th
The weather foggy and light rain and wind. The Magnolia
sailed down and spoke and gave us an invitation to go
him a visit. We were obliged to accept it and as I was
asked to go I thought best to indulge the host.
He turned at 8 in the evening after having a very agree-
able time. Capt. Cox has praised our miniature
show case too highly and wanted me to make him one
but our voyage is too near at hand for such an undertaking.