

of the piece of pork set the old man in a violent passion. He swore we were wasting the ship's provisions in order to spoil his voyage, and also to get home sooner. But when he saw the pig run gulping aft, and found out the cause, his rage boiled over. After dinner all hands were mustered aft, and notified that all day watches below were stopped till the offender confessed his guilt, or one of his shipmates did it for him; intimating that in case of a refusal to do this, we would get our old iron worked up awfully. Nobody would consent to this arrangement, and the watches below were stopped.

Oct. 8th. - According to promise, we got no watch below to-day, but immediately after breakfast all ^{foremost} hands were turned to scrubbing ship. We were kept at it without intermission till five o'clock in the afternoon. The wind was light from the S.E. to-day. Saw a stranger off our lee beam. The old man gave out that no one of us should have a watch below till each man came aft and told who committed the deed.

Oct. 9th. - All hands turned to cleaning out the tray pits & scraping the rust off the mincing machine. This morning a large spurred specimen from Pennsylvania,

whose looks would betray him among a thousand, went creeping up to the captain and turned informer, & he straightway received his darling watch below.

Oct. 10th. Fine weather. Wind S.E. light. Sunrise, Long Beach off weather quarter. 6 1/2 at 10. The 2d mate raised spouts 4 fts off weather beam ^{low}, and called them sperm whales. Got breakfast and lowered away the boats. We made but slow progress. In fact the crew were beat out, from having their watches below stopped and hard work, because they would not be brow-beaten. The officers who were the prime cause of all this tried to rouse them but it was no use. After a long pull we came up with the object of our search. They were only killers, and we returned to the ship. It was lucky they were not whales, as the boats never could have got fast, and the officers not so would have received a blessing from the captain. We got aboard about half past 9 and were allowed to rest on deck till dinner-time. After dinner we were set to work; some scraping topmasts & topgallant masts, & some slushing them. I with two others was put to scraping a spare topsail yard 7495, 151, 186.

Oct. 11th. Fine weather. Light breeze. Off Cape Dennis. 10 at 10. Hauled aback about three miles from the land.