“Asked a sailor at the wharf how he distinguished a whaler. He said by the “davits “,”” large upright timbers with sheaves curving over the sides “,” thus: [image] to hold up the boats (a merchantman has only a few and small at the stern); also by the place for the man to stand at masthead (crosstree “,” I should say they were) and look out for whales “,” which you do not see on a merchant-ship; i.e. “,” the crosstrees of the latter are very slight “,” of the whaler somewhat like this: [image]

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