

a mile off we lowered our boat, pumped in, and tried to spring alongside of him with our oars. But it was of no avail. He knew we were after him, and he went down when we were about a ship's length off. The other boats met with no better success, and we all came aboard at sunset. The old man showed himself today.

29th Fresh breeze. Stowing down. At 10 A.M. we spoke the ship Rambler, of Nantucket, 32 mrs. out, with 550 sperm. She ran about five miles to leeward of us and hauled on the wind. In a short time we saw her running before the wind, shaking the reefs out of her topsails with three or four extra men at the mast heads. We knew they were after whales, and accordingly we squared our yards and followed her. We saw her boats down shortly after, and the whales close to them. One boat went alongside of a whale, and the boatster either missed him or he saw the boat, as he kicked and went down. We saw no more of them. The R. then took her boats up and set her main topgallant sail, with her colors set and seven men at her mast heads, and kept off before the wind, a signal that the whales were in sight to leeward. But our captain declined the invitation to follow. We

30th stowed down 125 barrels yesterday and to-day. Light wind. Foggy. Rambler in sight to leeward. Finished stowing down our last fare. What we saved of the three whales stowed us down 144 bls., making 550 bls. in all.

July 31st Light wind - very foggy. Cleaning ship, setting up shooks, breaking out beef, flour, pickles, &c., caught some fish, and the old man opened the slop-chest, which was pretty well patronised by the crew, the last fare of oil having been a feeder on clothes. Lat. 31. 34. N.

2d Light wind - fine weather. Raised whales about 10 o'clock off our lee beam. We lowered and went after them, but a thick fog came up and we saw them no more. Came aboard and braced forward. Lat. 31. 24. N., long. 161. 15 E.

3d Light wind. Foggy. Coopering casks, and getting whaling gear in order.

4th Our national anniversary was celebrated in the following manner:- The weather was rather foggy, with a light breeze, when all hands were called, but cleared up after breakfast into as fine a day as I ever witnessed. About 10 o'clock the 3d mate raised whales ahead 6 miles off. After standing along and bringing the whales to leeward,