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After being 3 days in the river for procuring a fresh supply of stores & necessaries for our next voyage which was to Davis Strait in search of the whale we started on the fourth towards evening with very little alteration amongst the crew except the despatch of two or three, whose places are supplied by as good if not better men, and one of Harpooners being transferred and elevated to the station of chief mate of the "Polyphemus" S.S. having his mate Mr. William Walker, being appointed and promoted as his Commander; in consequence of a misunderstanding between her late Captain and Owner, resulting in his Resignation.

Also instead of Mr. John Davis, our second Engineer, who has voluntarily resigned as unfit for duty in consequence of his infirmity to sea-duty. No man other than Mr. David Murray, third Engineer of the "Polyphemus" to be second of the "Companions", and doubtless

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I first I went on Board and saw Captain Thomas Bruce who to some extent was part Owner, But he had no time to speak with me, but I found the crew to Man up so promptly and smartly and Captain of ship Burnet being about 30 years old deposition, Enterprising and full of spirit, I instantly turned his Master, what you do for me be you do it well and offer the necessary compensation, Having for instant the vessel & her crew all ready to discharge myself as chief Engineer and Captain myself having been in the capacity of Engineer, Will find the proceeding from him I shall be satisfied and prone to offend.

After the usual compliment of morning, Our Captain informed me he intended to sail at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, but the master of the crew was just so wretched in all respects, that he could not get to sea and to have often said by the Captain to the 10th morning about 3 o'clock, I will be down then I went in order to run up a boat in the water, and to prepare myself to go ashore in the time for our Master should come to me in spirit for I had the life we were about to end you life, but thought you and our

various cases, leaving my home and fatherland behind a few faithful, dear friends, bound by unbreakable ties of affection, together with the responsibility holding on my sometime construction house the tall figure of youth was mine, and thought certain for abandoned for active duty,

In due time my force of men arrived and went on smoothly & safely and after little delay and were settled I contented myself all was right went home to dinner, although I did not have to speak to Master, mate, Father and Son, Mrs. Rogers and Horatio back to my future home to my planned empty and day about filled and anything as I could wish it, as you can all reading and expectations, and a kindly regards to the respectable people of Dundee you find us a grey meeting our departure the day after I was compelled no longer and likewise enjoyed to be off, it was now longing in four weeks when they began to load her (morning and evening) Good bye were then spoken with words of comfort & consolation, the master was again

by fair delicate hands in token of odieu, or a
last parting kiss observed as a pledge of朋友
and Mutual understanding, with various other com-
munications on the occasion of separation and as
follow as if to eclipse the whole, his feet going further
than his Judgment adroitly drops into the dock
along side of us from the quay then across the bay
to cry of a Man in the water, and a simultaneous
rush of the crowd Many poor fates to a few more
of them knowned, during which he was got off
not so we mord quickly off amidst such cheer as
is called heard, after waiting at the Ferry
roadside until the train should arrive, we again
moved on with a light wind in our favor it was
now about 7 o'clock and close on time we had parted
with the Pilot for we had to wait some time for the
Pilot boat, and this also of all obstruction we over-
came that ahead, and next morning found us passing
the entrance of the Moray Firth, it was a pale and
cloudy Morning and the gentle easy Motion of our ship
as she glides along with the dense columns of smoke at
intervals casting in air, formed a pleasant contrast with

the rising sun, tipping the rolling waves with a golden
hue, yes, it was sweet and pleasant and the fragrant
Morning air put me in remembrance of my Breakfast
but my contemplations were here cut short by also
something else to engage my attention which I was over
forgetting, and that was my engines having been in
water the whole night, No wonder my imagination
besieled me a little, as my second took unto himself
that tormentor, called Sea Sickness as soon as we left
the Bay and always continued getting worse, I forced
him off to bed, thinking a nights rest would be of benefit
to him, but poor John was unwilling to go and
would fain have been able to keep his watch, but as
the flesh was weak, and in a short time he
required no further pressing, notwithstanding my
confinement I was pretty brisk for everything to outside
well, giving now far less trouble than I fondly anticipated
and my mind was perfectly easy on that account,
onward we went and that night at midnight found
us strongly moored in Berwick Harbour in the Mid-
of fully 20000 Cwt's, all bound for Old Greenland
and lying there to ship the full complement of men

required to prosecute the Seal fishing, and which was likewise our errand there, the reason I am led to understand is because they can employ the men much cheaper, and also better acquainted with the fishing in that part everything to right in the Longinus Room and I hurried into bed after having a good glass of spirits at the same time giving my men a drop; I slept soundly and sweetly as you may suppose & awoke on Friday about 12 o'clock, I found John all right and on duty although somewhat pale gave him his morning which he declared was better than his last one, for the day previous I had made him swallow a pint of sea water and I may add it proved them beneficial, going back to my berth I made my bed, stashed the Bed clothes together, and arranged my clothes in my chest & furnished my writing desk the captain had kindly put up for my use, I sat down writing a few letters for home and plucked, and went up on deck to have a promenade and a view of the town from the Harbour although it is by no means picturesque, regular in build, or attractive most of the houses are 2 storied some fronting the Harbour some with their

backs towards it, others again with their backs built several yards into the water and appurtenances for hoisting up their boats fixed or built into the walls, and when not in use the boat is floated up on the back, rather a comical place in my opinion, and not a few stand corner on, the Captain having placed a boat & crew at my disposal I availed myself on Sunday along with John & the Doctor of the opportunity to go to church I took them along in the boat after dinner & at the same time posted our letters but by the time we got a boat however to a crew (mustered up even later for the afternoon service) so being a beautiful opportunity we took a fancy for a walk of the surrounding district, happening to overhear the doctor say he had a fine ride on a pony over to Scalway a village on the other side of the Island some 6 miles distant and a fine old romantic ruined in its vicinity, I said John what do you say for a ride over to Scalway, come say he & the three of us settled on a decimal third, then as it only cost home two or 3 shillings, we had it equipped by one Mr. Godwin a Sailor who kept a pony for those who desired to make use of them

I was mounted bare in hand and trotted off,
the afternoon was excellent and the road good, with
our minds bent on an afternoon sport, as soon
then as we alighted the town, a pony was agreed on
and off we went, at a fine pace, soon finding I
had ground with my companion, and endeavouring to
keep up with them, made a free use of the can, but
all to no purpose, the more I tried, the more the pony
tried, only the opposite way from my intention; finally
on losing command of him, I also lost all patience &
as he did catch it, I then charged him with John
as he was a bit of an equitation, and between him &
the Doctor, he turned out as good as the others, afterwards
hanging with the Doctor, we did go it in earnest the
rest day and as we in prospectation although the wind
was strong, it was a beautifull excursion along the sea
side, and through the Valley, then passing in a heavy tem-
perature we brought the animal to a halt with a lonely
team before us, the bread, also expense of water stretching
out interdistance until coming to Mingle with the baron
the curtain of mist hid it from human eyes, there too
low on the bay was lying the quiet unpeopled village

slumbering on the Margin of the ocean, arrayed in the
ruins of a setting sun, with its few remains of a once
magnificent cathedral standing afar, and as the winds still
blowing as keeping watch over their common,eral,
while in front their crabs of the day added by rocks
on the front of the tide, mostly from motion as anxious
for their liberty, we gazed for a considerable space of
time and we thought of starting, for seldom could we
imbrace such a picture as lay before us at a Glance
However, if I may use the word; we turned our
steeds, and so it turned we had far less trouble in
urying them forward, and little did another low sun
ascending on bay to the beach of Lerwick, sloping
in the last and running for the Campdown,
our appetites were unusually keen, so satisifying
them first, we felt considerably more at ease, and
began to review our days on other afternoons, transiting
we come to the conclusion it had on the whole been
well spent, but being Sunday it ought to have been
better, so that the Master flood, we will perhaps
make it up when we get the opportunity

On another that morning, I found my

My watch was going slow fast, or I had been putting slow in giving, but I reckon Art Buck has lost for it was blowing a heavy gale from the N.W. and putting our fleet in a bad condition, some of them were dragging their anchors and fast drifting on the land, amongst these unfortunate was the Dunder "S.S." commanded by Captain Harrold late of the "Joy" he had driven down on a boulder & partially damaged her, shortly after coming upon us, spilling a large anchor although every ship had both anchors down, allowing unavoidable damage & mischief to herself & the brig. I believe the accident happened by a slight mistake in trying to get clear of her, the Dunder having been there, but promised to pass her anchors before the engine could be started, and hence the trouble during the gale, which continued all day. He let one of her anchors & a good piece of the cable attached while they remained back alongside the brig during the gale and steaming the while to hold their own. I understand however that the captain of the vessel has been claiming damages to the amount of 200,000⁰⁰ respectively, however it has been compromised and the

carpenters of various ships have been lending their aid towards repairing them again. So I conclude from that, the affair will pass over quite considerably mischief has been sustained by the Dunder herself in the shape of boats, boats & stages, fitting the weather here at this time is all but agreeable gales & showers of hail & rain sometimes accompanied with Thunder.

The weather improving towards the evening of Tuesday 5th, Doctor Anderson and myself thought by way of amusement to have an hour spent on shore, and as soon as tea was over we arrived out our designs and went on shore with our boat & oars, appointing a full minute at 10 o'clock to go off to the ship, on that condition we separated giving the crew as much as procure a glass of ale,

after pronouncing sometime together in their so called town, we found a capital refuge in Mr. Geddes and found an hours & a half very comfortable indeed the Misses Geddes doing the candle in a good degree adding to the comicality of the evening, with all company we left their dwelling to do a little of

Principally in the shape of small purchases; (i.e.)
 giving out a shopping, which any enlightened & well
 informed female will consider really necessary
 we were hailed by one of the crew saying the men
 see Musterine and waiting, the Doctor unwillingly
 said, by way of a joke we were not coming on board
 all right, although it was by no means an agreeable
 evening for staying ashore, for the pain & time were
 again in the accountants to us, so now but quite
 went along for something else, repeat a letter by the way
 and on returning some 10 minutes after, the boat was
 suddenly hove to on the belief of us staying out all
 night & consequently pulled off, what was soon to be known
 it was getting late surely all the bottom men vs.
 the boat started up, at last we came on to of them
 hauling up one of their boats & offered them a shilling
 with the usual price, to get on board, one of them
 replied, a shilling won't do, Must have money, for
 you do see how the floors, I go to the Doctor said
 we and left him, determined not to encourage, Dr. Cooper
 to Inspector to the Doctor from up the Coast) the
 agent, who failing told him, to find a boat for

himself, such is life, Man Mind thy self,
 well the Old Tom, we did take his advice
 getting chagrined at our want of success, we very
 handsomely went straight from his house to the
 Pier of which there was a good Number, by good
 fortune found a boat nicely bound, without
 being over scrupulous we understood the
 pricing ship's in and pushed off, Not fifty
 yards from the Pier we heard a voice bellowing
 ho, ho, come back in the boat, although we
 could distinguish nobody through the darkness of
 the night, he, he, old cock so you may see consider
 to ourselves, we had the least intention of doing
 such a thing, we had trouble enough to get away
 besides running a chance of staying in chuckly
 all night, so we held on our course, passing like
 tigers & leaping our way through the fleet in the
 darkness, nearly drenched with rain & spray
 we got on board at last, giving a couple of
 hands who volunteered half a crown to take back
 the boat, they scuttled at the Doctor as they paid
 for a punt, as it was a rough night & the man

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focally putting one in mind of a Mod Oats
where the people live in one corner, & the Big 4
family in another, & sometimes we hope for a fair
better arrangement one ^{at} better brother, last
now I am writing with one hand & holding on
with the other, to keep my position, the sea is
in a fair balance arising from cap currents &
contrary gales of wind alternately from the time
we left Lerwick, we are now beginning to feel
the cold frosty air as we put our way over
the North seas, and to face the frequent Hail
storms comfortably one would require to wear
a mask of lead leather, so sharp is this bite
then only coming frequently with the West winds
the other evening we had the usual precedents
of a southerly wind in a brilliant array of
the motions of the North, illuminating the sprinkled
finement and the face of the water with a
dazzling beauty, leaping over the clouds, then
again like a twisting whip cord, in the hands of
an experienced Drivier of a sled, we are at present
in Lat 64° 8' or nearly within 250 miles of the

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Island of Jan Mayen which lies in Lat 71° 10'
and may be said to be the southern extremity
of the seal fishing - extending North as far as
Lat 76° 47' and expecting in a day or two to
make the ice, if not our fortune, maintains
we are struggling along with a few tatters, and
since it closed up another seal supposed to be
the Jay 83rd also dismasted struggling along in
another quarter, my poor friend John has still
a weary time of it never having been free of
sickbay since we left Shetland, and I fear
he will never make a thorough sea going form
it is (my opinion ever) he to make his appear-
ance just as he is at present, Mr. Dade, ^{man} could
dry over the ice such a fellow a short time
has made a pitious alteration on him, poor
fellow, although I doubt not he will soon recruit
oneself & get him into smooth water, after trying
him with everything I could think off all to no pur-
pose we must now leave him over to tend for his
recovery, there is nothing of moment transpiring in
our small sphere of life at present worthy of

Record, if it isn't the Doctor who I cannot but imagine is tumbling somersets in his Bath, such is Miss & sin through the partition, I can fancy he will play thumb through directly, but perhaps he may be going through some practical operation with himself, for the benefit of his constitution although cannot help wishing he would take the air for its own sake to stanch the streaming for a right, and turn into his for it and misery poor at any rate, And particularly God humours at any time and few lip (now, for I could tear to pieces (a nice Mutton pie,) it is to be feared the foot of mother would fit any. Good temper'd friend first as me, out of Joint, you get bound to death Scary setting below, and go off to get a promenade on death, you get bound like a penny roll from the one side to the other with the occasional assistance of a neighbourly snap of thumb on your back, and the only alternative remains, go below, till better weather, or have another of the same, I think the here particular round is never little pleased than

rolling and tumbling about at large, at all events will remain below at present.

The Night is lowering - statly black Hails the Grim reaper while hawens pack Dispers'd and wild. Twit earth & sky Hangs like a shattered canopy!

There's not a cloud in that blue plain But tell of storm to come or past - Here, flying loosely as the Moon of a young ear horse, in the blast:-

Here rolled in masses, dark and swelling As proud to be the thunder dresting While some, already burst & given Sam Mettling down the barge of heaven;

As though, the infant storm had sent The mighty womb that gave him birth And, having swept the firmament Has now in fierce career for Earth.

We are now close on the ice, but the proper direction for us to steer, seems now a matter of no little moment. Owing to the great prevalence of (strong) gales of wind the ice is sadly battered and broken up, drifting about in all directions over the pack which is but a very satisfactory appearance to us seal fishers, little better to see a fine light close pack edge, as there is a greater certainty of encountering at the edge seals wherabouts, so that we must content ourselves to drift about until Providence guides us amongst them, if it is so ordained.

Yesterdays cold - this is not for cold, you dare not stay on deck here five minutes with any part of your body not carefully protected from it, the wind so piercing, with an intense frost, and the very air occasionally dropping loaded with minute frozen particles almost imperceptible until you remain sometime on deck, when a gradual accumulation of covers your entire person more especially on a hand or pair of whiskers making them perfectly white, turned the usual

designation of it as the "Bare" on the ~~middle~~
even when in bed and snugly bound amongst
the blankets, the heat of the body together
with continual perspiration caused a mildew
to appear on the outer covering, as if one had
been sleeping in a field of clover on a May
Morning, although quite sensible of the difference,
we are now coming in amongst our neighbors
I had no idea of the vast quantity of ships
engaged at the sealing, from what I have seen
there is nearly 2 dozen, with or besides a goodly
sprinkling of Norwegians and Dutchmen - all
endeavoring to catch Mr. Disney; were we to
sum up what each vessel expects, (it is my
opinion the grace of seals will become natural)
but like us, I suppose they may be allowed
the blessed privilege of keeping to get them
as I daresay they are not out of the reach of the
all events we are making ready for the Narrows
the Horsing Knives & steaks have been distributed
with a few rifles, and men busy moulding the
bullets, night & day, nothing like preparation

and if we don't get anything for our pains, why I
suppose there isn't much harm done. Soak or no
soak, we never sleep that has our part of the play
to do, and planning every day is now all the go.
Saturday past we had a little bit of comfort in
the shape or substance of rum punch (By fermenting
in the Ocean Room after our work was done), and
sprang up as if going to an evening concert, in
fact it was of that Peter we we gave it up
so bright & quaint old stories of past times the
types or inspiring such future, the memory of our
lives and the supposed sayings so drowsy likely to
copy in some manner that evening's catalogue there
was with many other plenty and dull ruminations
about the principal types of overrunning animals
occasionally mixed with a least, on songs and
another bit taste of the punch, finishing with a
curious Good Night we took to our several beds
for an evening.

Next day we were up and at it again from
day as it was though I suppose it was the work
of anxiety with us, and after planning all day

we stopped in the evening. Had our tea and
assimilated for to read overlined a lesson from the
Book of Proverbs, which guides us all. (or ought to)
But Hart & the Asper call to prayer.

At slow the One of day lighter sets

To passing swiftly from the air,

From Syria's thousand moments

The boy has started from the bed
Of flowers, where he had laid his head
And down upon the fragrant soil
Kneels with his forehead to the earth
Singing the eternal Name of God

From purity own cherubim cloth
And looking, while his hands and eyes

Are fixed to the glowing Star
Like a stray bale of Paradise,
Just lighted on that flowery plain
And waiting for its home again

Oh! how bright, the Heaven - the child

A scene that might have well beguiled
Our earthly life of night, for Glories last to from you to

The next morning brought us fine pleasant weather, the air was pure and mild with a light wind from the South-East; in fact it could be altogether agreeable, only for the heavy rolling swell of the North Sea causing the pieces of Broken Ice to tear and hammer against our ship's sides with unremitting violence, the ship itself lurching from side to side making it impossible to use the telescope with advantage in the last case, the country of our passage how is utterly devoid of scenery unless we can be found in a vast expanse of water passing around with but nothing picturesque but a few small boats about, in the distance so that almost everyone is left to his own powers for amusement or destruction of any description thus being the chief cause, of Spinning Yarns, and Playing dominoes, or fowling, and such sports so prevalent in Greenland. Going ships, and followed out with winterings, and in many instances the habit of a long time past will be with difficulty thrown off, etc deviation, it and finally

he would at or denounce I had under the circumstances, it is natural they should feel peculation, and if conducted with proper judgment I have no doubt would serve a good purpose, as it is at present, however, no pecuniary effect will likely be produced from such facilities,

The aim in Italy is thoroughly justifiable and sure the means to be directed by a proper channel of for example more than when prerogative it is, to have a little interest in the welfare & comfort of those in their immediate charge (that is Master & officers of vessels) I repeat now the Master & officers of a ship company to study in some degree, the relationship between them & the crew, as men and brothers, subject alike to hardships & dangers, good and evil, considering the opportunities & means held by the former, this example for good or evil when brought to bear upon the latter in every day life and transactions, I have no hesitation in affirming a surprising and favorable change would soon be the result of Kindness, duty & fellow feeling between superiors, inferiors and equals, I dare not

Say all, for there is some who could not see
would not appreciate kindly done for them; yet
the great Majority would estimate it at its true
worth, while the fruit of such Co-operation would be
infinitely more agreeable and beneficial to all concerned
than the existing hand of the Task Masters in a
dreadful summons delivered for onward bound vessels
which in general come in (as the saying is) at the
one end and go out at the other, then any other.

Practically prepared, of Christianity,
and caused that Practice to be brought into action with
every day dealings, and unanimously adopted in the
various departments thereof, it is only to hope
for a little sign of the Government or Ministry
before we accomplish what takes place;
such is the system it will expertly promulgate
the details of which will not enter upon it prior
being in a framed, of the new form. And is it not
gathered in my law, the last of legislatures, that a
before resign the task to him one more qualified
and with greater weight in such matters to propagate
it further amongst the community at large; and
especially the seafaring portion of it?

We have now had pretty well trials in this
country and as far as goes, no satisfactory or com-
muni- spcial result has been obtained - tending only to make
one but that imperfect idea yet more conflicting and
confused, being the opinion of a good many Master in
our Greenland fleet. Judging from the appearance and
annual condition of the country (as the sea) there will
be no good done this season, or in other words say few
if any seals will be found by the ships here from
this year, and still an unwilling heart must be
contained, for (as one knows what to do or where to
go for the best, while time wears on apace).

It is hard thinking about here, when in con-
sidering said seal, I could scarce give you anything
but a definite description of it, first seeing none
thing (not being in a position to do so), but the
is the seal, and from back again, by the post road
or edge of the main body of sea, perhaps describing
a few land or light of water in the interior and
certainly produced upon it and being sensible of being
to use the place, what it is made of, how up stand
and better away amongst the detached ones which

have to be, all further progress or new approach,
and provide such bill is carefully scrutinized while we
make a circuit along the ledge, failing quite at
last, that nothing more remains but to give it up
for a bad job, and come tumbling, one passing out
again, in case of right ^{which} foot, and as effectually
confine us within said limit which is far from
us with only the sole task of forcing to pay us
a visit whilst here, and we only ascertain their
whereabouts we can't be so considering as to determine
that the other boats, if they are actually here on
the Ice, (and that as far as has stopped) take the
air for it, I and another friend today has
seen them as we have good reason to know in
our projections, running thus as of two or three
days, I think the equity unfortunate banks,
from what I submit the following, that as
well as with whom he had communication, he
indirectly has got ascertained in hand at the spot
where the seals are located, the place and found
the impossibility of catching them, or getting them
which was to take place first previous to catching them

Price. to my conclusion, I mean to offer
an exact, & encalculating us from commiss on our
unsuccessfull voyage if so it may end as it has
every appearance of doing in the following.
Seal Fishing, in common with most
other chases, probabilities, or speculations, has
its own peculiar laws, rules, or reliable, rules
and theories, carefully deduced, and founded on
the practical experience of a long series of years
and principally hinging on the weather, winds,
position, and general appearance of the Ice as
found at the time the old seals are supposed
to take the Ice, together with the winds, which has
been prevalent and which in some way affect the
position of the Ice, and the wind in prospect the
will in all likelihood affect it still more
One taking into consideration all this you
will at once perceive the utmost diligence and strict
attention is required to reap the benefit of past
experience, and which I am sorry to say this
year will not be obtained, for our situation on
advantage, the being a good, which will prove

To all established rules or former practices
any attempt to shape our cause in consistency
with or to them will be folly, and the most
cherished plan has proved abortive. You can
be found any data to base upon^m claim the slave
not right and let (must be our course under the
present circumstances, and to use the expression
of one veteran officer, there is no such law in
the country (to be seen) as shall would look at
alluding. Therefore to our present condition are we
not in every sense of the word labouring in the
dark, at least circumstances would lead us to
think so; and a peaceful voyage to expect,
I should (before day) had thought (but, looking at
the world as it appears and really is established)
set to Right, the unaccountable position of the
Lord, the laws of contrary winds, the chance of
a bid to other place of consultation, can I could
at all the first stand be attached^t to who
in the sufferings and heavy expense to its execution
I should say (no, (meaning) therefore to sum up
if you have a custos, reader, other end to

refer you to one or all of these important documents
to which is attributable our want of success. But as
you permit me to add in conclusion and defend
Coach (Man has done his duty) (as.)

What! are now fairest prospects laid,
Our cherished day dreams yet unconquer'd,
Have we through Fancy been misled
By our own conceit; and ponder'd;
Or how foolish Fancies, who shall say
What kept by thee in stone for us,
Whether 'tis Joy, or blunt despair
will mix the cup; but dreams for this.
Yet this we know, content thou just,
For plain lies with no body words,
There's nothing here and more is bliter,
Right, that the poor world can afford. All
Go, search the minster to the wall;
Now, all the plumes of all the spheres,
Our Minster of heaven is worth them all;
Strong (multiplied things multiply Glad,

Hoping thus far to find the cause of our misfortunes to incidents ungrasped by us, and altogether beyond our control we find a relief in the saying old as it may be, which goes thus there are two things - we should never grieve about that which we can help, & that which we cannot.

Surely this cannot be Greenland and one man to his master, on a fine sunny morning while basking himself in the sunbeam on deck the power he had just ariped, turning slowly round, from his first contemplation of the day probabilities ~~and~~ and well suited to answer from his long experience, the other and his junior perpetual question looked at him with one of those whimsical, dull impressions, practically the privilege of preparing life until (in whose side you think you are, Mr. being me), if the fellow aint got out of bed before his half master go down and, oh interrupted the young master his rebuked, this only because I didnt expect to find such another out here I said that Well, now you a species which, surely, why:

did you think, you goat blocked the sun could shine (another hit on Sarge), well, Im blind

No, persisted the other but from any account I could get, it was awful cold out here, and look at the difference to say, ha ha, you (may as well look at the difference tomorrow, (Maud-Olive) do you know what you are talking about, said the first (Nor-Easter, lets in, Im blind of all kinds, himself will get you on deck, I will remember ones of being painted in the Queen I think in sit, for exercise and fresh air, we used to take a day to hunt the deer over the snow, well look up, the foot was that hard, am him telling the truth, while taking off my Mittens to put a cap on (my Gun), down on the last face if I havent had my hand frost bit, you follow out now what frost is, in there was only a of our whale ship company that was out frost bit on bed with scurvy, that the afit to take a trial off when it is of us died that three months I like folk to speak with some sense, and every for the likes of you, whenever it comes the last

bit of cold, short away taken out of sight - or
so, yet miffed up to the eyes in your mother's hands
like a parrot, in a totoe field. but I say tell
her what you like getting lashed to the Mast head
for twenty four hours, ^{thirteen} you say and altogether, his
discovered was first cut short by the man to fast away
the last shoots and so for the present ended this piece
dialogue.

The Brille another how this function back
has been quite unprecedented, and has been the subject
of remark among those accustomed to judging it not
bad, we have had only four or five of pretty cold days
since we came, although often a copious supply of
heat on board, when suddenly a biting fit of cold
and causing think they always feeling our
heat out on a fine day, although we get them
up in a bright clear morning, and fully prepared
for a stand through the ice express, I fear when
you pass a fog bank into Lake its approach
and in the course of 10 minutes you cannot see
across the length of the ship and if would be forced
to break off, or chance to pass the fog they we

more looking for such case are of daily
occurrence, which somewhat retarded our progress
"Hard Times" has come again now more

While sauntering along the deck one
evening previous to putting for the night, and
entertainment of ninth was due to listen, I passed
below, it was a card party, of young deeply interested
one was evidently perplexed, and another having all
patience, cried, I say. Look come away, Mand, don't
keep us waiting on you all night, what wanted?
say Jack evidently found from his lethargy and
looking up, why hearts to here, I know you just
one & about you, but if a Conscience was asked
Jack, I don't know where you'd go to find it
another drooping sheet of applause from the past
marked this poor, Jack the while looking dagger
although poorly all to appear a smile in which he
could have polished any countenance, had it not been
on his own expense; Thus the gown and
the lake had their rounds in spite of all the
cows or bulls which could surround them;

At length we have arrived at Southern Lake
as far forth as all count as we may expect to
find the falls, in spirit as our captain terms
them, and still wonderfull not having seen
the destruction of one of the tribes we are looking
for, the况味 of which we may personally
infer, there is none of them meant for us, and
will not be much surprised, although we all get
handcuffed by old Mr. Stephen as a parcel of
unfeudal impostors continually spending his wealth
at the fast temples and making the best and
profitable return. In fact quite made up our minds
for some outrage of this description.

Now comes the being all up with us in this.
our quarter it is effect and away. Month again
expect as now we can prove, we can just be done
while we are plotting away down here for little
purpose. Precious hunting in this Blubber country
with everything out of sight. I had some scruples
then in Africa yet a comfort to be had. Only one
take fifty and one dooth aimable by himself for
which he in the latter offers with me in general

Charity. This description fit anywhere beyond Abroad
and comes up with each you ultimately care
not a tuppence for your neighbour such is life
Ugh! run it and my option I will be willingly
shattered, and have done with this Grindings
Unparalleled, healthful part of earth. Lettally
tempt for honest, intelligent, vigorous men
Spending a lifetime in, but for much of
time's lost, and opportunity thrown away
uselessly. Rather of advantage to us or beneficial
to the community. Yet if fool and whole family
must be carried on, why at once (water-berry
Boys, or Devil's dinner Land, of it, during at least
ten we should think (but important purpose)

Well, I beg pardon for my idea
running a little from my usual strain
and started as I am, ought to be the last to
indulge in the most sentiments against the
one mode of life. Monthly I hope to be come
on any pretext that suits the too particular
all important Cristo; Be, merciful,

They have now experienced, what is termed a stiff, right southerly, gale, the effect of which has a constant tendency to keep the ships out for imminent danger, especially as in the case when blowing in rear, and right in upon the face of the pack of Heavy Ice, we might as well be driven ashore or against a rocky shore land, the consequences of which is not in any case at all desirable, although sometimes a vessel in these trying circumstances has the option and with the force of Wind and waves gets buffered in amongst that heavy Broken Ice in spite of all efforts to save her, ultimately falling victim to their united destruction thus, soon becomes a mass of floating fragments, how happy are the crew if they have the aid of a neighbouring vessel at hand to relieve them of their suffering,

In 1807 a Royal Name the long train of Detached was lost in this manner, and a vast number of the crew were lost or

died from the effects of exposure to the elements of the weather while not a few were rendered objects for life,

This gale of wind is over now indeed a strong gale seldom extends over 24 hours, long enough for all that, I assure you with little damage as far as we know! (except Dr. Llo's very sick)

How calm, how beautiful comes on
The peaceful hour, when storms are gone;
When roaring winds have died away,
And clouds beneath the glancing ray.
Melt off, and leave the land and sea
Sleeping in bright tranquillity.
Speak as if day again were born
Again upon the lap of Moon.
And, from that swell the tempest bears
So late the full and silent heard
Of hoar'd oaks, when newly blit
For many to be quite at rest.

Yours we are to a short and

concise retrospect of the weather this past week
as follows

Tuesday 2nd April Very Mild clear Morning, under
Steam from 7 A.M until 3 P.M when it came a heavy
Thickup which caused us to stop.

Wednesday, still Mild, Thick weather, very cold
towards Night

Thursday, Thick snow, Wind NNE & east

Friday, very Cloudy, and very cold under
Steam all day, Banging South

Saturday, cold thick weather steaming all day
wind towards evening from SSW West, sighted
Sand Magdal, Island

Sunday, extremely cold, Wind N.W. and
very intense frost all day, (Barber Flying)

Monday, Most intense frost, nearly all the
pipes containing water frozen, and a few steam
pipe leading to pump Gauge frozen, Tide of
One Breast, Indicating a pressure from Congestion
10 lbs on the square Inch, although 2 furnaces
were kept in active combustion. Night &
Day, passed Steam and steamed all day still
Tuesday 9th South East Gale w. Thickup

From the preceding statements it will be
readily seen at a Glance, the liability we
are under to changes of weather and
atmospherical Inconsistency arising therefrom
and the ignorance and uncertainty we are in as
regards its approach as its totally changes in
the space of a few minutes from one extreme
into the other, and also the disagreeable effects
it produces, some of them very promoting
what is here termed Barber is the minute frozen
particles (arising from this Thickup or moisture)
floating throughout the whole atmosphere and
scarcely discernible until it accumulates, when
it does very readily to hair or pipes until they
become thickly coated by it, and the Board soon
assumes the appearance of being soap'd previous
to a shave, hence the Phrase, (The Barber)

and putting this in mind of a
curious story, the authenticity of which I cannot
vouch for, and if my Info would be so
obliging as to remain a fluid, I might venture
to transmit it to paper if memory permits
how to reduce the date at a few occasions

The story runs nearly thus,
 Some years since, a Clergyman had happen'd
 while making his quarterly peregrinations for
 the purpose of obtaining pecuniary assistance from
 his parishioners in aid of his unfortunatly
 small stipend;) to go into the village Barber
 shop on the same errand, accotting the Barber
 with Good Morning Sir, whom? you know. I am
 this Minister! whom! Oh, says the Modest Barber
 living, happy to see you, will your parson
 like a thare, and setting the Chair for him
 began to look important, Stop! stop! says the
 Gentleman in Black coming to his senses, for the
 fact going Barber had taken him by surprise
 whom? you know, I merely called for whom! trying
 five shillings for the last quarter, Preaching (but
 indeed) five shillings says the Barber (nearly
 dropping his "parson", I'm no don't you on my thin
 legged friend; and we're all here here
 within your thick door, for I came to the parish
 but O My good Sir says the Minister that
 your own Master, the door is there open for you

along with the other, If every body were to do
 that I would become beggar'd,

after a little inward cogitation the
 Barber paid down the Money, the Man of
 Sermous sincerely congratulating himself, bade him
 Good Morning and vanished.

A few days after what had occurred the
 parson was disturbed while at dinner by a noisy
 rapping at the door, in a short time our friend
 the Barber was usher'd into the room, after duly
 making his obeisance By way of a scrap'd & profound
 bow, utters Good day Sir, Is the Barber lady
 you know, will says the Minister what can I do
 for you, Oh says the Barber I'm just gain
 won for my Master Bar'lai you know, so you
 can pay me now seven Dr's pension, for my time
 here, What for, you never shared me in your
 life Sir, go you fellow, that's the rub Sir
 says the Barber now laughing outright My
 Shop's been open every day Sabbath an' a' for the last
 six Month, so if you didn't got shaird it was
 you ain blame Sir, give a body were the play

This paper will, I said then have, the case was clear, the Minister was outwitted and — rather shamed for once, without consent, and paid for it too handsomely.

I have only another story to quote regarding a Minister and I have done, the truth of which I can assert, happening not long ago, in one of our country towns North of the Tay. At the instance of several Members of the congregation an Ecclesiastical court was held for the purpose of inquiring into a charge brought against the parish Minister in consequence of his intemperance on family and public occasions in company with one of the Elders. (Named I am to — who was brought forward as chief witness in the case) and on being duly examined took his place in the witness box gave evidence as follows (Hearing him) here Thomas do you swear, have you ever known the Revd Mr. — to be the worse of liquor, (Thomas) of Revd your worship, ! See open heart from say he was the better of it

but knew that he was the worse of it, (Mod. frowning.) Come, come, Sir, this is mere equivocation, remember you are before an Ecclesiastical Court, and must answer directly, Now for once for all did you ever see Mr. — the worse of liquor or in other word tipsy, or drunk, (Pained and Shaken, Querish) Revd your worship's, am dead sure, that's what I'll never see, (Breath), now eyes blind you or ever he be half drunken

at the conclusion of this speech the court burst into a shout of applause & laughter which had the desired effect of dismaying the case as Not proved; while the Revd Gutter triumphantly gave him his word (to him), how

Apt. 10th It shows very hard from the N. Weather today and very cold just had the thermometer 24° below freezing point but I understand it is usually coldest here about this time in the early part of April, when frost binds the ground greatly prevalent, & the snows of Decr yet

We are still steering our course North & East with a faint fluttering hope of doing good yet although my own faith has vanished some weeks since evidence that nobody has had fortunals enough to fearing the only possible chance we will yet, will happen when the seals are coming out from the Ice to the water, that is if we wait as long, we have found the "Ice 88" this afternoon running the West, it is very far in the West of them place Boat away out to Denis' Harbor and passed them this before it is too late, and the last of the season and I care not I affirm, his former were there and Captain John A. Walker has every chance of being a good laugh at my expense as he most surely predicted, got full top and offend it he don't come at all the stronger now (P.S.)

Monday 10th, I am beginning to realize in real earnest it is all over with us here for the sealing business, and after a most determined search, the majority of the vessels, including the 4 steamers here especially if by appointment, comitted from all directions into one vast congregation of shipping,

a circumstance which is but too apparent and conclusive to one and all, fully stripping the sealers that nobody has been fortunate enough to fall in with the seals, or discern the faintest indication as to their whereabouts, indeed the case is so hopeless that even to night the "Korowhal", "Polynia", "Dundee" and "Tay", have all taken their departure for home, not however before the "Tay" has managed to run into and severely injure the Pacific steamer "Alert", Stewart carrying away a topmast and a portion of the rigging,

also the "Polynia" has got both fans broken by the ice, further information I cannot obtain as we spoke none of them.

There are the steamers yet remaining, viz: the "Diana" and "Lady Hale" both from Hull and the "Compton" from Dundee, but another week or so will most likely find us homeward bound, also I suppose we are still clinging to a faint hope of getting some seals when they break the ice and come forth which they are

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bound to do to get into the water, which will shortly occur, whether we obtain a percentage or not, in our explorations as we are coming over mind South and I hope one for all, but must not be disappointed although we do not,

" Oh! ever that from childhood known
I've seen thy fondest hopes decay
I never b'ld a tree or flower
But 'twas the first to fade away

30 Sept^r This is now Saturday night and as doubt will be raised with pleasure by many, while to others it will be the harbinger of gloom, and not a few will receive it as a matter of course.

To the labouring community it comes as a precious boon, ending their incessant toil for the present, relaxing their muscles for a short space and bringing with it opportunity for mental or physical indulgence and recreation, also their hard won, and more than needfully, may scarcely sufficient for their few moments, yet for that must they struggle on

or with joint and families, starve, or become destitute. Outcasts in society, yet such misery has become, by misfortune - ~~and~~

In the shopkeepers it comes as a harvest, magnificent is the display of the various articles for sale, even the window gets an extra polish on the all important Saturday, and a clean collar encircles the neck of the vendor as with smiling face he welcomes his customers to inspect his, just newly arrived stock, of first class goods at most alarming (low) prices.

In his need up apidant bowed the case is very elegant, with his reward put up framed he cannot appreciate staying behind the counter he feels no great beauty in the brilliant display of a shop, when his companions and equals are going about ~~at~~ freedom, enjoying the cool and placid fragrance of a summer evening with joy with satisfaction and benefit, while he remains so caged up deprived like a criminal of pleasant society and the pure oxygen his body blood is so much in want of, and can only be obtained by a dire

walk by the fields in the open atmosphere or
on the bosom of the pure water of the deep -
to him Saturday has no enjoyment.
Nor has it to the man who carries home his dis-
charge from employment in his pocket, a forsworn gift
for his dependant household, to look at, certainly
this support has abruptly cut off, with fear of
any news for their future maintenance no wonder
if his spirit turns at the thought, on a bitter tear
scalds his cheek, as his generous heart is young to
extreme tension with the sudden stroke it has lost the
power to defend, it is not for himself he is thus un-
manly, No, fate could not move him than if alone
he could bear it all, and in grapple with and
waged it now as he grappled with a firm hand
his hammer, and forced the obdurate mass of labour
its great fulguration, the while racing stronger,
let now, the lights of his care and protection first
feel the sad blow, it makes the last term.

Skinned this ant a lot for my
fancy to picture out, nor was it my intention to
meddle with subjects, as I have little experience but

that by chance thrown over my path, so I
gave it up instantaneously, and go to bed shortly
after I get a glimpse of the concert I hear in
the "evening deats", which is generally well attended
owing to the prices being low, and no affectations.
Well I declare here is my 24th Birthday
anniversary past, exactly one week ago Sat^o 13th Apr^o
and the first time I am sensible of it is as I write
that night at least to be a trifle of Ranch for
you to night as I can't get it sooner, but I reckon
it will do - the rest is where am I to find it
to be found it must, on such an occasion it is wholly
indispensable, methinks Mr (Manager), for one is
best fared, when he serves himself, so here goes
and it is our candid opinion (that is the doctor
and me or two more) that a reprinting of the fair
will be necessary to keep us in order & good
humour, (then as the grand Dept truly observe
will mostly break on Sunday afternoons
and with them to the pop they goes
while we poor mortals have hours
leisure, charming women O)
"twasnt" I said unto this "our opinion"

we don't know how you are getting on at home
but can assure you we are doing wonderfully,
in the meantime here, and with a will, quite a
respectable private concert of our own in the
Engine Room and specially selected audience
the lot of us wishing we were home, very rarely
leaving after the usual Start of

To "The wind that blows"

To "The ship that goes"

25 "The cap that loves a sailor"

27 Sentiment

I hate May b'cause our fortunes, but well bound
break our hearts

We can manage that is regards of 70 Louis
and Pick up a man of the cities in a day, not
had work at all, already we have a better voyage
than they had last year after all, as we have a spend
of 2 dozen while they had only 19 last voyage,
we have one comfort the bad news will be home
before us, and the panic somewhat subsided we
are anxious a dread had set in the town among
and Porthead especially, depending as it does

on the fish and Herring fishings the poor
Place will become ruined as 28 vessels from
there all unsuccefull is too much for it to bear

Were I a capitalist with the inclination
I would make some good purchases of shipping
3 or 4 Thousand would buy the best ship in the
fleet and there is first class vessels in it,

at present their fund are so low as only
to admit of the fore quarters, with 2 fore legs
of the Bay being sent to Greenland the hind leg
the being sent to London for the Market, so you
perceive it is about y'alls with them

Monday 21st April. Mark the commencement of
our return from that wilderness term'd old Green
land. The steamer is up, the sails all furled,
We're bound to plough the watery world,
"Huzza" were Homeward Bound.

There are only a few in high spirits about going
home, the greater part would have liked much
rather to have gone right on to Dari's Straits and
consequently avoided the long catalogue of trifles

Impudent, meaningless, and disagreeable, interrogations, they are certain to be annoyed with during the limited time we must necessarily stay, for the remainder of our stores and other necessities required for the prosecution of the whale fishing. Sailing thence for home on a Sunday will surely please the most superstitious among us being considered very lucky, in fact the luckiest day of the week for such a purpose, for last year they sailed on a Friday which, with a few accounted for their unsuccessful voyages, so fast does his contagion spread on board ship, and those who know better or should know better, when a coincidence of this nature occurs, have their mind strongly influenced by the more ignorant and also more clamorous. Owing chiefly to a want of firmness and principle, much as civilization and education coupled with a sound religion has done in regard of unmasking this terror of the middle ages.

There are still a few, otherwise rational & intelligent men, whose minds as it were are dimmed on that point, nursing, and longing to these old

fanatic dogmas, which no amount of reason and persuasion will shake off, alleging their own personal experience and knowledge in support of their statements, several of these I have had the satisfaction of listening to, while with earnest and hushed language, they related some curious incident and to others who boldly assert the truth of certain maxims during any one's life refutes their statements;

To account for which I may mention that most of men whose authority in such cases are quoted have had their younger days passed over in one or other of the different fishing villages and stations on the East & North coast of Scotland, a class of people remarkable for their oddities & peculiar actions in the present day, and which grows with and attaches itself to the whole of the course through life, from the common boy to the Captain & Seafarers, however we dare not be too too severe, as Paddy said when accused of holding the newspaper upside down, while pretending to read it, well, dadad and what that to you then can't I read it now, just any way I like, aint,

This a free country, you happen,
and
a man conscious against his will
is of the same opinion still
although I cannot resist the In-
clination, to note some of their common Plantations,
the first I could notice is the traditional and
superstitious reverence paid to ancient Landmarks.
On the North side of the west entrance to the Panta-
landy Hatch, on a small Island attached to the
Promontory elevated on a high Point of land, and
quite distinct, standing out in bold relief, is a
rock, of peculiar appearance, which suddenly ab-
sorbs as you pass it, the oration of an old
barbered man, (which by some oral tradition
posses unlimited power over the wind & tide)
inasmuch as to produce a proper amount of
honor and reverence from the seaman, who pass
that way, (as the Old Man expect every good seaman
to doff his cap in token of said respect if he wishes
to have a prosperous voyage). even in this day it
is spoken of with becoming gravity, which I had
occasion to observe in one coming home the way

And pious seamen as they passed,
Towards that holy headland cast
Oblation, to the Genius there;
For gentle skies, and breezes fair,

Another, very curious one is that the black
spots on each side of the gills of the common Cod-
dacek, was made by Saint Peter with his finger
and thumb, while extracting the tribute money
from the mouths of fish of this species, and the
Master continued on the whole pace and forced the
Performance of the Miracle,

The Dolphin & Porpoise which abound in
large numbers in our Northern seas are looked
upon as favourable omens if they make their ap-
pearance in a calm, the belief is that the fish
wind come from the same quarter,
But if they spring out of the water & bound about
with energy it is held as a prognostic of a
coming storm.

When the sun sets in a bank
Westerly winds you shall not want

There is a very old superstition originating from the Norwegians or Danes &c as known by the name of the Nest. In shape he is to appear as a very handsome youth, wearing a red cap from which flows a rich profusion of golden curls luminous & dazzling, he is shaped below like a Horse, and his favorite amusement seems to be playing a golden harp, which he does so agreeably, as to entice the ship on a sunken reef or draw a false bower into the water, another from the same quarter is of a sea-nymph an amphibious animal inhabiting the coast of Norway, about 200 feet long 20 in circumference living in the pools of the rocky shore, going out in the moonlight to drown cattle sheep or swine, sometimes going into the sea, disturbing vessels, with its presence it has a mane nearly 2 feet long with 2 fixed fiery looking eyes, meeting itself like a mast, stoops its head and uses to the poor human it finds on deck.

The shark has long been the terror of the seafaring mind, learned, Numerous

are the fictions attached to this Minnow of the deep, one especially of following a ship who bears a corpse on deck (man), or an ill-fated man who must it appears become one or both to keep or appease the ravenous cravings of the animal. Hence the utmost delight is manifested by the skinner who has succeeded in capturing one of the creatures, and the knife is cheerfully applied, to his vitals, till nothing in agony he expires;

Mermaids, at one period stood prominent in this form, and seem to be almost now unheeded every one has a knowledge of their description a lovely woman the one half & a fish the other they were considered dangerous to approach on account of their great beauty, excited by their paramony Melody enticing the unwary into the water, to drown them, their plan of retreat was supposed to be submersed grottoes.

That, sea Moths form of pink light
was whiter than the downy spray
and round her Bosom bearing bright
Sheer Glossy Yellow Rings let play

Borne, on a foamy crest'd wave
She, reached o'er all the bounding spray
Then, clasping fast the chitton brae
She, plunging sought the deep below.

It is considered a bad form to lose a mop or drop a water bucket into the sea while drawing water; the same in regard to killing or drowning a cat, and by no means pass any article between the steps of a trap or ladder, and whistling a tame or gig is certain to have a storm raising tendency.

The Moon also comes in for a share of attention, if her horns are sharp, fine weather may be expected, but if lying on her back, as they term it, the contrary is sure to happen when the Moon appears carrying the Old Moon in her arms.

A halo or hazy circle round the Moon is a fore runner of rain, another sign if the Moon changes its horns, if it happens about midnight fine weather may be looked for.

Events, sometimes occur at sea, which give a strong colouring to superstition (notions and placed in a sphere of action where he beholds many of the wonders of creation working on a gigantic scale), In the rough sea man magnetic attraction, the laws of refraction and the laws of acoustics are totally unknown with little of a reflective nature in him, most things, beyond the most familiar are a mystery to him, hence he is easily imposed on, always exposed to perils, from habit he becomes bold and daring, in respect to physical danger, and being prone to wonder, in his rambling excursions he becomes, the unconscious slave of superstition which might be readily explained on scientific principles, for example

In the year 1720 Capt Scowley was navigating in the neighbourhood of west Greenland, on the 15 July having approached so near the unexplored shore of Greenland that the land appeared distinct & solid and he was anxious to make a drawing of it, but in making the attempt he found that the outline was

constantly changing, and he was induced to examine the coast with a telescope,

The general appearance of the coast says but poorly, save of an ancient extensive city abounding with the ruins of castles, palaces, churches and monuments, and other conspicuous buildings. Some of the hills seemed to be surrounded by thick battlements, and pinnacles, while others subjected to one or two profusions, exhibited large masses of rock apparently suspended in the air; the whole exhibition being a grand Phantasmagoria.

Scarcely was any particular portion stretched, before it changed its appearance, and assumed the form of an object totally different. Notwithstanding these changes, the same figures had all the perfect distinctness of reality, even the rims of the rocks with the wreaths of snow occupying the paroxysms of fissures, formed a perfectly distinct line, and exhibited every appearance of the most perfect solidity.

The sailors called the place, when these phenomena occurred the "Enchanted Coast"

On a calm sunny day, a ship was sailing over the sea, hundreds of miles from land, and no other sail in sight, when suddenly the attention of the crew was arrested by the loud & distinct ringing of a bell, several times to the amazement of all. They ascended the rigging. Nothing could be seen but the gentle waving of the sea & the fair blue sky. From whence could the sound proceed so well by the ordinary mode of conveying sound could be heard beyond the distance they could see, still the inexplicable sound continued, clang clang and tremor was depicted on the countenance of every sailor; it seemed to them as though they heard the ships knell. On the present instance the crew reflected the sound of a bell from a distant ship, by a well known law of acoustics, On the following day they met a vessel, and on inquiry they discovered it was her bell they had heard, her crew had been violently sounding it for amusement but for this explanation any sailor on board, would have believed the sounds of the bell had been caused by supernatural agency.

To ascertain the true character of a sailor,
Mark his first language when he rises out of bed
if he turns out complacent & good humoured good
May went that man, as honest & good hearted
if on the contrary he rises ill-tempered & swearing
at his acquaintance, if you desire peace,
One more and I have done,

Ships apparently navigating among the
clouds are occasionally obscured at sea, owing to
certain peculiar state of the atmosphere, and a
slight shifting of the sun's rays, or different density
of the atmosphere, will cause a sudden disappearance
under these circumstances it requires no ordinary
effort to calm the apprehension of superstition.

It is with pleasure however we
notice the daily decrease of these unwholesome
baggage, and ignorant notions, supplanted by
a liberal education, instilling sound principles
into the minds and hearts of the rising generation
together with a wider knowledge of the primary
laws of science in its diff'rent features, which
cultivated will tend to annihilate all superstition
Henceforth

Light, as the angel shapes that bly
An. Bryant dream'd, yet not the lip
Rich, in all woman's looking.—
With, eyes so pure that from their ray
Dark vice would turn blushed away
Blinded. Little import when they gazed
Upon . The emeralds Virgin blyds

A. Soul, too, more than half dimm'd.
There, through some shades of earthly feeling,
Religion soften'd glories shine,
Little light through summa foliage streaking,
That, marks the very darkness there,
More beautiful than light elsewhere.

Moor C.

In all probability as we came round
homeward, and indulging in fancy's pictures
which are always so abundant and delightful
to the mind of a naval homeward bound. More
especially at the termination of a long voyage
after enduring immensurable hardships and at length

approaching the shores of our Native land the feelings are expressible and burst forth in mutual exultation at the glorious & happy prospect beckoning them onward. I have longed heart the image of his beloved Mary in all her beauty, grace, and sterling worth ten times dearer to him now than before, from the very first of separation, for to his mind ages, drawing all its pleasure together, and concentrating his essence. So long fondly cherished for the blissful moments in his return, so nearly accomplished, what a dangerous fact his longings preparing what incomparable joys by and collecting and storing up for him, how he fondly plans pleasant surprises for them he loves, in fact he is fullimly happy in himself and his only care seems to be how to increase the happiness of the objects of his affection, should he sacrifice his all— at length the ship rides on the broad ocean he leaps ashore, and half interested with happiness, sum at a lip what to do

first, Now he hastens home for home is where the heart is, and his genuine soul glows in every feature, as each step brings him toward it quickens its pace and his heart beat quieted as his hand reaches the door,

Dare we now follow him further, has he been oppressed by the ruthless hand which sometimes intervenes between us and our all but complete and cherished hopes, snatching away the only objects of affection to which we were bound and into which our hearts were interwoven, snuff of all that made this world rough & undesirable, and which seemed as our guiding star through life,

Dear Fellow his mind will not perceive the impression, his Brain is Paralyzed, a gloomy stupor seize his soul, he for the present is incapable of realizing his situation so intense is the shock and only in passing does he feel & comprehend ^{the} heart-breaking facts which pierce his soul so deep (a period of time) can hope to offend

Trusting our lines may fall on pleasant
places we are anxiously looking for land as
we are certain it cannot be far off and have
enough and right approaches we make the
Islands of Shetland and towards morning
we landed our Shetland Man close by the
Sumburgh Head lighthouse about 10 o'clock
on the morning of Friday 26th April having
a perfect gale from the nor west so we had
to get up steam to effect their landing then
with a fair wind in set sail for the south
shipping along 11 & 12 knots an hour, and
the following morning found us with our steam
in waiting on a tide at the mouth of the Ditch
of Hoy and by 3 P.M. snugly moored in
Cardina Roadsstead, Saturday 27 April 1861
Clear ship

Conclusion of Voyage to Greenland

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Wednesday 1st May 1861

After being 3 days in the river for procuring a full supply of stores & necessaries for our next voyage which was to Davis Strait in search of the whale we started on the fourth towards evening with very little alteration amongst the crew except the despatch of two or three, whom places are supplied by as good if not better men, and one of Harpooners being transferred and elevated to the station of chief mate of the "Polybius" S.S. having his mate Mr. William Walker, being appointed and promoted as his Commander; in consequence of a misunderstanding between her late Captain and Owner, resulting in his Resignation.

Also instead of Mr. John Davis, our second Officer, who has voluntarily resigned as unfit for duty in consequence of his infirmity to sea-duty. No man other than Mr. David Murray, third Officer of the "Polybius" to be second of the "Companions", and doubtless

Mr. Hall soon made him comfortable, he
and I being old shipmates, at opposite

After settling affairs ashore I
bade our family "God Bye", and returned
to the vessel which was still lying in the river,
and supposed ^{to} fight and fight for another
expedition, to the Northern latitudes.

About 3 P.M., we prepared
to weigh anchor, and shortly afterwards sculled
half up and down the river until all
the general hulling had been gone through, and
nothing in arrest at length we soon put (tides
between us and) Gris of Say, passing along the
coast Northward under steam, there was no
current opposed for two reasons, the wind (not
being favourable), and most of the crew (not being
blown by the following night at midnight and
we thought the portland took the tide being
and our favour, and having a fair gale of wind
right against us so that we could not get the

Pilot put ashore till Daybreak and now
had with some difficulty,

In early Friday, the weather
changed, a light wind coming from the East
we set sail for our coal and Calvall the
Caged and take most opportunity to open them
The weather was fine, warm and peaceful
and the mighty Atlantic was glimmering in
repose, the ship was steadily although slowly keeping
her course and moving along with apparent ease
and every thing was onward progressing and
in ship shape trim, quite ready for whatever might
chance to occur, things went on in this manner day
after day with perhaps a day's steaming when calm
to push us onwards, on the rim of a Hurricane
most likely a started burst forth (Battie), by
way of vicinity about the 14th we were in the vicinity
of Cape Farewell, the east bearings we could not tell
as the weather was more somewhat broken & cloudy
deceiving the sun rays and preventing us from obtaining
a sight of land, while our chief Pilot George Maud
continually around we could not pass the cape without

experiencing a breeze of wind as he had found and repeated between 50 & 60 times and then escaped to New York.

As if to corroborate our Master's statement on the following day the wind steadily increased from the East and by North, bringing with it a great gusted sea, raising up fountains in the dump of the hatches and all property secured and fastened loose, as the poor boat on deck over her like a half tide pack, occasionally which was caused by her stiffness combined with a tendency to roll over unresisted and (the crew) owing to the greater weight of the carvel in her wings which were filled full of water.

Indeed during the gale increasing during about forty hours, the ship was accordingly placed under a charged spirit, fore stay set and main triced, the Gaff of which broke near the end a point with a split so that it struck the sail, the Gaff continued for two days and did not even end when it took off as it has done in all mischief or drift, having a lost and carrying away a good part of our plankage

bolts, and breaking 6 pairs of Glass in the engine room fittings and causing the ship to take nearly a foot of water per hour which caused a little apprehension to us fearing some of her cracks have ruptured between the ship & the ships sides which was in fact the case opinion and considering the value of the ship was not at all improbable,

At four at circumstances would allow I made a careful examination of every cast pipe and outlet connected with the engine room and communicating with the sea but could find nothing amiss as far as discernable and reported the same, still a great number were far from being satisfied, during it impossible for me (A. T.) usual adopted for fourteen years, to be in such a condition for the same year, entirely overlooking the fact that it is old age alone that brings on decay. Being similar and subject to the same laws & parts which go to maintain, As another has well constituted another few good & continuous and the only

brought to maturity, yet when breaking their first, Oldest into the world as it were the work of decay received its first impress & the Basis laid was a sort of Ground-work for the establishment and assistance of future evil, rough treatment, and exposure to sun & wind which have a downward tendency direct or indirect, and which sooner or later hasten its going out of existence,

They forgot that when the Companion was launched she suffered considerably, damaging her prow & carrying away her forefoot,

They seemed to forget the almost foot lost gear by a fixed & constant pressure between 2 masses of ice causing her to sink half over on her beam and to completely break her stern post & separating it from the bulk ends of her sides and making a vast quantity of water, and then, had she not been a very superior vessel indeed must inevitably have gone to the bottom,

We are now with 200 miles of Cumberland Strait and about of it steaming all the way through vast quantities of very heavy and close pack of ice from 6 to 10 feet thick and in large pieces, It was with great difficulty we succeeded in passing within 70 or 100 miles of the land, when we were forced to relinquish our efforts for a time to see if the ice would slack a little as we were brought to a complete stop, and the following day we abandoned the idea altogether and pursued our course out again as every day was a day lost while loitering there, it was a great pity we did not succeed in getting through as we might have picked up a few fish there at that season, but a determined series of adverse circumstances seem to encompass and fetter our best laid schemes and thwart our expectations,

Yet if fortune favor the brave we may still hope to win, by making another bold and determined effort to establish our position, for men more ^{now} men, determined and sanguine in a felon hope than us, and if courage can we will conquer,

There is a tide in the affairs of men
 Which takes at the flood leads on to fortune;
 Merit, all the voyage of this life
 Is found in shallows and in miseries.
 Now, such a full sea are we now afloat:
 And we must take the current where it runs
 Or lose our venture" 8,

The leak in our rudder had now been ascertained to proceed from an old hole, closely by the stern post on the starboard side, where the wood most surely strained by the ice last year making a considerable quantity of water at that time, ^{which} fortunately took up shortly after she got clear of the squeeze, and when in the dry dock last winter possibly had been overlooked or undiscerned, the extreme labor of the ship however had occasioned its present appearance, which steadily continued until we entered the heavy mass of ice between us and Cumberland Sound which far enough has entirely checked its progress and conjecture from the stroke the propeller received

amongst the ice, causing a reunion of the separated parts very much to our satisfaction;

Shortly after getting clear of the low-mass, Ice about lat. 63° North which was a full degree South of where we entered, a leading wind sprung up and we went heavily North and in with the land, at the same time passing the "Aune" Brig in our course also bound for the whale fishings, we had an excellent view of the coast a good way up, especially over that settlement termed Wyknefjord on property speaking Holsteinborg, one of the finest cultivated & best civilized settlements in Davis Strait; therefore taking it for illustration, I will transfer the little I know of the paper belonging as it does to Denmark it (with the others of any importance) is subject to the Danish law, and accordingly placed under the civil Authority of a Governor & the officiation ⁱⁿ of a priest, both of whom receive butting a young commission, and a lucrative salary (20) they have to apprentice and receive to their own advantage

they have a code of laws suitable for their own situation, their barlow due amount to Marry 10 shillings a day, if over ten days, that is 10/- for the first ten, 1/- for every day after.

If a Dane Marry a Husto or Esquimaux it is in all probability they will end their days in Danish flats, as the law requires a larger sum of Money as a panson I think it is 150 specie dollars of DKK each, so that Marriage has double the hindrance there, it commonly carries along with it not only binding the parties together, which is bad enough, but actually Binding them to the Rong hill on which the ceremony was performed, there is primum little chance of wife deserting them & she'd pay. The Majority of the inhabitants here as in similar settlements live by their skill in Fishing and Hunting, at which they are extremely skilful when carrying on have to any extent they know into bodies of a dozen or more, and then the price (as often as not) fairly divided, amongst them, either a Whole Bear or Pika-David, ^{as the bear they will} the larger animals they hunt individually such as Foxes, Hares, Farnings and

Ducks, which they do to perfection by imitating the cry or call of the different species, while Skiding generally carrying with them a white cloth in which they wrap round their body, or lay down on the snow & spreads it over them, while nothing but the muzzle of Gun is observed, from below the covering, when going inland on these expeditions the have a number of dogs attached to them, which they manage with perfect composure, whether going up hill, or down a Gullet. They have different lodges or places of residence in the Mountains, where they collect all their game, when on the Hunts and to which they resort when necessary for a supply.

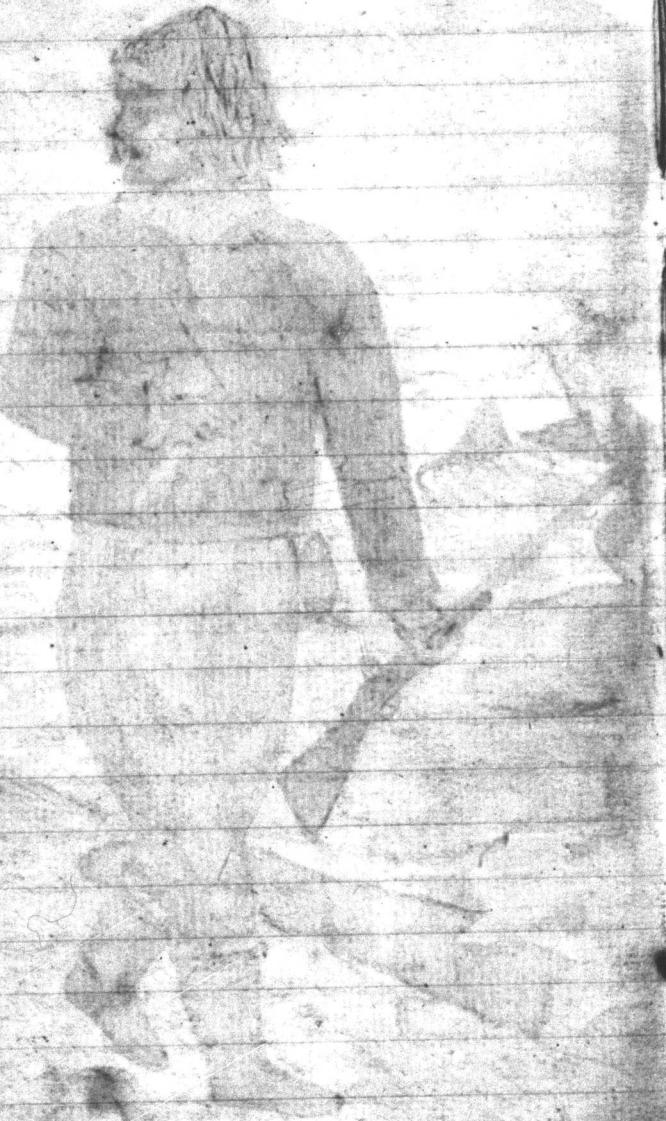
The government of the colony collects all the skins and blubber of these animals from the Natives at a mere nominal price, giving them in exchange Danish paper Money, and this again in payment for any trifling article they may require.

The Lads of the creation in this new country, show their prudgation by Making the women or Coona's do all, labor part of the business. They skin the seals, dry up the skins

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carry the burdens, cook the meals but that
is only done, considering they only get a reward
make the clothes, Build the houses, make the
furniture. In fact the only thing Mr. Hartley
consented to, is to make his own canoe & the
gear connected therewith, which by the bye
any Youngster must be able to perform before
he can claim the hand of his bride, on
good condition at least, Pigs Smothered
of this sort did not become more generally
known to me other parts of the Animal,

Most of the houses in Melting Bay
is composed of wood the upper half, and stone
below, strongly built, and perfectly comfortable.
There are some shops of various descriptions with
shop windows, regular schools & churches etc
I believe well attended, indeed they have almost
nothing belonging to a civilized colony except
raft sawyers, sawing & other flumes they
are little clear off, they have some vegetation
here and also cultivate to some extent, raising
wheat, oats & Pigs hens Poultry,



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phere is anything clear, we saw nothing of note
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strait until we approached the Island of Dic.
and then we saw the symptoms of Good luck in the
substance of a portion of the carcass of a whale, app-
arently fresh, so we concluded that the ships North
of us were sealing a harp seal, so we pushed onward
under steam, reaching Dic., towards midnight of
the last day of May, then making sail we stood in
towards it until morning, as it was intended we
should go through the Maigatt, that is round the
back of the island, so as to avoid the mass of ice
lying on the front of it, which we would have to
penetrate, to get North, The next morning we
had a gang of the natives, of the settlement of
Lively on board, who as usual gave us all the
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and there we saw the symptoms of Good Luck in the
substance of a portion of the carcass of a whale, app-
arently fresh, so we concluded that the ships bark
of us were reaping a harvest, so we pushed onward
under steam, reaching Dice, towards midnight of
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and Rif, Hob, reef, whilst running up the country during thick weather. However all hands were hands, and the ship herself was neither safer nor in as she was worthy, and bears a lasting concern to her owners for a number of years back, therefore considering everything she could not have been sold in a better market, being sufficiently insured.

from them also we learned that the "Jumna" had got 3 fish and the "Wildfire" had got 3 but had lost some 9 or 10 through the harpoons breaking or drawing, which is altogether a very great pity as she might have been full ship or nearly so. Likewise they informed us that there was a vast quantity of fish knocking about South East Bay, during the winter and early part of the spring. if such be the case I make no doubt but that a usual runting in its vicinity would find it well worthy the trouble, especially in open season when they can get fished.

As soon as the ship was cleared of her, we went along the south margin of Dico and entered the Haigatt which was curiously flooded

with Sobergs but we soon left it behind, passing the Black Rock or (Swarte Hout) keeping fast to the offing to clear shoals and small islands in hopes to make up to the ships we supposed to be in the vicinity of Non East Bay, and on the evening of the 3^d of June we were abreast of them although 8 or 10 miles further of shore than they were lying. So we made fast to a floe for the night, and make a fresh start in the morning,

The whole of the steamer but the Lady Scale were there, and all on the move the following morning each and all anxious to get North as far as practicable thus securing the earliest opportunity of proceeding through Mallrib Bay, in time, being quite apparent the east side fishing was over for a season, nothing remained but to push on for Pond's Bay, (with what success we will see anon).

Accordingly we got under way and followed our neighbours with all speed opposite the "Wildfire", & Samoa who was being towed by the "Wildfire" and was soon taking the lead, & so we were perfectly qualified to do. but no doubt other steamer thought the same

as it happened we took and kept lead until a close Barrier of Ice checked our advance so the whole fleet again brought up together, except the "Midship" & "Jumna" who could make no length, at present the fleet of us all were together or one after another like so many geese, the strongest boat and strongest ship usually taking lead, Then are the day, S.S. Capt. Nicol

"Diana" S.S. Capt. Grinnell, lead.

"Onderdonk" S.S. Capt. Steenbeck

"Polybius" S.S. Capt. W. Walker.

"Janewhull" S.S. Capt. G. Dowdall

"Widmer" S.S. Capt. J. B. Walker

"Carrington" S.S. Capt. W. Bruce

"Lady Franklin" Capt. G. Simpson { late

I seem strange to say, the "Alexander" Capt. Patterson
towed by the "Dowdall" S.S. and the "Jumna" Capt.
a Drakes time by the "Midship" S.S., all going
in a body as circumstances will allow, the other
sailing vessels are south of us, and bearing & tracturing
up as fast as possible for drift.

Thursday, 6th June /61

Again we tried to make a bold start and was again defeated, the whole assembly heaving on with the utmost gravity, we had no help but to bank our fires again, but in a few hours after the ice began to make a really sufficient steam ready and took advantage of it at the time, and succeeded in effecting our escape with great difficulty, keeping North between two of ice, icebergs which are alarmingly thick here owing to shoaled water and reefs, rocks, shoal islands we are sadly bothered and no mistake, we were now a good way ahead of the others, and only one knot of ice between us & the water, which if gained might in all probability take us as far North as the Disk Islands, we tried to break it but in vain, we tried to pass it but in vain, and the ice closing us now what was termed in the Nips.

This is a term used by the whalers, when 2 opposite masses of ice come together with such a pressure that it often happens to crush whole floes to powder, these nips, are occasional

through various causes, and consequently of different degrees of strength, very often taking place when almost unlooked for, as the Mother of the Ice may proceed from a source unknown and miles from the spot where it is observed. Sometimes meeting in a direct line, at other times, Masses may perish by the friction of their edges, like to many wheels in Gear. In either of these cases, it is very dangerous for a vessel, to be exposed to their influence, when in such positions, and yet it is difficult to resist the temptation at times, and often it is unavoidable and then is all penalty but to submit and prepare for the worst,

Temptation may present itself under various circumstances, and may be attended with good or fatal results, as follows:

Vessels in this trade it is well known, require for a chance of success, to reach a certain place, by a given date, to effect this it is necessary to push onward with all possible speed & precaution now committing an opportunity to obtain their object, may be intimidated by any little difficulty intervening

at the same time guarding against rash procedure - or running blindfold into danger To make the proper and timely discrimination, it requires some amount of discretion and will, coupled with perseverance, and even with these it is very uncertain, and the wisest concerted plans may happen to fail.

1st Let us suppose then for illustration, that a vessel is pushing up the strait, the time limited and a body of ice forms a barrier across the path through which she must pass, of course its position is closely inspected, and the weakest point selected to effect a passage, perhaps a lane of water or a lead through the (map of scores) fixed on floes is attempted as the only prospect, the ship enters and loses away in it for a considerable distance until it becomes more compact and half way across must halts, retreat now is impossible, and she is at the mercy of the ice.

2nd Suppose again a ship has passed through some masses such as mentioned and is now brought to stop by a solid floe of ice, to which she must make fast until it heaved up a little

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John between four and five Miles. Sailed to a
mile an hour. I should say they were very near a
match, that soon brought us up to the Bay
but we could get no further, so backed on,
the Marshall was made fast when we went up
Next came the Polynesia within 3/4 of an hour after us
then about 4 o'clock the Mo. The Dundee towing the
Marshall about 6 o'clock, they about opposite
Billings & Laramie about 8 the Diana about 10 AM -
all closed to each other.

It is then the visiting commences each
calling his neighbour ship. as an occupation directly
in fact it is a system of gossiping out and out, very
unlucky to the method practised by silly women
it however seldom terminating in ought but ill
will and misunderstandings. I am highly pleased by
our Captain's practical on such occasions, as he
inevitably tries to avoid these strolling propensity
by giving the other vessel as wide a berth as he can
choosing rather to become a subject of offence, than
be tormented by a party of idle men (mangrels),
who spend their time keeping their own crew in their

ship, yet if any one has a plausible errand
a person will more readily accueise with their
ships, by putting a boat at their disposal.

Well we lay moon'd to the floe for
a couple of days to note if any change was likely
to take place in the Ice, but discovering none
we cast off the following morning and stood out
into the land, the "Marshall" getting up
steam and fast to the offing along the edge of the
ice, we kept cruising about until Friday when
sudden first one funnel and then another
began to belch forth columns of smoke until the
whole fleet was astir, our Master ascended to
the crow's nest, to ascertain the cause of such a
commotion and noticed the "Marshall" by her smoke
bearing North. she had no doubt effected an
entrance through the ice, however it might proceed
less than 15 minutes we were under steam ploughing
onwards with all haste, as we were behind the
multitude, though not far, we passed on after
another within the space of 20 Miles, when the track and the "Joy"
to the North of us bore in sight and we entered

there were still 3 ahead of us, the "Joy", "Polyoia"
"Marshall" which we could see nothing of but her smoke
we soon left the "Joy" behind and came up to the
"Polyoia" who was stuck hard & fast amongst the
Ice for it had burst shortly after the "Marshall"
got through, of course we were brought to a halte
in consequence, and the "Joy" coming up shortly of
we all hooked on together, until the current would
change, had a short rep when it condescended to
slack a little and away we went again, for we
always kept steam at hand on such occasions,
after many hard knocks we were once more brung
up, and lay a few hours, but there was no prospect
of its opening, besides the locality was dangerous
and the ice 6 or 8 feet thick in large fields.
There was only a neck of about 50 Yards between
us and the water, so we were really bound, and
the "Marshall" making such a fine go of it, we
sent our Master to blow it up with Gunpowder
and behold we were free, after us came the "Polyoia"
and we were free, after us came the "Joy", the others were a good way astern
when we open once more, with Poly at our back

I we thought it prudent to keep her there, and
we sighted the "Marshall" and in the
evening was almost of her, the "Poly" was
among the appearance of a pony candle hardly
visible as we had gained so much on her, and
as we came to another barrier of ice though
so formidable as the first, the "Marshall"
struggling hard to get through but uselessly
was to be our victim and by dint of persevering
we passed the "Marshall" saw the "Marshall"
in his course to come in our wake along with
which was a little behind the "Marshall".
At this time they were within four or five miles
of us, having the advantage of the Path we
passed; the three of us were all again in open
water, with a stiff Breeze right in our teeth but
had faraller, that night Glorious River we
crossed that full of Boats, the boy which has
hundreds of ships for its prey, now getting on its
own, one which cost him 3 units of measurement
in nine years, it was through its thank God,

June 14th In the evening we took our departure
from on a little south of Cape Dredley Digges on
the east side, to crop the streets for the west side
the winds still keeping Northward so we set one on
starboard fore and aft sail for a little assistance steering
by N $\frac{1}{2}$ W by the compass, but in reality keep on
a due course about S $\frac{1}{2}$ W by N as in this latitude
there is between 8 & 9 points of Westerly Variation or
about 10 degrees, the reason of
this I am sorry cannot be precisely ascertained, the
philosophers differ so much on
the subject, one is not safe to hazard an opinion
before I will state some plausible remarks,
^{to}

The first of these is assigned, hidden attraction
thought to emanate from large proportions of metallic ore
imbedded in the surrounding mountainous districts, where
vessels are navigating Lancaster Sound the compass
comparatively well up, for in certain parts it lost its
magnetic power, getting as it were benumbed and
continually performing a very unceasing number of
olutions, to the utter astonishment of the helmsman
causing him to turn his eyes from it in despair.

in such cases the land is reported to favor the ship's Guidance overall, for we required a little past both red & the "Bible" or perhaps the few though not often, consequently during though it is fair to own we are well provided for, having hazy thick weather it is unsafe to navigate in that quarter on unlimited supply of ale, Bread, cheese, butter, &c
 others incline to reason that so near an approach anything else extra we may be the better off which to the North Pole or centre of attraction, in some manner blunts the magnetic influence of the needle, which is not might be expected creates a little envy amongst our neighbors, in ship to out of ship, but permit me to say at all improbable, for the sake of illustration, say a polished nothing the worse for that. (Mark the effect) person is examining a hill 30 miles off through a telescope, being the whole at a glance, and the slightest possible deviation from that straight line would then spoil his view but coming within a mile of it or nearer he can then see all coming freedom, looking from right to left or up & down with the hill still in view before him.

Be that as it may in the space of 24 hours we had crossed the strait a distance of some 200 miles meeting with very little interruption only some light streams of ice within 5 miles of the west side owing to the east amount of 14, & 6 pounds of late making a whole sea of water North of the Bay, which usually denominated the North Water, fortunately this far and gave up steaming right at the entrance of Lancaster Sound, flying to windward all night under

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 anything else extra we may be the better off which might be expected creates a little envy amongst our neighbors, in ship to out of ship, but permit me to say nothing the worse for that. (Mark the effect) morning it was calm, and who should we see but "Poly" coming steaming up by the Narwhal a good way behind her, fully 10 hours from the time we brought her to the Master and I calculated we had lost there 150 miles on nearly so, out of 300, capital work, tho' so much for our credit, I trust there will be an end John's bowering now, as his insinuations in Liverpool always haunted me, (not failing to play 2nd fiddle to that tune), after breakfasting we got up the gain & held south in the direction of Ponds Bay to see what the tides were like, when our Master noticed the eddy of a fish so we lowered away 2 boats after her hooked on to the land floor, but that one was not become our property, in an hour onto the "Poly" made fast, & in some hours more the Narwhal who

went fast as it floated on, shortly afterward another fish appeared, and a boat was at once stationed on what is termed the Brand or Look out, our Master remarking, as we were talking over matters for the evening that some of us would have a fish before morning he thought, and he thought right for I was disturbed in my slumbers by the noise that the "Barbado" had one killed alongside, this rather put the damper on a few of us who had been all hope the night before, so we shifted ground rather doggedly, and soon after a sudden rush was heard on deck and then followed the report of a gun accompanied by the well known, wild, delirious, joyful shout of a Fall, a Fall, a Ha-a-a-all during us we were fast to a Fish now for the space of 3 minutes all was bustle and confusion on deck, the hasty tramp, stamping & scuffling of feet, lowering of boats, and all sorts of exclamations, follows last turned out of bed, running about the deck with his clothes tucked under his arm & his eyes half open, searching for a boat but in a boat, perhaps getting a chance to put on his apparel when they stop pulling, for a bit, which may be perhaps an hour,

Monday 17 June 61. Our first whale was captured, by Charles Marshall, about one o'clock P.M. by the floe edge not far from the ship it is only 2 ft T. Bone and about 3 tons, oil, quite young, but welcome all the same, 60 fathoms as that we might go home, however it is always a beginning, here especially the quotation applies, (After small fish than none,) as soon as a fish struck she invariably goes right down with considerable velocity often 120 fathoms in a minute or 8 miles an hour, as the depth increases, her speed diminishes, & also her strength if she goes to an unusual depth, by the time she appears just on the surface, she is incapable of resistance through exhaustion, being at so great a depth exposed to an imminent sepaincement, profuse of water on her body, hence the capture is sometimes accomplished with comparative ease, and totally bereft of resistance we say could never a sufficient quantity of breath for another descent, this is when the boats are in close proximity, active and skillfull hands, and not entangled amongst ice, after being struck by the harpoon she remains below for the space of 20 or 30 minutes for common, although there are

sometimes of their remaining for a much longer period sometimes an hour or more when in shallow water.

It occasionally happens that on being struck in shallow water, the whale seems unconscious of anything but agony and escape, precipitately descending to the bottom head foremost, and coming in contact with it with great violence, and dying there, hauled up dead after the usual time had elapsed from his appearance, completely suffocated with blood on the back broken.

On striking a fish, the harpooner immediately takes 2 or 3 turns of the line round the harpoon to enable him by friction to retain his hold of it, or when he falls to drag the fish, so great is friction sometimes that he is twice snatched in hooks, then the lines require to be cut, to prevent combustion; the first cut is oftenest to be last done by line manager attending the running out of the lines, which is a critical job, in as they have foul the fish a lot or more some of their lines, as soon as the ship has the boat riding fast is hoisted in the centre of the boat, which is instantly prepared to be hoisted, and hoisted on the ship, and then they remain until the whale is either dead, or loose, then the first boat is ready

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distinguished from the others, and another boat usually remain by it, to render assistance in the shape of lines, or anything else required until the final capture is accomplished, which is usually preceded by her dying "Hurry" or struggling in which the Fish is violently convulsed, poised & whirled in the air until all is over, and dying it turns belly up its back and is hoisted by the captives, extreme satisfaction, at the same time flying other Flags, accompanied by three hearty huzzas, and again responded to by the few on board ship.

After the fish is ~~had~~ the first operation is to hook the fins together, cutting 2 holes in its tail and then hoisting it to a boat, the whole of the boats (now four) in a low & unite their efforts in towing it to the ship itself, she is a sterner task as us, they are then paid the time and trouble by getting up steam and going for them, towing them to a place, docking on any convenient spot, where they can make fast until it is hoisted, which to a common signal fire takes 3 or 4 hours, on an average, a soon as it is hoisted alongside of the ship the process of skinning commences, by the Harpooneers, who provided with spars of iron affixed to the sides of their boats, to prevent them from slipping off into the water, begin-

by dividing it into various compartments, the center Cut Block are then hooked on to a strip of Blubber, the rope or foul leading to the windlass, this they use for turning the fish over, one good blow commences at the head of the fish, with the Main Spec* Block leading to the Main Captain, and the others with the fore Captain & Selects begin to the body bearing on pieces from a ton to a ton & a half at a time which they separate from the carcass by means of 40-bladed knives & spades, as it reaches the deck it is received by another party with strong knives cutting it into pieces of about 12 or 15 broken square, another Gang called Pick Men or are busily engaged hastening these pieces down the Main hatchway, into what is termed the Head Cut, where it remains until the whole is cleared away and all is ready for the last process called Making off.

On Making off a Fish the Blubber is again hoisted on deck out of the Head Cut, and conveyed to the standard jaws into the dock with 5 or 6 poles inserted into the top of the jaws stand about 3 feet high and termed Clashes, on these the squares of Blubber are placed, perfectly skinned, and freed from any of the carcass which might be still attached to it & passing (*Spec - a Dutch word, signifying Hat,)

from them to the chipping-table, it is cut up into small pieces of a few inches and is immediately received into the pipe through which is below the table, from which it runs through a narrow conductor into tanks or casks, as the case may be.

Now, is the time for fish to come, as we are all in impatience, impartial, and prepared it would indeed afford much pleasure, you know, much profitable sport, with regard to them however, we cannot at present state their view on this point, having hitherto had so very little of their company. Much to our disappointment, and now know, that we have succeeded in gaining the very spot, which delights the heart of whale fisher, the El. Donator of his hope, that is a good land after at the entrance of the renowned Pond Bay.

But as yet we are apt to take up the words of a Yankie, who succeeded in reaching its safety. Here is Pond Bay, there is the land there, to it when are all your fish.

There is one consolation in knowing, that we are rather early in the season, this being only 25 June.

and it is usually the 6th or 7th of the next month before the first of the great run of fish appear. Meantime, I have no hesitation in saying, that every day would be very acceptable to keep our hand in the way of sport, of such doing as time brings a little hearing, and us at present, and to be one at convenient time let's this could, drive off far away, they being comfortably appropriated and stored away, previous to the commencement of the general bustle and carriage in anticipation.

The weather here is now perfectly calm warm and beautiful, and the light reflected from the south pole (surface) of the snow, is pure, rich and intense, were the pupil of the eye submitted to its influence for a few hours, partial, blindness would ensue, most invariably, for this causes the natives their wooden goggles made to cover both eyes with small longitudinal apertures, so that only a small portion of the augmented light is brought in contact with the eye which we make up for by tying a silk handkerchief over our nose when making an excursion and from

The appearance of the atmosphere, how

darkly powdered, the winter sky of Britain when clear, although it may be of a deeper Azure, and where far from Ice crystals, its transparency perhaps far more perfect.

If we push the limit of compact air (which I call the whole atmosphere) is at this season but a single cloud, only a slight colouring or shade of Yellow, denotes the presence of an icy plane by the reflected solar rays of the Sun, which distinctly units with the Dark Clouds tint the sky assumes immediately over a tract of open water, forming a dark and beautified canopy, round which the Sun appears to pass in an elliptic posture. Sometimes for a whole week without being for a moment obscured by a shadow and with scarcely any apparent variation in the quantity of light from noon to Mid-night, that when the sailors have been fully occupied in the hosts for any length of time, unheeding the progress of it, the enquiry whether it be night or day is not frequent, although to know it may at first appear somewhat ridiculous such however is usually the case when the sun has nearly attained the Northern Tropic.

In an hour of Night the case is different the sky is sharp, at Night, an undivideable strip, and given preceding Space, accompanied by, the last hill, which unmitigately says, it is Night, the Fisherman (may he discern) casting his hook under his wing, only disturbed by the splash of an oar. The Gullionet or loom clearly marks its way to the edge of the ice (taking shelter and repose under its covering influence), proclaiming over all it is Night.

The principal objects which strike the sense of the beholder, are the innumerable, Mountainous peaks, ridges, precipices, or ledges, rising immediately out of the sea to the height of two or three thousand feet and nearly perpendicular, which at a moderate distance presents a grotesque and interesting appearance the dark shades of brown rock, blended with slight vestiges of green or grey, interspersed with patches and streaks of snow and ice embedded in crevices and fissures capping the tops of the Mountains, and with the glistening appearance of the last Glaciers, the beauty and purity of the white Slipping icebergs, coupled with the towering aspect of the adjoining land and rock.

present at once a variety and extent of contrast altogether peaceful and beautiful, completely harmonizing with the bright day, while the serenity and calmness of the Ocean Morning, constitute a scene of grandeur and silent Majesty not to be conveyed to the mind by the English Language.

The next, and most important object to yet interest (most description is the Balneæ Magister) or Common Black whale of Greenland.

Amongst the numerous order of animals the whale or "Balena" as Naturalists term it, is perhaps the most remarkable as also the largest of all known animals while living in part or wholly in the ocean it is formed as to make its way through the water with ease and velocity.

Being cetaceous, it differs from the true fish tribe in being (Mammalian) in fact giving animals in being warm blooded & consequently fitted with organs for perceiving atmospheric air, similar to the inhabitants of the land, the most interesting point relative to the habits of the Greenland whale is the creature's love and care for its offspring, the period of Gestation is supposed

to be about ten months, and scarcely any dam has been observed to have more than one young young one in attendance & continuing a nursing about a year the strong affection exhibited by the whale for her young is unscrupulously turned into fatal account by the whale Fishers, who generally try to strike the harpoon in the body of the young one, and if they effect this, they are then sure of the old one for she will not leave it.

There are some 10 or 12 varieties of the whale tribe, and of all these the common Greenland Black whale, (Balena Magister) ranks first in importance to our commerce, being the most productive of oil and containing the largest and finest whalebone (Balen) also from the strength of its motion and natural torpidity it is the most easily captured.

These huge creatures on attaining their full size calculated to be in or about 20 years, measure from the extremity of the nose over the tail, 60 feet, the maximum circumference which is a little behind the first (Postoral Line) about the middle of the body 35 feet, tapering gradually towards the nose and very quick towards the tail, in which is control all the apparatus

pound of the animal.

The head in comparison with other fish only from 5 to 6 feet, but when extended the width is unusually large, somewhat of a broad triangular shape about 24 or 26 feet, the form is crescent like, indented in the centre, with 2 lobes somewhat pointed and broad, is flat, measuring from 18 to 20 feet long and 10 in breadth, the lips extend back the whole length of the head, rising about 6 feet high on each side forming the upper and lower parts of the mouth, when raised in front resembles the letter U, the upper jaw including the crown bone or skull, is turned down in front at the extremity so as to shut in the mouth, being overlapped by the lips in a squamous manner, when the mouth is open it presents a very large cavity 6 or 8 feet wide, 12 high and 16 feet long.

There are 2 fangs on each side about 1 foot behind the angle of the mouth 7 feet long by 4 in breadth and 1 foot thick tapering towards the edges, it closely resembles the human hand, when closed of the skin and blubber having 3 bones but no joints and in the living animal contains no power of considerable flexion.

The tail in itself comprises between 70 and

90 square feet in a single surface, its length is 90 square feet in a single surface, its length is 15 feet, when extended the width is about 24 or 26 feet, the form is crescent like, indented in the centre, with 2 lobes somewhat pointed and the motions are rapid and powerful. Moving alternately upwards and downwards only when going slowly, then it moves laterally and obliquely downwards similar to the motion of an oar employed to scull a boat, the 2 fins being used only as a balance for the body.

The eyes are situated in the sides of the head about a foot behind and above the angle of the mouth and protected by eyelashes, although only a little larger than those of an owl. It is also supplied to some extent with auditory organs although there are no visible external ears,

There are 2 nostrils on (blue holes) as they are termed, being longitudinal apertures 6 inches long situated on the top of the fish, at the back of the head, for the purpose of respiration, while feeding under water, which discharges large quantities of mucous vapour, which at a distance appears like smoke.

or smoke rising to the height of several yards, at one or three times a minute accompanied by a loud roar which usually in thick weather leads to their retreat as they continue this breathing for 10 or 15 minutes.

The Baleen or whalebone consists of two extensive rows of splits (or laminae) suspended from each side of the crown bone by the Gums, the longest is in the centre, and by which it is usually measured, there are 300 or 400 splits on each side, the longest measure about 12 feet, 12 or 15 inches broad at the Gums by one inch thick tapering to the point in a circular form, the exterior edge of which is covered by a soft black fringe of hairy texture 12 inches long for the purpose of entangling its food separating it from the water and conveying it to the throat; the colour of the Baleen is a brown or bluish black sometimes very faintly striped longitudinally with white and weighing about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs @ 400 ft per ton or more, the Gum in which the thick ends of the bone are inserted and attached to crown bone is white & silvery, with very little taste resembling a new cream cheese.

The Blubber which covers the whole

THE FLYING BOY



Sketch V

extent of the surface of the body varies from 6 to 18 inches thick of a quite firm texture composed of numerous minute cells, of a whitish appearance closely resembling the fatty portions of pork it is totally free from any unpleasant smell when fresh, gathering that fatal noxious smell only towards the conclusion of the voyage, Yielding 30 Tons of Blubber and 4 Tons of it are equal 5 tons Oil or 202 Gallons (wine) Measure, £10/- per Ton or more thus a good Whale is valued @ £1200 or so

Last about 2 dozen look at this, I conclude could answer this ship and crew admirably for nothing about the owners, who would no doubt come in for the lion's share of the profits, you hope to go home full ship, for everyone's interest although you may have to port until late in the year. Contingencies demand it, if at all possible being I should imagine high time that the original owners of this craft should receive some remuneration for the last original outlay of Capital, which has hitherto been rapidly increasing, as the price continues full, and damping the ardor of her patrons, to an

extent prejudicial to the commercial interests of the town, and the use of Auxiliary screw steam vessel in the arctic regions, maintained at so great expense without any apparent amount of success or advantage over a common sailing ship.

The reason of deficiency in the most unquestionable superiority of the steamer as compared with the sailing vessel adapted for this country, is rather tantalizing and unsatisfactory, considering the popular and high expectation, which were entertained on the adaptation and introduction of steam power into different vessels, intended for the rigorous prosecution of the precarious system of seal and whale fishing so long established and carried on by the enterprise of our British commercial, ship owners.

This particular branch of our industry once so flourishing and remunerative, to all nations has of late years descended from hundreds of vessels to a few ships from, Hull, Kirkcaldy, Dundee, Aberdeen, Peterhead and Edinburgh which have still adhered to traffic through its fatal and ruinous channel, although yearly threatening

to annihilate all further attempts at the old trade. Until recently the introduction of screw propulsion into the arctic seas attracted general attention and created a fresh stimulus in the almost forgotten regions steamer succeeded steamer as at first they promised to become a means of sweep long since unknown here, steadily increasing they have at length reached a climax which perhaps will cause them to reflect ere they blindly speculate on fortune, in the hurry on future occasions.

There is little doubt but that the steamer is the most suitable, and if judiciously managed also the most profitable, Yet, the want of proper trial has been against them, the seasons wholly unfavorable and in many cases rendered useless by mismanagement the t. steamers now in this country are by no means earning for themselves a good name, as far as gone it is true, last year they went bravely through Minnaboo Bay, where none but steamer could go, but they profited nothing by it, than who remained behind, contrary to all former experience had better poor, hunting, this for man who pursued aspiration to

proper. They all tried the seal fishing this year hoping to redeem their character, the result is known although fearlessly penetrating the frozen masses, the creatures were nowhere to be discovered, sharing alike with the sailing ships, the general misfortune they returned empty, only to try again chances of the whale which as yet doth not much brighter our hopes.

Hoped or no hope this is beautiful weather it is really a blessing to be allowed the privilege of sculling and rowing through the mazes of ice flying ^{the} onward of the pure sparkling water of Davis Strait, the warm sun reflecting his glory from its surface, the white decks of the ship and the sails and rigging all glistening & lastingly his rays, the many laugh of the harpooned and the incessant twitter of sea birds, echoing through the propell atmosphere as the voices of our constant companions, all dwelling in mutual friendship the long day, unharmed by the tempest, andothred by the fascination of an unknown world, or simply (its constituents) there is a sympathy among

sailors, which always exists, even though for a time but through some trifling discord, intending even ^{the} verbal avowal which they savour with pleasure and affection and are rarely guilty of cruelty to animals,

Shall Man who is Master of all
the Only Sensible frame
Hon'd it, fair gratitude call
Hon'd it. Devotion & Love

There are many fair scenes and generous faces I can never forget, so strongly have they linked themselves with my memory in this peregrination, of which here, I become abstracted by them, and catch myself in dreaming of the past and present, with evident pleasure smiling to myself like one demented, and perhaps showing the future with fond anticipation, I grant few we have too much time at our disposal, and neglecting opportunities we might take advantage off, for the presents, such as may never again occur to us.

Should the fish ever come that we might enjoy the profitable sport in so agreeable circumstances, and generally total absence from shore every other day past back on from the land flew to the offing & back by day

ammunition; and he of course is doing clattering &c
that you know makes our filtration lighter.

Taking one of these fine excursions to the offing, with the "Fay & Dundee" on 24 June, we most unfortunately had our propeller broken by a little hard hummock of fresh water ice that the ship ran over while under steam, and coming up under her quarter, came in contact with the screw propeller taking away the half of a blade or nearly so in an instant. the Captain was at the Chart Table but did not observe it, I was on deck but took no immediate notice of it although both heard & felt the stroke (such things were so common amongst ice), the ship was limping a little at every stroke the Capt. cried down if all was right to me. I stopped the engine, rather cried down to Davis (as it was his watch) and soon saw what had occurred, much to our regret, we had calculated on making the remainder of our voyage without accident of any kind occurring considering we had got over our most difficult unsmoothed, and now to get crippled so simply.

was very provoking. More so now than we admit at present, having been somewhat elated by our recent achievements and successful doings, we did not then altogether to console the pride we felt growing in us, at times, from the efficacy with which we directed our naval performances. consequently our self complacency was frustrated along with the ship,

No soon settled what was to done, and in 5 minutes more we limping along, like a dog on 3 legs which was proportionable to our case, making fast in a short time after to a floe of ice in the offing, we waited for a few hours to see what things were likely to happen but had no help but find up again as nothing worthy our attention could be seen, jogging along in our usual way back to land ice; with the Dundee in our wake on the port quarter also going to land ice I hoped the world "give us a wide berth", as we were in a (nuttish) condition, heard Capt. Brewster talk he had the previous night in course of conversation alluded to and nearly discussed the merits of their respective battles, and if the "Dundee" inclined to settle the matter then (not knowing we had just lost)

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they would undoubtedly beat us, it was too
dangerous a pill for us to swallow without an effort
the more idea (made us quiver), like a spear darting
through our frame.

I went below, quickly passing (not to find
what might await). Nevertheless somewhat piqued
at our now effective condition, returned my book
and pipe, forgetting all about it. Our Master
was at the Mast head guiding the wheel, and
the Doctor quite an original in way of walking the
Quarter Deck, and who always took a lively interest in
and supported the character of our ship regarding ability.
At just the first hour in the morning of the 25th silence
prevailed on board only the tramp of the watch & boats,
his Starboard hand, steady now steady, no more away
at his orders to the helmsman passing from the bridge he
thundered. I sat at anchor'd in the fog of Carkton
Walls of Irish Prescerty, by the fire very amusing:
so much so, that the double boat w^t the compound hull
of the steamer in the cylinder failed in passing (very
large). When the Doctor, succeeded in passing
my Starboard attention, by "bowling" down from

the highlights I say Mr. Smith the Engineer in
boating gal, Hall, said I, affecting indifference,
supposed the deal; at the same time making my
way on deck; and true enough there she was a
full ship length ahead of us, her Engineer
Mr. Barnes, was apparently delighted, and raising
his hand, seemed to say follow if you can.
Only a minute and I was below, crossing the
firemen and humoring the engines, so effectively
that in five minutes (now we position were
(in) Acre) we were as much ahead of the Dunder
and the beauty of it is kept there, broken star and
all, distancing her at every stroke,
the fight, was apparently to live for our opponent
as some of them disappeared from the deck.
Our captain descended from the Mast head, delighted
and surprised, once more congratulating ourselves
on our (bold) ability, repeating only the far was
broken she we could have beat them properly.
nothing on to the land I did we shipped a
whole crew the following morning, in case we
should not be able to tow enough of whale, and

with the old one,

There is nothing doing at present not as far as the Ground, the daily Montony however is occasionally pursued by a party of Esquimaux, 18 gunnase running over the Ice in their sleds drawn by 10 or 12 wolfish looking dogs, and unimminently boarding any vessel that attracts their attention, shouting and screaming "chimo" chymas, a, bah, look what aches what cheer, and possibly inspired by several Broadsides from the ship,

These flat sled Esquimaux are always armed, if not the real North American savage, extremely impulsive, active, & passionate being totally different from those on the East side of the strait, Numbers bearing their faces, breast and arms tattooed, fine and fearless, carrying large straight knives, bows and arrows, darts, & such like weapons, hanging to their girdles and round their necks are fur-trimmed tents, Bear traps or traps like lead, the whole of this apparel consisting of half dried skins, as far as I could

(it is all free of them will touch them),

One of these Gangs, men, women, & children boarded the Campen down our fine Morning, to amusement of the crew but the Captain of the Master who has a Montal horrof them, being such a filthy, swearing, clamorous tribe, with whom discipline is out of the question, and encouraged by the boisterous spirit of the crew while they remain the ship is in great ^{danger} tumult and uproar. the deck had to be cleared of anything that would lift and be thrown away below for safety, the excitement now increased on Deck the women chased the men and of course the men (that is) the sailors gave chase back, amidst leaping and yelling the deck was from the Mass to the peak one mass of noisy confusion, at this crisis thinking there had been enough of sport for one day at least the Capt. ordered them to be put ashore by casting off portill, but not one would stir an inch, then the crew began to give them the hint of what was intended by pushing them all to the ships side, Master could stand by at this treatment

The Natives did not seem to comprehend, or did not appreciate the new change of tactics, and soon gathering courage offered resistance, although only 15 or so in number, one little fellow raced, at any approach of the Sailors, drew his fist in an unmercifully fashion, carrying his iron along with it another signal and Ice Drill, a heavy piece of Schmidt or 3 feet long, and prepared for an attack by yelling and leaping, having a touch of Paddy about him he gained the lead and whirled it over his head, as if it were a battle-ax, fancying himself far to far with an infuriated mortal who discipline, will you not think it timely to make your (last will & Testament) escape, so brought our gallant crew at all events, in less than no time he had 30 lbs. of the deck to himself, being unable to fight with, firmly & decently laid down his weapon, keeping his eye out for further war.

Oppressed being pulled up from marauding we sent trial stratagem, slowly getting up steam and began to move away from the Ice, quite at

unfastening the people, the Natives looking on with perfect composure, they saw it was a game but the day being calm they considered us powerfully hemmed in as we were by Ice, picture this astonishment when the ship left the floe and made the scarce pieces pass before her side home to them goodness only known here, this had the end for effect, in two tries (now), mounted, youngsters bundled themselves on the side like so many bags of sandstone, on top of the Ice making the best of this way back to the floe for we would not stop, thus at the expense of a little coal we got rid of our trouble over shipmates for a time, anyway drifting fast some miles farther forth;

July 1st - but affairs pretty fair, we have succeeded in capturing other two fishing boats very unfortunately. Our friend Mate, John Bird had just brought one alongside, and rearranged his Boots Gear, when he sprang and gashed about another, we were watching from the ship deck and observed him through all his movements

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when, as he pulled up to her, she instantaneously sank under the surface of the water, as they occasionally do without making a noise, the moment he saw his master stood he fixed the harpoon into the water as his only chance, and set fast, as she lay about 5 feet beneath the surface with the boat right over her, immediately on being struck she paid her tail, sending the boat flying in the air, 2 of her crew were immersed in the water and holding on by their oars, in the meantime the fish took right down, and for unexpressed of the disorder of the boats crew, our beloved son foul, had the shackle not then broken, lost and all would have perished, as it was, her head struck, being under water was nearly fractured, save the boat broke all the ice out except one 10 yards from the fish was lost, but cannot find, to an off duty picked up the whole crew being dumped to the floor made for the ship, happy at their lucky escape, which might have ended so fatally to all,

Danell, Ray

Sept 2 19



Shortly after we took further down
the country to the lake about of Pond's Bay
and although there was found 15 or 20 Miles of
a land fish quite solid on the surface we had
the pleasure of picking up other 2 fish between
the 7th, 8th & 9th of July, which always add a little to
the little we have got, but these Pond's Bay fish
are now like the East side or Middle ice
fish, than cl. to Honolulu,

Pond's Bay — 10 ft. Bone = 10 Ton Oil
Middle Ice — 13 ft. Bone = 15 Do
so that the fish here on an average, run about
one ton of Oil to the foot of Bone being vastly
big in proportion to the generality of fish caught
both from that, besides they commonly measure
only from 5 to 7 feet long, and consequently their
numbers has few more appearance than blubber
of course they are supplied with a head and tail
uniting them to the same "whale", which sounds
mighty big, but recommend one to a good Middle ice
fish instead of half dozen such trash as they turn
out, they any one of these require as much killing

very little, (more a stone macaroon,) & more care
in management, than those whose dimensions and
strength, to say nothing of value seem to entitle them
~~to be inferior~~; the only name I can say in
their behalf is in the beautiful symmetry of their
shape, their agility is astonishing, and their tenacity
of life altogether wonderful,

It was the 11th of July and we
succeeded in capturing another, so we had her
brought alongside and commenced to flesh, when
at this operation another large fish made her ap-
pearance below by, all the harpooneers instantly
leapt into a boat they were using, and carefully
pulled up as near as convenient for ice the officer
who was at the helm was stood up turned
round in the boat, seized the gun, - took aim
and fired, unfortunately he missed! the harpoon
took the water a feet short of the fish, leapt
over her boat taking the ice on the opposite side
a (Mariner) ran through the crew, as the mate
instantly leapt on the ice, hand harpoon in hand
the officerman at the same time leapt from the boat

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and with an exclamation seized the harpoon from the Mate's hand, for he was a powerful man, strong forward, and with a fearful stroke sent it socket up in her body or she had sufficient time to disappear, but with the fury he darted the harpoon into her flesh, he overreached his balance, however holding on by the harpoon stock. he succeeded in keeping his uppermost until the whale went down which she did in a second, and poor Isob along with her, a burst of horror now escaped the lips of the onlookers so sudden had this catastrophe occurred, then a death like silence ensued, when he immediately rose to the surface, passing his hands over his eyes he boldly essayed to break the ice conflicting with the various cries & shouts now heard each trying to give directions, for his safety, when a shrill cry of foul - foul - foul - was heard issuing from the fast boat turning some attention in that direction, for now there were more lines in jeopardy, coils on coils of line being rapidly thrown over the boat's side by the line manager, while the pot stood on the gunwale of the fast ready

for dear life to leap into the water should the boat become entangled, Meanwhile the Mate with admirable presence of mind managed in keeping the foul lines clear of Isob until he succeeded in breaking the edge when he quickly threw the lines over his head, and pulled him out at the same time the lines in the boat got right by the harpooner, Isob, wet and all, took to the boat and threw out his own lines, in the course of 20 minutes the harpooner at some distance let the boat over on the look out and found another 2 gun harpoons shot her mighty frame and rolling over in agony she now sank below, in little over an hour she was brought alongside dead, & no sooner were the boats again equipped than they got fast to another and all large fish, this was a lucky bit of addition to our hitherto small stock, well from that afternoon to next day we had fine good whales at or fell scarcely tiring either of us with a hip - hip - hurrah - for 6 more to particular see reported

The weather continued very pleasant during the 5 days we were occupied in flogging and making off, but the following day we were all astir by a strong Gale of N. E wind blowing right in & breaking up considerable portions of the fast ice causing the vessel to slip this morning and fly to windward until it abated, when they all hove in for the ice again, shortly after we made fast 2 large fish made their appearance not far off the boat which was on the bow (look out) very promptly pulled towards them, but the fish were hard on to the boat's or rather eye on which gear moved, so that every possible precaution was necessary to insure the boat getting clear enough upon them now especially as both fish were seen this approach as the crew rested on their oars and the steerer pulled steadily onwards, we were almost sure of one, the harpooner stood up, took his gun and fired into one as they were disappearing for good, the poor paddle round the bollard (not plainly and a ha-a-all shortly proclaimed on board who to our consternation, the fishing boat, was

struck in a few seconds, the fish was hooked, every one in the ship was struck, he unhooked was the scurvy, in fact every face seemed plainly to say, the devil, that he must eat of my portion through that fellow just now.

Reader, speak is life, all that night our Master paraded us, flogged, and furnished a topic for his morning contemplation to to fresh his mind we got up soon and in spite of the weather pursued our course through the broken up ice and arrived inside Pond Inlet, passing the wreck of the Chase S.S. of Hull in made fast a little further up, being brought to a stop by the fast ice running right across from side to side, and some hours after had the pleasure of the company of the Wildfire, Polymnia and Marshall on either side, they if they had known along with us, might all have saved our bows, by running outside, for nothing ever to be seen, Pond Bay proving a complete hem a Martello to to keep entire men from man's foullest quarter, Meantoward, it promises it like

it will not fire so many on one spot.

Next day the Captain asked me to accompany him, and have a look of the forest which was close by the water's edge, and on the rising bank along side the Native had encamped for the season, for the purpose of appropriating anything they found useful and were able to procure respecting the winter we were in something over an hour passed to our destination and shortly after we came a boat from the village with Mr. Remond in it, all prompted by Miss the same inclination as were the Natives,

The forest was a fair sight alone one of the water surface appeared the charred stumps of timber. Brand & planting. the trees are few posts showing themselves but the more the Hamel stood most prominently although not superlatively upright. a portion of the Girle and one cylinder. a number of small tanks & little chain with anchors attached all stood high & dry, but she had her pretty well stripped on the small left her last year and the Natives had

put a complete Polish on her, so we left the ship and went ashore for a short time

These promised lodgings consisted of a group of huts composed of tall thin, uniform in shape, regular in position and situated in the most secure and advantageous locality so as to avoid the increasing torrents of rain and melting snow that descended from the mountain tops forming like a cataract, exhausting its force in the sea, only to reascend in a few months after to its former altitude, and likewise an ample shelter from the piercing North East wind, at the same time enjoying the beneficial influence of a summer sun,

To overlook all these and some other valuable considerations, they had pitched in a nearly level eminence on the rising margin of the North side of Doutt Inlet, some distance inside of Button Point, at the base of some very high Mountain, looking seaward and commanding a view of the Bay and Inlets and what yet of equal importance, Namely Early

communication with all that remained of the once noble and handsome crew stranded. Chase of Hull, lost the year previous while on the beach under repair by a flood of sea coming in and driving her so far on as to be immovable. This only induced their being to abandon her, but before doing so they had secured abundance of necessaries for their now job and then committed her to the element which spread with so much rapidity, that in a few hours she was buried to the water's edge. Fortunately, some other steamers were at hand and a transfer of the crew and plunder were speedily executed into them. That far, rest all right, Com'd by Insurance amounting to £2,000.

Leaving our base on Tern - Anna we were met and speedily encamped by some 80 or 100 men, women & children in to pay their own language, Mackay's, Coona's & Riccarini's, all clamoring together in unintelligible clamor quite puzzled and forced to make out, if not their own, known in poor indecipherable, they were prepared to regard

us (but for the time) as friendly, and according new news at rate, some of them having received rather unusual treatment while visiting the Campdown on a previous occasion, when the Hungry was somewhat absent. Capt. Brown by myself proceeded up the Beach followed by the whole Doctor, and lastly ten of the most intelligent and intelligent. Made up to us offering their services at desired a proposal was speedily acquiesced with, where we were then separated by my guide taking a fancy to be Grumpy, cutting caper, to his evident enjoyment, which I encouraged, that he might have better satisfaction of it, as we went along being nearly past the line of Mat. & we were disposed to keep dry eyes above, until, I soon discerned his intention when of a sudden he bounded through the front of the last Mat we were about to pass, at the 3d Sect. 24th Aug. lot of work. I stood a little amazed as annual forgot which, and looking back, burst into fit of laughter, on seeing our captain, had

caught or fasted on Tarts in a somewhat
demonstrated manner one lusty fellow was
going by me urging him on while the
other pushed behind at with hazzard and
willing steps he ran impudently running
onward, in the midst of my Pursuit my
Guide, Coone now came to the entrance
of the hole and beckoned me to approach
taking another giz at the Laird, I entered
the said abode and found myself inside
a very tidy, cleanly, comfortable dwelling
for man so that the generality of them I have seen
intend its dimension would be about 6 feet high sides stone & stones, and a piece of deal
at the back 7 feet wide by 10 long but they
long certainly for a family of 6 or 8 eight
heaped like a ridge ^{the side} taper off to the top
from the back, Joining in a sharp ridge running
to the length of the side being pinned securely
to the ground by wooden pegs driven through the
Knots, they pegged the Mains as the Mains are
nearly transparent, affording but much light without the trouble of going back to the ship
with them to saw, and a odd job they make

with the Mains & fast lines for Shore.
the innermost half of the hut is paved with
stones floor on each, and covered with
the "Maid of Tussor" or Kinn Deer, this is the
Workshop, lounge & Bed, with a limber
covering of deer skin bags in which they comly
themselves, on going to sleep, which they can
conveniently do 24 hours at a time, perhaps
very 2 or 3 days. There is nothing in the shop
furniture not even an attempt at a flat iron
or cutting utensil, not a fire on fire place
in this case, the owner had some portion of
challand & copper pipe pieces of chain & iron
had picked up from the wrecks, which in
following intention to Bantay for purchase
I had nothing of the sort along with
him, they pegged the Mains as the Mains are
nearly transparent, affording but much light without the trouble of going back to the ship
with them to saw, and a odd job they make

them to the ship in his pocket or carry the
following day, on which I took care of the
angry household after bestowing some trifles
on the Recanini, who are old enough fashion'd
to ask presents from strangers; soon after I
joined the Captain who was in a perturbed
state of mind whatever had caused his temper
he was conversing with the natives (his way of it)
in grand English, (as laid down by Lemley) many
and several bewitched at their obstinate keep fitting
in but understanding what he meant, and
in utter disgust would turn away from them, while
they stood and stared & mimicked him, and
the fellow who would fain have omitted the
destroying angel (page 130) actually performed
some Masterly operations round about him
that he was making his way to the boat
when after giving them all he had about him
began in the shape of presents, such was the day,
D'jouf found him in so coming up when
he said it was his opinion we were long enough a whaling.

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off straight for the ship as we felt somewhat
hungry especially Tom, not being up in time
for Breakfast and hearing as dinner was plan-
ned on the Table, but had the precaution to
put a piece of Chees & some Biscuit in my
pocket, but it was all done, and in
another 2 hours we were comfortably fitted
at sea in our own cabin, so ended our
little trip, to the land

On the afternoon of the following day we
succeeded after some hours of chafing in adding one
to our number of fish. Making what is familiarly
termed the latter day, but very little to our
number of seal which is of more consequence, so
we concluded if that was all allotted us for a couple
of weeks, we would quit the field at once, so in
site of wind and weather we beat our retreat and
running out went the south west of the
island for some time, but saw neither whale
nor seal though the weather being very thick & foggy
too so the crew was summoned so we pushed then it was off shore and away goodness only know-

having only a faint idea at first what was to be done on clearing up a little however we picked our teeth up close by Cape Morelock. Now, shortly after, from 50 miles North of P. & B. Bay, At far as any as had erroneously supposed at first of you are wondering what had become of our compass's, allow me to say that in this portion of Davis's Strait they are few ~~little~~ or (as yet) and seldom used as one other navigator tract having excepting the Passage to and from the country meeting with the latter you will then see turned our attention to Lancaster Sound, as we regretted not paying it a visit when you reached that. Like first to mind as if to reward our pains chopping round upon us I & C. we immediately turned about and headed North. Although we could scarcely see from the ship's length ahead of us, being very foggy weather sometimes like a featherly wind, however with us there is often displayed a good allowance of northly sailing on some occasions so we pushed onwards, with the breeze increasing now raised our speed until nearly 100 miles

up into Lancaster Sound when we lay to with the fore yards back, dodging under all hazard until it should clear up and silence our hearings, and what was very strange, although sharing some terrors uncomfortably close on our track, still we had seen no ice to speak of as was reported.

Clearing up on the evening of the third day, we saw the land on our Port Bow about 30 Miles North of us, and while the wind was still blowing fresh right up the sound we graved the fore yards. Put the helm up waiting in with land, as we passed along, Next morning was a swell of a Day, the sun was shining fairly, O. and within a few miles of the land we were leisurely sailing on in high giddiness to Croker Bay, where we expected to do something, so, as we got the chance the land there looked really beautiful, surpassing all other portions of the strait we have yet seen there was a great deal variety about it, bordering on the Old Grampians, that with their brown

Sunny sides, the green flooded valleys, and the gentle slope to the water's edge in front, they looked very much the same, having with all a fine rounded soft appearance, very unlike the general outline of land in Davis, Strait which consists of sharp pointed ridges, disorderly eruptions, steep declivities, rugged promontories.

At the ice was all broken up and cleared out of the sound in favor our arrival was perfect and at the ship plants flying to windward, the thickings now from pictures and the wind increasing to a Gale, towards evening the ship was (strapped) put under top sail, 3 small jgs. topsail, foreail, Main top sail, stay foresail. Oryg. Sails, the latter pretty stiff, we during the thickness, aided by the current drift also on the land. That to get clear we had to get up steam, to clear it with this Gale we struggled 2 days and the land and houses all day out of its, owing down to be done so there again.

Another days steam brought us down Past Pond Bay as far as Cape MacCullum, where a powerful breeze stirred the air and our barrel over (now was spread) and gently filled we glided forth by the low Edge,

On reaching the N.W. of Cape Adair we were compelled to bring up, as a fog bank had then stretched its arm out, enveloping our vicinity in gloomy mist, which lasted four and twenty hours as it began to clear up with a flattish breeze we could distinguish the Pacific. Made fast a mile or so South from us and the "Dundee" and "Alexander" flying North in our direction, and toward evening had a visit from Capt. Stevens and Stewart, who brought with them the intelligence of the fleet operational since our departure which was some 2 weeks back, from these two we learned that 2 Russell had come up full for home & the Diana of Hull by "Puff" steas of Pitcairn, and that he had lost in our absence splendid run of fish in a crack leading in to the land, and found of the Russell getting 44-45 at

at once, which considerably added to their last being all heavy fish, Capt. Stewart expressing his sympathy for our Capt. in the foll^t language. Just as thick as Bill's look saw, O (man), I was sorry for you, that you was not there, when busy in ^{the} care of them, I looked and better than look'd for you, No. No. (second of the Campion & Co.)

The gear & the account of 5
vessels being lost in Melville Bay, brought by (the appearance of) the Lady Isabella who had been in their company attempting to cross the Bay, some time after us, he states the loss of 3 Danish Ships, and the Anna Brig of Hull, a commerce of Paterhead, both Ice
particulars of their loss have not reached us
to present, nor before the census, are all found
as is generally the case, the vessels being
generally at hand to render them assistance
on these lamentable occasions when practicable.

The Dundee and Campion
being friends allied, this interview extended a considerable length into the following morning.

in some manner influenced by the extraordinary resources of the Campion's Board of Bottles giving the ascendancy over conventionalities, which otherwise would have regulated their conduct, they at length ascended to the deck and then parted the best of Billies, and found that night we plainly saw the two vessels were to be company keep'd for the remainder of the voyage, with best our compass directed them.

The crew of vessels were all South
of us about Agrip's convenient, but could
not get within 50 miles of the land for ice
and the further south the ice went farther off.
As the Dundee had returned North again, and
located us into his opinion of remaining by the
North Tail or end of the ice going south along
with it calculating if we lost something in
the meantime we would be the gain'd at
last.

To offset this we had to put
our course about 100 miles or so to catch
the North Tail of the ice as far as Cottell
Inlet, and if possible get between its and

the land, for so long as the fish got water
inside the pound have come out;

Accordingly we cast off, from
the floe and sailed North in the face of
stiff Nor' Easter, for four days, making
against风 and tide about 20 miles a
day, during which the gale never ceased
until the fourth day when we first got up
steam and made for the land, the Ondes
being a small Masterly ship, she had the
advantage of early fire when under canvas,
but time was as her superior as once mind
we shot and shinned to fragments the
several pieces that came athwart the stern.

In pushing a likely off well in on
land we hove in for a while to ascertain
our way about properly, before making any
definite course our study, the following morning
I had while looking over the ship's traps and
fins shot, and gazed in the direction from
whence it came and saw a large Bowline, lay down
five fish, said last in conclusion, in

rowing along the floe edge, I immediately paid
the pound and a boat pulled lustily for the off
about 500 yards from the ship, but we only could
reach it the fish which happened to be on the
short disengaged to run the common phrase, tail
up, and run free (as some), after staying from
time the third boat returned to the ship bearing
two on the "Brand" and the following evening
Friday 16th Aug. John Green got fast, and
at a good distance from the ship, I was in the
when the fall part called and immediately stepped
out and in a minute ran on deck and found the
Boat now manned for his assistance and away
the Master ascended in the meantime to the fore
deck, and shortly after called down the main
look, unpleasant news I assure you for me
and shortly after the loose part came along
side the ship, and stated the lines had run foul
getting fairly clear of the fast however a light
had run upon a projecting point of ice &
wraps the line close by the tongue, a
dam' fine fish, said last in conclusion, in

darkish blue about it fin, there's death I am.
In fact Jack was really dead at the fatal occurrence and being a straight forward hardy fellow, consequently escaped the storming which generally follows such disasters, often fatal.

The ship began to rearrange the sea in the boat and here on another 2 harpoons the Capt. and mate below, had a glass of ale and a general comment on the present events after which for its real drowning I went to bed on board, scarcely however was I comod when a noise called down the cabin steward, there's morning, and poor Capt. says to dinner, which was a fish alongside the ship fin, when the Capt. scarcely finished when a cry of a Dead Fish to the who was enjoying a smoke in his easy chair immediately started up stairs and then the sea fish lay bleeding with the harpoon still impaling in her flesh and likely to remain.

The boats which were fit for duty were set off to be of any service, a hand harpoon sitting on top of the lines as is customary when on a shooting excursion, this dodge was a (Mata behind) not to excite suspicion, but they pulled with too much ardour, not too hotly that something was in the

was the signal was given for the last departure and they all started North in pursuit, leaving only 5 of us on board, a fireman, the Capt. & myself I went to the mast head, to watch the proceedings at the chase and still kept up and once or twice the boat (very small) proceeded in coming up to her but at the first of time she dive below it but they lost her into a crevice amongst loose ice & had to return to the ship empty handed.

Somewhat disappointed I again went to bed when our small gunnered one forgot his offering ards, very naturally supposing it to be the one we had lost the previous night, what drew attention first to the object, was a boat bearing the Dender, which was lying some distance North of us

wind, so much so that our rarely last boat who
was at the Master-head, cast his eye in that direction
and saw something black as ~~the~~ he said away astern
of us, from the Master Abandoned and saw the
something black was actually a Dead Fish, while along at full speed I assure you, for (not the first
another boat had glided away from our Bright time's side by side), we passed the Ice first &
he also saw at a glance the boats could not have entered Step Dash, but such a hammering I heard
him for some time) at least of they did not travel now before, the crew were putting their hands in
the ice which he also doubted, whether that
could be effected, however he dispatched two boats
in pursuit but the Onderde being Marret and
First away, had by far the best chance of success
Meanwhile we got instructions to jaw & jaws as
our only chance of doubling them but they were the cold numbing water and struck out forth
already smoking and we saw it was a kick on fish as he could proceed no farther, and being alone
nothing gave we were to play, however we went
firmly to work, while every man on deck duty
engaged in the various means and looking as if their
was never newly combed boat, by official appointment
in 10 Minutes (all ready below) our usual signal
was joyfully heralded on Deck, I say not half a dozen
but was commuted the fish was as good as boiled

to our account, as their faith in the Onderde was
unbounded, but a circumstance occurred we had
not calculated on, at our heels came the Dunder
and about equal distances from the spot we found
it full speed I assure you, for (not the first
time's side by side), we passed the Ice first &
by a daring attempt on the part of one of the crew
belonging the Onderde a Man named Hugh Webster
a native of Shetland, on seeing the companion
into the Ice foremost, Unhesitatingly, plunged into
the cold numbling water and struck out forth
as soon as you enter it, although it proved gradually
he kindly mounted a loose piece of Ice to gather
strength another difficult feat and once took the
water, swimming rapidly for another piece about 60
yards each time, and although in the mean coming

along rapidly it was evident he would speak to first if he held out, as we were still half a mile off, he again reappeared and putted a fin when he dived a third time into the water, we thought it was all up with us, another attempt and the prize was his, his boat crew had no doubts about it apparently for they hoist the boat taking fact as much as to say the fish is ours he emerged the third time with difficulty, and fairly done up lay down on the ice, not over 50 yards from the fish, however we were training onwards, a few minutes more would decide it, as if conscious of his loss, he started upright & looked eastfully toward the fish, but reason told him it was too late, besides he was beginning to cramp a little, so he quickly lost reluctantly had to abandon the attempt, as we came whirling past him, the engines being reversed to stop her speed, while a Youngster named Willie sprang from the ship's side on the fish's body and the take was soon by the hamper down, although say yet that man deserved to get the fish.

The Pioneer left us in high dry ground and was fortunate enough to pick up another fish from us the day following, although they might have been hoping over their shoulder, in case we were in pursuit & that we are on equal or happy to say friendly terms again once more, with the intervention of Mr. Ettrick who reads all sounds of that description with wonderfull rapidity & efficiency.

The long dark and therefore dangerous nights are now drawing nigh, already we lose the sun by nine o'clock, disappearing for about 6 hours, which makes us keep a sharp look out ahead, owing to a very unusual quantity of Icebergs hanging about the fleet, most likely those which were so thickly spread over Melville Bay the previous season and turned thither by the prevalence of N. East Wind and so many of them being Agrounded on the Barren Banks along the coast, protracting and hang up the land Ice, which will otherwise be broken up and driven off from the land,

and which are most prettily, Blockaded the
mouths of the Bays, Inlets, and Fishing Holes
on this side of the Straits from Pond Bay to
goodwill Harbor here for South, at the Act of
Capt Gray - of Pettoff who made his debut
amongst us last Night, states that the Ice is still
unbroken as far South as Cumberland Straits
where we attempted to enter when first entering
this Country, and that he saw about a dozen
vessels hailing about outside chartership and little
prospect of an entrance then, although some of them
were compelled to remain until the ice broke up
to mind the various crew they had left to winter
in that locality the last year and who by this
would be at their witt end for provisions

The moon was pallid, but not faint
And beautiful as some fair saint
Serenely moving on her way
So bound of trial and dismay.

T. Longfellow

being (no good val to be done) when we were
we left the confine of Scott's Bay and held forth
though the passage was a little rough, it was
now that the clear full moon was raised with
delight, just at the nick of time, being totally
unseen and forgotten for the last 14 months we
appeared to burst forth, a few sp. in the firmament
accompanied by a few brilliant stars, an appear-
which the fishermen of an earlier period heralded as
the signal lights to return home, and which I am
long to chronicle late (many other good old custom
has been neglected and set at naught),
by the law of the solar system as it always toward
full moon, the light is dissolved and slow to
extinguished as long as the moon lasts being about
half the time of the moon's duration hid & the other
half moonlight which is now coming to be very
unpleasant to us, in a questionable locality of a dark
long night.

On reaching the vicinity of Lyle River
we could discover no trace of the south Fleet, and
being about 30 miles out in the offing, got up steam

and struck in for the land, the Dundee following but right coming down in sight off steaming and made sail to the south of Siger's Monuments a little, that rock so called standing about 6 miles west by N^E from whence came to (now) a denomination I am at a loss to conjecture, certainly (not from its appearance, ^{in these pages} why it is coupled with Lady Maine at all, I cannot account for.

anyway there were often some current amongst the loose float bearing about in a little hole of water with what is termed a clear-eye passing over day boat for entrance which arrived at a (matter of course), although open dinner one was started, being proceeded into which it was speedily emptied of its contents by the Dundee, who was better acquainted with the entrance having been there formerly, and 7 o'clock that night found anchored in 31 fathom water and bringing with 60 fathoms of chain paid out a little the removal of the corpse of a shetland man for its principal strand there, as the water we had any who had breathed his last the previous day or that have passed for a selection of salt butter, and we were safe from that fatal disease, consumption,

lost time of it. the following morning 6 boats were sent to outside at the rock edge to look for fish which goes by the title of Rock-tossing, and will be done by the sailors of whaling vessels towards month of October, from being exposed all day from four o'clock in the morning to 6 at night in an open boat to inclemency of the weather, which is generally very severe about that date, and (will) away from the ship, our remaining boats two in number soon arranged their waterring apparatus while those on board sent their aid to haul up the water casks from the boat to the mouth of the hatch where it was received into a tub with a pipe attached to the bottom and leading to a tank to that (nearly everyone was fully engaged at former)

On board of the Dundee a ceremony of a more serious nature was taking place that day the removal of the corpse of a shetland man for its interment on the North east side of Clyde river.

poor fellow his remains were borne to be consigned to a cold rocky tomb at the base of a snow covered mountain, far from his Native land and his kindred with no one to mourn his loss, save the few honest hearts who followed his ashes to the grave where none might visit feet the wolf on the ice.

I remember the night was stormy and wild
And dismal dashed the dark wave
While the pain of the heat cold and misery

Over the Marins new long grave

a simple cross made of wood with his Name and the date carved upon it, is left to mark the spot where his remains lie, and may serve for future adventurers in that region the grave of a British sailor,

Friday 30th Augt, 1810, about half of us started for an excursion over land after dinner, the Capt. the Doctor & myself, and soon after landing landed by the Doctor of the Dundee Mating four of us Meaning to penetrate the Island suspended on hearing from Native the Native had taken up their quarters on the other side with a composition of coal, wood & earth they not being on their usual ground which lay about had kindled a fire on which was placed an array

of our ships, after tramping over about 3 miles of a rough road or properly rough rocks, when the Capt. gave up, and sat down for a talk with the Dundee Doctor, while our one to I went on balancing we would return after ascending to the hill heads, and report for progress, which however I thought could depend upon circumstances so we toiled onwards and reached the top in a copious perspiration, when we sat down to take our proper bearing before starting again, after scanning the extensive and mixed view which lay at our feet, we discovered the whole boats but one cluster'd together on the beach of a snug little Bay, which open'd out from the end of the Valley which separated us from the adjoining hill, with one boat station'd at the outside for a look out in case of a surprise from the sea, were dreaming they would be reached overland, I carried a Telescope along with me & was enabled to see that port was by no means deficient amongst them.

of Copper Knobbs, and around it scattered on the ground or seated on a stone, were the older ones more or less dimly portion of the several areas regarding Hamlet they once more assured their friend was safe, etc with tobacco or twisting Yarn, while the Majority sat again to sea, and retracing our path after at a respectful distance saw singing something like setting all the caper's imaginable, on the heart of Youth can conceive.

On seeing this, we agreed to join the Rock Morris by way of surprise which could be easily accomplished; so we softly descended the hill side and crept along in their direction being close enough now to distinguish their voices and suddenly emerging from behind the rocks we ran down upon them hallooing all the way, at first they looked attentively in the direction the sound came from they descried our figures running upon them, they imagined the capt had trapp'd them they began to paddle their steps to the boat slowly and orderly enough, but as our friends approached them they all of a sudden took a start and fled forward as if for dear life chanting whispering came (not again) and returning to me kindly set down and occupied their fatigued paddles, concluded the sound had emanated

inside the fire until some of them gathered up to come back and ask the tidings, shortly after however they once more assured their friend was safe, etc taking a last round we met the Captain coming in search of us, and all went back together without meeting with any signs of the natives on our journey.

The following evening while reclining on the deck before going to bed, about 10 o'clock. I thought my ear caught the distant murmur of a lone strain of melody, and paused to listen, for music at any time absorbs my whole attention & by some attraction is it, when its sweet cadence steals gently over the soul in the twilight, when all is quietude around, with not a sound to mar the harmony, and only my thoughts seems a more tender and delicate expression that I looked intently over the calm surface the water and then to land the shore, but my whispering came (not again) and returning to me kindly set down and occupied their fatigued paddles, concluded the sound had emanated

from the Onder who was anchored alongside. In four minutes more I plainly heard the yaps of the Native dogs at some distance from us, coming from the land and watching for some time in the direction, discerned the baggage boat of the natives standing in for the rock. So I passed the men into the cabin, when up came the Capt & the Doctor, and soon we rowed away a boat and paddled toward them, being about half a mile from the ship we soon arrived, but found that they had arrived before us and already landed their boat which frustrated our design of taking them off to the ship. That we might all the same easily and friendly partake with them for kind, and similar articles they might want to dispose of,

The Luggage Boat is a very rude, constructed rectangular trough about 13 feet long, 3 feet wide and 1 foot deep, wholly composed of palm skins and held into shape by a rough skeleton of wood, with staves for raising and took very little of them, dead & alive down a fish or two acting as powder. This affair went into the cabin that he might have all,

Made to contain the whole tribe perhaps 2 dozen with all their effects, when shifting these about from one land to another, consisting of Old Men, women who are the powers, and their children their tents. Dogs - and in fact all they possess are stored away into that boat which looks so slender that many a man would not set his foot into it, the men generally following into their cabin at their leisure.

As we landed the women were busy removing their "Sipitis" or Tents from the boat for the purpose of greeting them, which they can accomplish in little over an hour, when we interrupted these proceedings and caused them into our boat with several children (having last enough to be kind with them, until our arrival as somewhat fatigued,) not forgetting to bring the best of the skins with them, so we at once bushed off for the ship about a day laden as the luggage boat, where our generous Capt

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Some of us could not help laughing at his
careful crafting up, knowing full well ~~his~~ ^{what} work
would make much of them. with all his cunning
so far as regards that he had his superiors when
engaged with them, so that though ~~his~~ ^{the} ~~man~~ ^{one} half of the goods came on deck again
so that some of us had an opportunity of going
as far as our means would permit in that direction
or finally would have been our share secure
you, but for that circumstance.

They left the ship the following
day and at once proceeded to arrange their
tent on the beach and feed the young
whales or dogs over which they manifest great
tenderness, their manners are extremely simple
as are the others at Cotton Point and along the
west side of the Strait, their wants being few and
easily supplied, that is the necessary of Existence for
you can scarce call it living an day without
them perch, happy as critics they dance on high
the sun long day, and the only misdeemeanor
they are guilty of, or can be attributed to them,

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have been carefully taught them by or emanate
from the civilized crew of Whaling vessels, much
to their credit;

They have not the slightest idea of
religion or education of any description except what is
bestowed upon them by Nature, which they appear
to copy closely in form perfect and ~~which~~ ^{it} is in
every case a good imitation and worthy of their
imitation.

Strange although it may seem, it is my
opinion that they are decidedly better without what
is termed religion, than those who are acquainted
with it, for those who are most ~~most~~ know a
greater amount of vice & sin for more so indeed
than those who are not; If therefore as it appears
they exist together, long may they remain as
they are — in blissful Ignorance — for if
they come to man's lot, the human heart descending
to the bad and neglects the good, and
for one who would ^{do} right, ten might do wrong
and so make them worse than they are, as it
is (taking an average) they are better than us.

The Aborigines were in the habit of coming to the ships at night in their canoes and one of these evenings being very mild, our doctor ventured into one of them and hesitating a little at first, gathered a little confidence and so the ship sides so I followed him into the other and a stiff Job it was I tell you, for they are so crooked it is difficult to sufficient to balance oneself while entering and moreover to get out again being a hole in the top the size of the hand and nothing more at any rate we got clear of the ship with a little caution we soon got very upset in the sea of the Paddle going 6 miles or more without hitting the bank and paddling about until dark we returned to the ship, on good terms with ourselves at our pleasure and successful movements, so much so that as soon as the canoes were landed alongside it would have taken a man standing by with a fine bayonet to have prevented us from entering into them and getting away (apparently) amiss with it into Mudjor to land.

Sketch VII



Scenes in

COLYD RIVER

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A real blow very pretty stiff in the afternoon of Sept 5th when we weighed anchor and made our east-bound Clyde River but could not get clear out owing vast quantity of ice blocking up the mouth of it - we was obliged to return and bring up in the old spot for a couple of days after which we succeeded in effect clearance and found our long lost Neighbors.

being about outside from that we saw plainly nothing but to get forth of us. so our Cousin, the Dundie along with the Active, and a Dutch vessel named the "Holland" I squared away back to South Bay with us, fearing lot of work one would imagine, after we had given it up before for a bad Job. but seriously we are driven to will and to know which is the ground to go to, and must jangle about for the presents. In Faith, and Hope

Note. that this beautiful summer season is past and gone, Unprecedented as it has been for mild fresh and clear season weather, we have nothing to look forward to but Hurricanes of wind & thick weather, with Snow and Frost alternately, and must lay our account with accordingly for I suppose about 2 months more or we can enjoy a glass of ale and a pleasant chat at our Fireside.

Monday left. A lamentable accident occurred on board of Hutton's to one of his crew, whilst firing of a cannon in thick weather. Meant for a signal to her Marshall S.S. at no great distance from us and boats who had been away that day Rockising, as a signal to return to their ship as night was approaching.

It happened to be their cook, a young stout fellow who had loaded the cannon, and without captain had together with an unusual quantity of powder rammed home a ball into it, that the report might bring the whole of our boats at the same time heard by the boats although a long distance from the crowded ground the spot; and consequently on its discharge the gun burst, being ill and broke this poor fellow's leg a little above the ankle, rattling the bone fearfully, and slightly severing another, one piece going right through the deck.

A prompt assistance was given by the "Dundee" and Campbell and I believe he is in a fair way of recovery, at present committed again separated us from our company Steamer, and pursuing our course more northward in the hope of a few days off approached the Lady Islet S.S. by the fourth sheet of paper and path of we held on for Capo Vatoto, about 60 miles northward, passing it on the morning

of Friday 15th after sunrise,

The preceding morning we saw the Marshall S.S. at no great distance from us and several others flying towards the Bay as the sun rose fish dodging about the turnpike had been fast tied that day and lost them both. towards the morning our mate got fast to a buoy animal, so we got up steam and stood in toward him the whole of our boats at the same time crowded around the spot; and the fish coming up from the sea ten feet pulled up and fired but unfortunately missed him. Then a third boat pulled up and got fast just as he was disappearing, next time she rose it was amongst the sea where the boat had no chance of going besides it was almost now dark, so we took a boat in tow and steamed towards her through thick and thin, up the lines of the fast boats getting entangled with the rocks at the bottom, (for it was foul ground) till one haul'd out, and broke the other loose

in consequence of which, the Lick was lost which put us all in querulous fust of mood, as within these last 2 years, through crossed and false always occurs when a fish is lost, for it appears that I am sure he has made of a good voyage, now so very unfortunate and disheartening to those who say than one, and yet he is jilted by fortune, an dependant on the Fishery.

This wants a good deal of fish

have been to the ground and likewise a pretty few members have been secured. The Haldimand with same date of the previous year, but has vastly has got 2 and four up for home quite full, the different the circumstances are, Then and now, Marshal's and run down to Caprasper to pick her up were homeward bound, our vessel had that herself in trim and likewise four up when ready, as day left the dryary country. I never again expected it is supposed she has upwards of 200 Tons on board - wished to behold, the view that night a happy being probably the best fisher ship in the country, and our hearts as buoyant as the smart vessel the Lucy Lillie, the Joyous and the Polaris on whose fine fleet so lately closed the waters of Davis while the Dundee has got nothing and the Buckstreet on her onward career, we had been fortunate for so it appears our ship is now anotherized but, and everything upon a bright aspect we were soon my Patience; suspected in losing another, for first met those we lost, and to me the future we really don't know what to think about the lot of her and cloudy and I longed for Home, To speak, fate seemed to deal very kindly with us at present and share my happiness, although things may change for the better soon. I Padding over the Internet really hope they will for our Captain's sake, as I wish him now to me at least so eventful & convenient cannot see why anything should go against him that is, some portion of it, Sept 2d of another

You again finds me here although the old ship is now more pursuing her passage home; yet with us the road home is seldom entirely in anticipation.

Now we are ploughing about in Cape Hatteras Bay, using every endeavor to retain our position. Flying about restlessly amidst sea and ice, by which our ship beat up, I could voluntarily wish steam at hand all night through. Gold remains in the sea behind, although I lack of mind even sufficing the elements now raging a main spring or stimulated for action, only here, although I admit, a few took-on and then is some relief in the state of present melancholy, scared at our own fool of a day, sailing the other nights, however far from keep the mind half alone to Duty. opinion was at hand in the substance of High pressure steam, and so escaped clear of noted country, like Gulliver of old, at the annihilation for the present, but we have conclusion of his Spank, totally alienated from nothing else to expect now from her to his whole race of Mortals, mentioned to end at the moon is gone for a couple of weeks, this night, I must gather in my washing, nothing but human and hair breadth for retiring for a night, as it might be raining hard, until mooned in Carolina Roads taken in to-morrow, by some odd or will change and for what, Unnaturally, I have not the last added to the terry fingers of some happy going desired, somehow very spriss, mind, in a way sort of fellow during the night, as it is my other appellation that will do instead, is pretty good seven bells with us for a short

to understand and troubled on perhaps with one tooth indifferent, that I can afford to rise coolly and calmly, subject, Past, Present & Future, which in other time, I said that Hatteras do not run away with the old that, I would voluntarily remain in the sea behind, although I lack of mind half alone to Duty. Then it is to be found, I might return to my high pressure steam, and so escaped clear of noted country, like Gulliver of old, at the annihilation for the present, but we have conclusion of his Spank, totally alienated from nothing else to expect now from her to his whole race of Mortals, mentioned to end at the moon is gone for a couple of weeks, this night, I must gather in my washing, nothing but human and hair breadth for retiring for a night, as it might be raining hard, until mooned in Carolina Roads taken in to-morrow, by some odd or will change and for what, Unnaturally, I have not the last added to the terry fingers of some happy going desired, somehow very spriss, mind, in a way sort of fellow during the night, as it is my other appellation that will do instead, is pretty good seven bells with us for a short

Thursday 26th Sept. Blawill wd with another whale of goodly proportion, which Mate 15 mo up and haul down under the lee of cape Bonaventure, but I assure you a whale is a whale down to embrace smaller mates so that the boat could and wd know the getting of them with a reasonable guess, while they were flensing at the water was washing them off past the point at time and the next moment enveloped them in sea the boat being now fairly set in for a few besides it was done at night by the lights of lantern and the ice breaking around the ship knowing in earnest with the ship completely full fast perhaps 3 inches thick in a right in fact the rest of the cable had clear'd out of Water Bay and borne up, only the chaff and the Hudson & Campobour remaining and we know the ship was close to the land also but it will not be long before we get though it was invisible and he was sometimes in front us and edging in that direction.

This last week Northerly winds all is a bustle and confusion on deck, stowing have been frequent, and although a few fish cannall, &c. while orders and Counter Orders were issued harking amidst loose patches of snow in rapid succession by the Officer on Duty drifts and the sea has been invariably so rough and at last we had to get up them for our chance of hauling away a boat after safety and hammered out of it through all this which exhausted our small stock of pitiful old tools to end the poor, as several, I will not

and on the morning of Oct 1st we put the whale up and haul down under the lee of cape Bonaventure smaller mates so that the boat could be used if necessary,

Accordingly we crossed Home Bay and made Cape Bonaventure about Dusk, selecting a snug little bay to work and keep the ship in all night, when towards the middle of it, all hands were called on deck, it was flensing and know in earnest with the ship completely full of snow in rapid succession by the Officer on Duty drifts and the sea has been invariably so rough and at last we had to get up them for our chance of hauling away a boat after safety and hammered out of it through all this which exhausted our small stock of pitiful old tools to end the poor, as several, I will not

say sailor, list follows that will hold out their hand for sailors Day all the same, had with that on the second day of our anchorage we were wonderfull savority contrived to haul on there & so compelled to turn out of the North Haven, again Boat and Roofing Jackets besides a prodigious young Ice making Island snatched that in a bundle tucked under their arm, fully equipped single Night which did not answer us at all, as they imagined, for the Clamp on an exigency occurring, instead of doing their duty by their Commander and ship with the crew in general (the Mastering task which they are,) .

See this affair past the Dampier could never manage to hook one of them the ice was hove quartered at once, and acted scareceme forming the principle obstacle, directly the boats to our imaginary courage, so without more ado began to push through this ice which partly lay in steamed straight for cape Hooper Harbour a large fenced in the whole Haven, the fish at Daybreak and with a free hand knockt his hand on face the boat and would then be the blotted of our Anchor imbedded firmly in ^{it} to have a proper quizz at it, and easily the end of the North Haven by Juncto and concluding it was none of her friends would leisurely getting in past the former night, the Order undersigned over the boat was close enough, so they all had go to bed, which by the Majority returned to the ship unsuccessful, emboldened by could not be thought about, until every thing the appearance of the fish we cast anchor in the and everyone had been properly dressed, and with Haven toward to Rock, which was scarcely a few Cuffed Juncto for the common edification accomplished, ere it came on to blow a strong Gale around the fire in the Cookd Galley from the Nor West right out of the Haven, and

The first had now set in so hard to see dredged round the corner to the South Haven and discovered several Irish playing about amongst the Young ice and the boats were soon on the Ground and despatched in pursuit of them, but

several pieces of heavy ice went passing past during the season in this country and taken in on ship, the gale increased, and the ice along with the passage for three fifty
 it, so the order was Cut up stern again and call all hands on Deck, we kept steaming ahead port quarter we stood out for the middle of the to our anchor sometime, when we saw it was our boats to avoid as much of the ice as possible time to cut and run, else take chance of the rocks or our passage south, being a vast quantity of we were not 50 yards from, for I can safely say there hanging about the country yet,
 the our cable chain not been of superior quality, it must have been paid by the richness of the the Main Yard at the Mast until Morning, all
 the ice as it was, the windlass was started we were not safe to run amongst the ice at night from its heat and nearly cut altogether once or twice the darkness, so it was taking all our skill in then lifted the anchor and let the ship drift to accomplish that in the day time in fact we met with the ice till daylight, by which time we were barely paid by thick weather preventing us from being entangled it was with difficulty we got clear obtaining a short lead or tracing the lead out under stern and compass when we began to the flag and sea or patches we could never do it sufficiently to proceed on a straight course,

Determined to run the most risk after getting our feet once more clear, that Monday a tremendous Gale of wind from the South Saturday 5 Oct 1861, the Compadore low down at Midnight on Tuesday 8th Oct. coming on up for Home, Pleasant tidings for a Good this is an instant (Any person who in this topic) and believed, which was soon confirmed by the last without warning, so that all hands were at once being taken in from the ship to when they had all off to shorten sail with all speed

With a good Nortwest Breeze on our

board night we lay too with the Main Yard at the Mast until Morning, all we were not safe to run amongst the ice at night from its heat and nearly cut altogether once or twice the darkness, so it was taking all our skill in then lifted the anchor and let the ship drift to accomplish that in the day time in fact we met with the ice till daylight, by which time we were barely paid by thick weather preventing us from being entangled it was with difficulty we got clear obtaining a short lead or tracing the lead out under stern and compass when we began to the flag and sea or patches we could never do it sufficiently to proceed on a straight course,

In this position we were caught

for fear lest everything should be carried away, of course we had steam at hand, and lucky for all it so happened, for within 2 hours the Gale was raging with augmented vehemence, and before had risen rapidly by this time rising and roaring around and over the ship in grand style, and double quick time, while the snow in full vision but now the (Accommodation) we could not stand when on deck hit so hard they stuck to the skin like Boiling Steel, the (Main snow) and (Wind) preventive Board gave way, so every hatch of canvas was stowed, in case some might be lost, and the ship rolling and pitching frightfully was put under steam, I trust I may never experience such a night in the same capacity again, there I am, standing by the engine, with one arm turned about the foremost wanting her to keep my position good and the other guiding the shuttle valve, one foot twisted round the main post and the other planted against the engine framing, in short I continued the whole night without a moment's interval, as the ship's stem dashed into sharp pieces, the small flats and bed of them in

rough of the sea, it brought the engine almost to a stand still, and made when loose in the air on the top a score they would whirl away faster than I could count the stars, until I was astonished they were not all in atom, though present taking effect, was too much for the (Main snow) and (Wind) (my mate) was thoroughly occupied keeping them in oil and other necessaries which were a sufficient load at that time I assure you when it required one hand for our (Master) and another (age) sometimes both hands for overboard and to add to our annoyance the green sea was tumbling in the skylights and getting on the Boiler and Cylinder tops and then upon the deck nearly filling the smoke hole about every 10 minutes, at such time nothing was visible but steam for several minutes, how the water ran into other side running down our heads and back hot and cold alternately, finally keeping

in writing condition. Now, in spite of these mishaps, I sometimes heartily laughed when watching the movements of the Firemen in the State Axe.

Perhaps you may take it as belonging to the Malicious laugh list of whatever class, it was impossible that much I will search for anyway if as suddenly as it had come on, and happens when firing up, that is charging the fire, one of them would be attempting to steady the other while throwing on coal, standing in front of the door held open, patching a hole before it happened, both above and below furnished with the door held open, patching a hole before it happened, both above and below

formal opportunity with foundry by another and it is hoped this, the grand wind up of our and the floor plates at length he would let me perhaps which has bothered us so much this some time and likely enough load the coal in the stack, and I believe there are few who would not fit shovels and all go or be against the Bunkies again, to carry the same a big long

trough water, Coal Oats, and finally, however, on another day managed pretty well to keep the Grand up, which was finishing to do, that same night Line One.

at the age of 12 hours the Coal took over when it did so, for it started now from way up high for its course again in a hurry and will not be able to get things as they will not be able to get things as they were before it happened, both above and below

not give up every option of their voyage, rather than counter the same and all again we have gone through these last 3 weeks, if it were placed in side and trip them up in a twinkling, when his option to do so, it is enough to make one think

Firemen, shovel, and all would promiscuously roll over each other until brought up at the open hatch in any other way on land, in fact we could possibly get a drinking before they could imminent property of their lives, but when it is rain or frosty again, had it not been for these, all the doubtful thoughts are over along with the different stations, I could not find distinguished among the following evening found them firing hardly

"See Ocean's Day Home and the Banque is My Throne
although it were the flattest, happiest, spot in
the Universe, and that, the Land, The Land for an instant
could not put there a trifle better at that time first propitious for Good Weather in the North Atlantic
but of course they know best.

Friday 15th brought with it a fair light breeze which continued for fully ten days and passed down pretty high the Latitude of about 1300 Miles S. B. from Cape Farewell when on Sunday 15th it fell calm Hasty Variation now (2.6) making the compass hard to lift therefore took east by the compass another time we left shore due east.

On the 16th we lay by all day and made no progress, the wind blowing pretty fresh from the S.S.E. nights ahead on us, so we kept reaching about N. S. W. and the following day the wind drove westward which made us keep more away as we were get too high the Cape land to embrace it for a fair wind. However about 8 A.M. on the morning of Wednesday 16th the wind came round as far as N.N.E. decidedly a favorable breeze at last accompanied with rain and four hours of the ship was gone

round, steering South and by West by the compass in that day to run down our south parallel of latitude as far as the 57th which is considered the most propitious for Good Weather in the North Atlantic ocean, that once accomplished our course is S. E. nearly due a straight line for the North Cape Cape south of Scotland, to which from Cape Farewell about 1300 Miles S. B. from Cape Farewell when on Sunday 15th it fell calm Hasty Variation now (2.6) making the compass hard to lift therefore took east by the compass another time we left shore due east.

On the 17th we lay by all day and came in contact to landwards with the wind at N.W. so we Port Quartering pretty stiff at the rate of 10 or 12 Knots.

At low our Bark along
Unto the gale she stopt her side
And bounded to the swelling tide
As she went dancing home;
The Merry Marion laugh'd to see
Her gallant ship so lustily
Purpos'd the deep sea from

wounds, we went rapidly shortening the number of days between us and the portland; while my preparation was actively carried out towards the improvement of the appearance of the "Commodore" steady, and steadily though the ports, with intervals and internally, as far as manual well out of her, three pairs of small oars (one pair of small oars) and a rude attempt at Arctic Hill and at dinner we proposed there should be made applicable, in order to embellish and give an alteration on her name, from "Commodore" and adopt a title apart and entering the port of to the "Campbell spider down" having a destination as is customary,

Sunday 20th concluded our pleasure but far amiss.

and the wind which, though bearing about a gale, had given us no gale, now finally darted again but once more a fair wind came in when another 2 days would have brought us to our destination. So we of course sailing by to the land attacking us from the S.E. all one in to it and stopped the engines. Waiting of a gale, it came to blow another full right sail and once more we went sailing along and now could, and drove us, now against the being passed the "Alexander" in, running also with a gale few miles the opposite way, however making the most of her way home, also a full gale, like its predecessor came to an end large band, band for the Yankee side of when it was found necessary to band as a Londoner, who I guess is as much abysminal as new Grand Tropics; the old one having received such a doubling in the late scuffles as to be now found, being a direct tooth picked under the wolf's over the last 23rd for find, such as we had lately, one of course

Opening which set had another four days stormy for its colour, and the billows rolling 100' full round yet, & then fully the canvas set to the "Commodore" steady, and steadily though the ports, with intervals and internally, as far as manual well out of her, three pairs of small oars (one pair of small oars) and a rude attempt at Arctic Hill and at dinner we proposed there should be made applicable, in order to embellish and give an alteration on her name, from "Commodore" and adopt a title apart and entering the port of to the "Campbell spider down" having a signatured coincidence with our result of preparation

Thursday 21st we got under Hamlet, but the "Commodore" was still in the same place, and the "Campbell spider down" having a signatured coincidence with our result of preparation

he must just content himself with the old spurs for some purpose or other they especially gifted with that. It is an ill principle that blinds Melodists gain power and more pure feelings than any else can give. Streaming early in the morning of the 27th Oct^r of (one I have seen, though somewhat defective in) we passed the Flamborough Island 11°W long^{it} and the energy, perseverance & decision, but I suppose all that morning had pass'd Cape Wrath and after'd his flight easily be accounted for in their simple in' Circles for the Robots a passage between Orkney quiet way of living at home, giving them a and Scotland where we arrived without much but of genuine tings when brought in contact with trouble for the wind deal in our favour, and our rougher counteyland.

wind in broad failure about 6 P.M and rode

at anchor all night, during which the Comptdowm with bags and baggage had left the Comptdowm for and the day of immumable transaction the men gone, and the remainder of our crew now for the belonging Scotland were busy packing their chest & most part under the protecting influence of the good sea effect from the ship into boats and from thence when they had so liberally indulged themselves with to Islay Hima with the least possible delay, and the preceding so bound, and most of them had manifested great tendency to those of their platoons who punctually pray'd first on the prowl of the island now present, and extreme goodwill and kindred to in exchange for the superfluous articles laid aside would each other. I have often had occasion to mark out of their mostly allowance feed at Isla. Kilbride his peaceful rambling manner, and nearly the others seem one but seem a sheep and the whole of them are endowed with the gentle yet commanding look and similitude to a farm yard with the disposition, which does not in general characterize the different species of Peaties - whilst a few who had dealing of the tools of the trade in everyday life are ashore, have a good stock of useful articles of fuel is actually the case, that I find furnish'd in this position which can be had at low price,

there

Friday 29th Oct, at 10th we proceeded to weigh our anchor, with very little appearance of daylight, and soon found getting up a head wind and rain, and presumed that expect until we were and by 10 o'clock we were departing from Lemwick for approaching Porthcawl, when it assumed a golden Bonfire Diamond with the assistance of a beam pipe without, gradually opening out a steep rocky rising about 10 knots and hour which continued from margin of Granite, and at some places falling time, but drove more ahead toward right when all went into them in a considerable way in the Ocean, but not stony, and staying in moderation we found it carried the appearance all the way back only 4 knots an hour which enabled us to pass the Offing (wind) by occasionally lifting its fire down so as before midnight, when the wind (wind) beat against form a big rolling Bay, which greatly diminished our Headwind quarter and by morning we had its head, down low & expect, passing it from the former Diamond Bay, back just as Day light appears until within the vicinity of Rhondda where the wind often breakes the sky back to sea and then alwayes changes into extended woodland and abundant and hitherto wind again drove ahead to the right tract of cultivation and pastureage, beautifully situated at its a hand and fast as the would step out under them, to try and peach the stretch of sea particularly located and embracing an elegant picture view of the German Ocean.

At we passed along the coast we occasionally spew out fishing village & fishing, with shooting about outside during the dark says his white walls gleaming from the shore over the sea the coast was in great "good" interesting strength with our castle black filled & looking small. So that we could not help thinking how happy comfortable they must with such a cool place in the

lemons (months compared with us when they were ripe) and further very annoying (our frustration); being only
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soon passing Montreal, we reached the town of Cobweb, and its first rocky vision presented
a morning was gloomy; its dark, County Muster
on the land or water, so that our observations were
confined to the probability of picking up the Pilot
in the mouth of the Bay, that night, which we
fortunately accomplished, and after getting him
on board, with much difficulty we passed to-night
our way at half speed near Cobweb Town, and
in mind the Custom House Office a head of N.Y.
we cast anchor in Carolina Roads. The (now)
S. 12 P.M. to mid-night of Wednesday 30th Oct 1861
and that & thankfull you are in our purview
of protection from the dangerous & treacherous
in the Bay, & many of which will be hard to
forget, and one I by far to also (my very
rough and illiterate remembrance), which I present

and further very annoying (our frustration); being only
the fragmental plant emanating from nations below. How intended to occupy a few leisure hours at my
in the hills, the hill,
we are deprived of in our private voyages to the continent. Thought, no familiarity that might engender
regard, no
of attention during our voyages to the land. All
the land of Dean's Strait on his Adjacent, and
the purpose of a reference or memorandum
should occasion at any time required it,

Palfill Walk

Dated 1st Nov 1861

W. Smith

1861

List - of - Fishings

Date	No.	Size inches	Est. ⁴ Tons Blackber	Locality	Harpooner's name
17 June	1 st whale	2 ft 8 in	4	land see off C. Bay ^m Martin	Charles . Marshall
1 st July	2 nd Do	6 ft 10.	7	Ocean . North of P. Bay	John . Greine
1 st Do	3 rd Do	7 ft .	8	Do Do	John . Bird
7 th Do	4 th Do	5 ft 10.	6	land flo. N. Chest of Bay	George Martin
9 th Do	5 th Do	6 ft .	6	Flo. edge Do	Charles Marshall
11 th Do	6 th Do	11 ft 2	14	land flo. of Pond. Bay	George Martin
12 th Do	7 th Do	10 ft .	10	Do Do	Sack Marshall
12 th Do	8 th Do	8 ft 6	9	Do Do	John Greine
13 th Do	9 th Do	7 ft .	7	Do Do	George Robertson
13 th Do	10 th Do	9 ft 10	13	Do Do	John Bird
15 th Do	11 th Do	4 ft .	4	Do Do	Charles Marshall
13 th Do	12 th Do	6 ft 6	7	Do Do	John Greine
25 th Do	13 th Do	5 ft 7	8	Inside P. Bay	Sack Marshall
17 Augt	14 th Do	9 ft 8	10	Dead south of Curtis's latit	(Harry Douglas)
26 Sept.	15 th Do	11 ft 2	14	Cape Notes Bay	George Martin

Total 122 Do

Deducted at a Per-Centage 24

Ballance 98 Do