

1855

Ship Vineyard of Edgartown cruising in

Saturday May 26th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the S.E. ship under all sail steering S. After dinner cleared up, saw whales; lowered the boats in chase. The starboard boat

struck a good sized whale and killed him. Got him alongside and tied him up and all hands went below at 9 P.M. To end this day.

Sunday May 27th 1855

This day commenced with rainy and foggy weather from the S.E. ship under double reefed topsails steering N.W. Turned out at 1 P.M. and cut in the whale. Commenced trying out. Saw a strange ship cutting in. To end this day.

Monday May 28th 1855

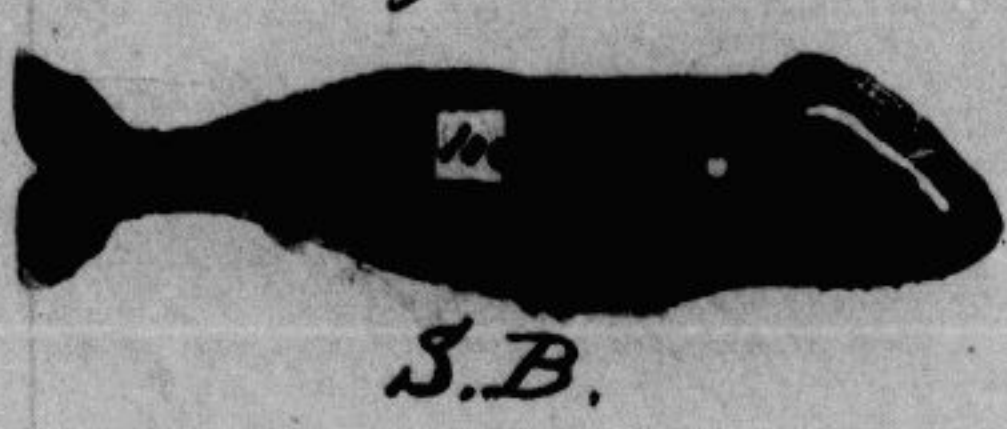
This day commenced with fresh gales and foggy weather from the S.E. by E. ship under close reefed topsails heading N.E. by E. Work being very strong cooled upon the works, Middle and latter part the same. To end this day.

Tuesday May 29th 1855

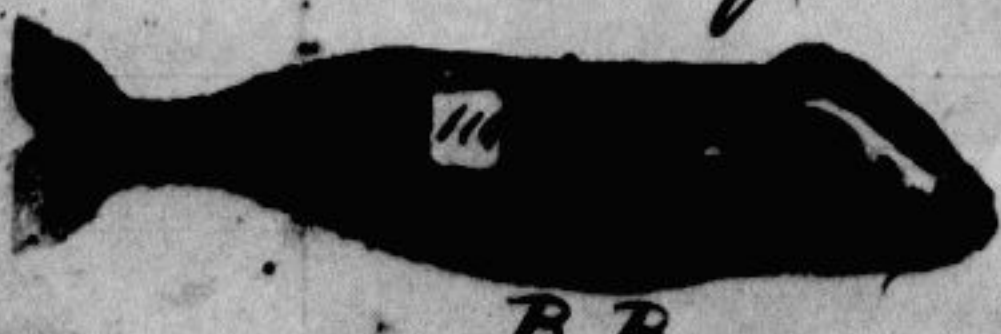
This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E.S.E. ship under moderate sail steering N.E. by N. Wood ship several times. The "Speedwell" ran close to us by her appearance clear. At 10 P.M. heavy fog set in. Middle and latter part the same. To end this day.

Wednesday May 31st 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.E. ship under moderate sail steering E. N.E. Saw whales at 9 A.M. and lowered all the boats in chase; the bow boat struck one and killed him. Got him alongside and cut him in and commenced flensing him. Latter part foggy. To day lowered one boat in chase of a whale.



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the Ochotek Sea Thomas N. Fisher Master

but we discovered him to be a humpback. Latter part spoke the "Washington" of A.B. 2 whales, Capt. Holey came aboard and our mate went aboard the W. Thick fog set in. To end this day.

Friday June 1st 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. ship under moderate sail steering N. by E. Commenced stowing down. Stowed 107 bbls. Spoke the ship "Adri" Capt. Manchester 2 whales. A large number of ships in sight. Middle and latter part the same. To end this day.

Saturday June 2nd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N.W. by W. ship under moderate sail steering on the wind in heavy ice. Lowered the boats after breakfast and pulled into the ice; the starboard boat went onto a large whale and missed him. After dinner lowered again no success. Spoke the "Abigail" 4 whales. All hands employed in scraping ice. Jonas island in sight. To end this day.

Sunday June 3rd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E.N.E. ship under moderate sail steering on the wind, in the ice. Stowed down the remainder of the oil; finished about 9 P.M. Several ships in sight. Latter part foggy. To end this day.

Monday June 4th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.E. ship under whole topsails steering S.E. by E. Wood ship several times. At 2 P.M. lowered the boats and pulled into the ice but saw nothing but a shepherd boat. Came aboard at 5. Latter part foggy. To end this day.

Tuesday June 5th 1855.

This day commenced moderate breezes and thick weather from the S.E. ship under easy sail steering N.W. by E. Standing off and on to the ice. Spoke the "Concord" Capt. Duff 3 whales, and the "Harvest" Capt.