

to a 50 barrel whale, and put both irons in him to the socket. The 2d mate fastened to the same whale, while the 3d mate, instead of staying in the vicinity to afford aid to the other boats, in case either of them got stove, followed the school to leeward, till we could just see the ship's topsails, and then hove up. The other boats got the whale alongside the ship about 3 P. M., while we were obliged to pull 10 miles, dead to windward against a heavy head-beat sea. We got aboard about sundown, nearly used up, having been in the boat over 10 hours.

13th Strong breeze, heavy sea. But in the whale and started the works.

14th Light wind, fine weather. Trying out.

15th Strong breeze, heavy sea. Finished trying out. Sail off our lee beam.

16th Strong breeze, heavy sea. Saw the Hope off our weather quarter, under three close-reefed topsails.

17th Light breeze. Fine weather. Saw the Hope to leeward. Stowed down the oil - 50 bbls, making 695 bbls. all told. After 4 o'clock the teeth of the whales taken this cruise, were spread out on deck, and, after the officers had picked out one pair each, were equally divided among the crew. They were small,

and hardly worth taking. By the aid of a set of dice they all fell into the hands of a lucky few. We did not see any of the teeth belonging to the large whales taken before we came here, and probably never shall.

18th Light wind. Broke out soap and tobacco for the use of the crew. Lat. 31.50 N. Coopering, &c.

19th Light wind - fine weather. Cleaned the rail, bulwarks, &c., and scrubbed the decks, fore and aft, with lye and sand - an all-day job.

20th Light wind - fine weather. Setting up shooks. Bent the mizzen topmast staysail, but finding it to large, sent it down to be altered.

21st Fresh breeze. Altering mizzen topmast staysail.

22d Light wind - fine weather. Sent up the mizzen topmast staysail.

23d Fine weather - fresh breeze. No signs of any whales.

24th Fine weather - fresh breeze. We split our fore topsail in a squall this morning, and sent it down to mend it. Sent it up at 4 P. M. Long. 165.12 E.

25th Light wind - fine weather. All sail set - bound to the westward.

26th Squally. Cleared up at noon. Saw fin-backs.

27th Fair weather. Light wind.