

vine, "Tell me who struck the pig." We were about to go forward again when he said "If I was to give you your watch below you would go off and say you got the weather gage of the old b—." We told him that we understood he would let us go below if we came aft and talked the matter over. That we had come, and asked him civilly and respectfully to grant our desire. He immediately told the mate to send the watch below. Thus ended for the present the famous pig affair in ^{which} the officers made fools of themselves and we lost 14 watches below, but gained the victory. 4 P.M. wet hold, and in doing so wet ourselves to the skin. Rained all night.

Oct. 21st. - Cloudy with rain. Wind S.E. Off Woodlark island. 10 A.M. kept off W. by S. Passed three small islands during the day.

Oct. 22d. - Rainy, & squally. Off Cape Dennis.

Oct. 23d. - Off Cape Dennis. Squally & rainy all day. Broke out beef. About 3 P.M. raised a large

sperm whale about a mile off the lee beam. We expected that this fellow would play the same trick on us the last one did, and calculated at the next rising he would be to windward of the ship. The boats were lowered and pulled to windward. In about half an hour he came up between the ship and the boats. He had crossed the ship's wake while down and was gallied. He soon weathered the boats and took a lee line dead to windward. We chased him till sunset and gave it up. The old man and the officers had a flare up as soon as the boats were hoisted. Worked up towards the land through the night.

Oct. 24th. - Rained hard all day. Wind S.E.

Oct. 25th. - Cloudy. Off Cape Dennis. 1 P.M. rain. Frequent squalls with rain through the night.

Oct. 26th. - Rainy and squally. Wind E.S.E. Cape Dennis in sight.

Oct. 27th. - Fine. Wind E.S.E. Off Cape Dennis. A few rain squalls. 4 P.M. wet hold.

Oct. 28th. - Sunday. Cloudy. Wind S.E. 3 A.M. spoke the ship *Eliza Swift*, Capt. Chase, of N.B., 11 mms.