

numbers. One of our boats went ashore and got a boat load of cocoa-nuts, for our hogs, the only article the island produces. The "Old Man" gave the seaman a passage to the Kings Hill Group, whither we are bound. At night came in we hauled our wind and stood off.

19th About 1 P.M. spoke the barque "Hydaspe" of Ch. B. 13 mos. out. 135 bls sperm oil.

At 3 P.M. spoke the ship Daniel Webster of Nantucket, 11 mos. out. 25 bls. sperm.

21st Cruising off New Nantucket. Saw sperm whales from the mast-head at sunrise, two points on the lee bow, and going to windward as if the devil had kicked them. Lowered and chased them 8 miles and gave it up. They were probably galled, before daylight, by one of the ships to leeward.

25th Saw whales at sunrise, 17 miles to leeward.

Chased them two hours. Could not get near them. Painting ship the rest of the day.

The Webster on our weather quarter.

26th Stiff breeze, and considerable sea. Saw whales about 4 P.M. and at sail the boats were after

them. All the boats got fast, but the iron of the waist boat broke. They struck another whale and a small calf - the latter unintentionally, and between the two the boat was stove, and began to fill. This caused them to cut their line, and pull for the ship. In getting alongside, the boat was capsized and the crew, sail and part of the whaling gear was lost. The crew got aboard safe - wet, but in good condition, all hands turned to and got the boat aboard, and we stood for the harbour boat, on our weather beam. The starboard boat was to leeward - both hull lights set - 8 P.M. At 9 1/2 P.M. all hands were on board, and two whales made fast alongside.

27th Got in and commenced trying out the blubber. Saw the Webster on our weather bow.

28th Trying out. Saw fin backs. Sail on our lee bow. Spoke the "Hydaspe" at 5 P.M. They had taken one 20 bl. whale.