that of a baby's pulse; and lightly say of it, the up train or the down train will reach such or such a spot, at such or such an hour; even so, almost, there are occasions when these Nantucketers time that other Leviathan of the deep, according to the observed humor of his speed; and say to themselves, so many hours hence this whale will have gone two hundred miles, will have about reached this or that degree of latitude or longitude. But to render these sentences at all successful in the end, the wind and the sea must be the whaleman's allies; for of what purpose avail to the becalmed or windless mariner is the skill that assures him he is exactly ninety-three leagues and a quarter from his port? Inferable from these statements, are many collateral subtle matters touching the chase of whales.

The ship ture on; leaving such a fellow in the sea as when a cannon-ball, misfired, becomes a plough-share and turns up the level field.

"By salt and hemp," cried Stubb, "but this swift motion of the deck creeps up one's legs and tingles at the heart. This ship and I are two brave fellows!—Ha! ha! Some one take me up, and launch me, spine-wise, on the sea—for by live-oke! my spine's a hood. Ha, ha! we go the gait that leaves no dust behind!"

"There she blows!—she blows!—she blows!—right ahead!"

was now the most head cry.

"Aye, aye!" cried Stubb, "I know it—ye can't escape—blow on and spit your spout, O whale! the mad fiend himself is after ye! blow your trump—blister your lungs!—Ah! will dash off your blood, as a muller alum his water-gate upon the stream!"

And Stubb did but speak out for well nigh all that crew. The forecastle of the chase had by this time worked them bustling up, like old wits worked snow. Whatever pale fears and forebodings some of them might have felt before; these were not only now kept out of sight through the growing see