

and they are not fond of taking off beach-combers unless they are short-manned. At sunset we braced forward heading N.N.E.

30th Fresh breeze. Tacked heading S.E. At 7 et. M. we heard the mate, who was aloft, sing out "There s-h-e l-l-o-w-s." The old man jumped on deck and they were pronounced sperm whales. All hands were eager to commence the fray and make up for the bad work yesterday. After swallowing a few mouthfuls of breakfast we lowered away and set sails, the whales being a point on our lee bow. They were very shy, but by careful management the 2d mate got alongside of a 40 barrel bull, and before he could get away he had an iron in him chock to the socket. The mate fastened to him till he spouted blood, and then cut off, and in company with the 3d mate started off to leeward in pursuit of the school, till recalled by a signal from the ship. We got the whale alongside, and at 3 P.M. we had him cut in. We made sail, commenced cutting up blubber, and started the try-works. Lat. 56 m N. Long. 176.02 E. Heading N.E. by N.

Oct 1st. Light wind. Tacked at daylight heading S.E. Trying out. Wet hold and scrubbed of decks. At 5 P.M. raised Drummond's island 3 points on our lee bow.

Oct. 2d

Tacked twice during the night, heading N.N.E. and S.E. Lat. 56 m N. Long. 175.32 E.

Light wind. Heading S.E. Drummond's island in sight off our lee bow. Finished trying out and cleared up the decks. This whale turned up 37 bls. Wore ship after dinner and stood in for the land. About 25 canoes came off bringing fish, cocon nuts, tickimimi, mats, &c. One of the kanakas, a native of Hope island, quite a young lad, was shipped by the captain as one of the crew. He was entirely naked, with the exception of a mat he had around him. The old man sent him forward and told us to use him well and learn him something. One gave him a shirt, another a hat, paints, &c. We then cut his hair, put a knife in his pocket, christened him Hope, and had him metamorphosed into a yankee sailor. Braced forward about sunset, heading N.N.E. Lat. 126 E.

3d

Fresh breeze. At 6 A.M. kept off N.N.W. Coopered the oil on deck. 5 P.M. raised Simpson's island four points off our lee bow. At sunset we hauled sharp on the wind and lay off and on till the morning of the 4th. Lat. 2 m N. 174.38 E.

4th Light wind, fine weather. Land on our lee quar-