

1855 Ship Vineyard of Edgartown cruising in
Friday May 4th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.E. ship under double reefed topsails and foresail steering S.W. Saw whales at daylight and lowered three boats in chase, but a thick fog shutting in they returned. Plying out. Home ship at noon, heading E. Other ship in sight and two boats. So ends this day.

Saturday May 5th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the N.W. ship under moderate sail heading N.E. by E. Home ship at 10 P.M. heading W. Saw the "Champion" of Edgartown. Finished trying out. After supper took in all sail but close reefed main topsail. So ends this day.

Sunday May 6th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the S.E. ship under same sail standing off and on to the ice. Saw several schools of grampuses and ice broken. Middle and latter part of the day. So ends this day.

Monday May 7th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S. ship under all sail steering S.E. Stowed down. Saw whales in the forenoon and lowered the boats in chase; the starboard boat got fast to a very large whale but the iron braces. Lowered twice again this day with no success. Saw two whales taken. So ends this day.

Tuesday May 8th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather ship under all sail cruising round the ice. Saw whales after breakfast and lowered the boats in chase. The starboard boat fastened to a whale and lost him with all the line. At the next rising the starboard boat fastened and lost him again with the line. We gave him up for lost when he came up



1855 the Outer Sea. Thomas W. Fisher, Master
and the starboard boat fastened to him. He was turned fire out and we took him alongside and commenced cutting in which was finished about 3 A.M. Saw two whales taken. So ends this day.

Wednesday 9 May 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather ship under moderate sail cruising. Saw whales after dinner and lowered in chase. The bow boat struck a whale and killed him; got him alongside and cut in the head. Started the work. Saw the ship, Canoe of Nantucket take one whale. So ends this day.

Thursday May 10th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S. ship under moderate steering S.E. All hands employed in scupping down. Looked for whales at 5 P.M. but in vain. So ends this day.

Friday May 11th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather. Saw a whale and lowered three boats in chase. The starboard boat struck him and the waist boat killed him. Took him up and cut him in. Saw the "Champion" with 4 whales. So ends this day.

Saturday May 12th 1855.

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the N.W. by W. ship under double reefed topsails and foresail heading S.W. by S. Yesterday stowed down some of the oil, and spoke the "Albatross" Capt. Parker 5 whales, the "Meteor" Capt. Sexton 2 whales, and the "Ohio" Capt. Bennett 1 whale. Took in all sail, but close reefed main topsail and fore top mast staysails and coiled down. So ends this day.

