

April 10th. - Very light airs. Broke out after hold
 to stow down oil. 12 M. raised a school of
 sperm whales off weather beam. We were in
 rather a bad condition to take it, the decks
 being crowded with casks and barrels. Never-
 theless we got dinner and lowered all the boats
 in pursuit. The whales could just be seen from
 the mast head. We pulled off to windward
 about two hours without seeing them, and were
 about to return to the ship when the waist
 raised them ahead. They got close in behind
 them but could not fasten. By five o'clock the
 ship was almost out of sight. The waist boat
 rose up. The starboard boat was right behind
 them, and we determined to make one grand
 rally and if we did not succeed to return to
 the ship. After about 15 minutes hard pulling
 we got alongside of a 30 lb. whale and our boat-
 steerer put two irons in him. It was late in
 the day. We had no time to spare. A bomb-
 lance was thrown into him which brought
 him to like a log. The waist boat came up
 and fastened, and just as the sun sank
 he rolled fin out. The mate started
 for the ship, while the other boats hitches
 to the whale, with sails out, began to tow
 him towards the ship. We got alongside
 about 10 o'clock; put a fluke chain around

the whale, shortened sail & turned in. — — —
 Lat. 5.28 S.

April 11th. - Very light airs. Lost in the whale &
 started the works. Sunset - set by watches. Lat. 5.19 S, L. 172.30 W.

April 12th. - Calm. Tying out. The captain, accord-
 ing to agreement, gave us a wash-tub full of dough-
 nuts, which were fried in the works. We were to
 to have these when we got one thousand barrels.
 This whale just made the amount. Sunset - set
 boats watches. Coiled down the works at 9 P.M.

Lat. 5.07 S

April 13th. - Calm. Very warm weather. Stowing down
 oil in after hold. Lat. 4.57 S, long. 178.41 W.

April 14th. - Very light airs. Made all sail. Course
 N.W. Broke out butter from after hold. One tub
 was sent forward to get rid of it. It would have
 disgraced an Irish boarding-house. Lat. 3.33 S, long. 179.52 W.

April 15th. - Fresh breeze from the Eastward. All sail out.
 Course N.W. Sunday. Lat. long. etc. etc.

April 16th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Stowing down oil in after
 hold. 7 A.M. raised sprits left the weather beam, 4 miles off.
 Tuffed sharp on the wind heading N.W. 7 1/2 o'clock tacked
 N.E. by E. 9 o'clock tacked, N.W. by W. Could not make out what
 the sprits were. The mate said they were sperm whales.