

just before we left New Zealand. It appears that a right whale ship touched there a few months ago, and the natives tried to take possession of her. In the attempt three of the ship's company were killed. The natives, however, got worsted, and 40 of their number slain. It is probable that the natives had some cause for the attack, as it was but a short time before that our second mate, with a boat's crew, went ashore on the island, and the natives showed no signs of hostility whatever. Indeed it has been so at every island we been to in the Group. We brought some fish of them, and beaced forward at sunset heading N. W. by W.

3d Stiff breeze, N. W. by W., and N. N. W. Struck the N. E. trades. Set up the mizzen fore and aft stays. Lat. 1.31 N., long. 171.48 E. Set sea watches. Rained and blowed hard in the morning watch. Split our main topsail and close reefed it. Split fore topsail and mainsail. Reefed one and clewed up the other. Bound for the Japan seas.

4th Squally. Unbent the main topsail and sent up a new one. Mended the fore and main course in the yards. Lat. 3.23 N., long. 170.14 E. Course N. W.

5th Squally. Course N. W. by N. At 2 P. M. raised a small cluster of islands, 4 points off our larboard bow, called Corall's Group. The Elizabeth reported having been chased by the natives of this island or islands in several large war canoes. We saw no signs of any thing living. We ran off to leeward of the island, and luffed up N. W. by N. Lat. 4.33 N., long. 168.55.

6th Strong wind. Fine weather. Course N. W. by N. Lat. 5.29 N., long. 167.27 E. Reefed topsails at 7 P. M. Blowed heavy during the night. Furl'd jib and spanker, and hauled up the mainsail. Split the fore topsail below the second reef band, and furl'd it.

7th Sunday. B-cury weather. Got down the fore topsail and went at work on it. Sent it up and set it single reefed, at 5 P. M. Lat. 7.29 N., long. 166.30 E.

8th Stiff breeze. Fine weather. Close hauled, heading N. W. Lat. 10.01 N., long. 165.23 E.

9th Rugged weather, and squally. Course N. N. W. Under reefed topsails, foresail and staysail. No body aloft. Lat. 12.06 N., long. 163.57 E.

10th Stiff breeze. Broke out beef and saved up a rip in the mainsail. Course N. N. W. Lat. 16.57 N., long. 162.01 E.