

Baque Cape Horn Pigeon

Tuesday October 24th 1854.

Fresh gales from the S.W. and clear. 3 sails in sight.

Wednesday 25th

Light winds from the E. clear weather. 3 sails in sight. the Officers painting boats. off River La Plata.

Thursday 26th

Light winds and cloudy weather. steering S.

Friday 27th

Light winds, and clear. steering W. saw Finbacks and Porpoises. caught a porpoise.

Saturday 28th

Light winds and beautiful weather. two sails in sight. the steward is making pumpkin pies and Sid is very busy making little ones.

Sunday 29th

Light winds from the N. and beautiful weather. at 2 I took aboard the S.B. boat. and William caught a turtle. passed most of the day on deck. saw Humphbacks, and several kinds of birds, such as Petrels, Cape Pigeons, and a large kind called the Albatross. at 8 in the evening went below for the night.

Monday 30th

Strong winds and cloudy weather, with rain & thunder. saw Humphbacks and Finbacks. at night saw a rainbow.

Tuesday 31st

Strong winds from the S and squally, rather cool. makes us think of getting up the stove, saw Finbacks.

Wednesday November 1st 1854.

Strong winds from the S. and cool weather. winter is coming. William is on deck making an altar to the stove pipe. at night the stove is up and all complete.

Thursday 2^d

Strong winds from the S and rugged weather. a plenty of birds following the ship. William shot a large black one. I stayed below most of the day.
(Thoughts of home)

from the Line towards Cape Horn.

Friday November 3rd 1854.

Light winds from the N. and pleasant weather. the men employed in breaking out for provisions to last round the cape. William and I washed. Sissy amused herself helping George & Edward cutting wood. plenty of birds.

Saturday 4th

Strong winds, squally and rugged. Steward made mince pies. Sissy had a lot of little ones made. all the company that we have now in birds. there is one kind I call butterflies.

Sunday 5th

Strong winds from the S. and rugged weather. the ship lying too, under close reefed main topsail and staysails. the man at the wheel let it go a drift, and broke off one spoke. passed some driftwood.

Monday 6th

Strong winds from the S and W. rugged weather at 8 I spoke the ship. Spartans. Capt. Turner of Antioch, had taken no oil since we we last saw him. also saw several Finbacks. Mr Hussey fell down on deck and hurt his shoulder.

Tuesday 7th

Light winds, a rainy day. all hands below. so we thought we would make some Candy, but did not succeed very well. had rice pudding for dinner. came on rugged in the afternoon. the blacksmith fell down on deck and hurt his hip. (Dr. Strong was called.)

Wednesday 8th

Clear and cool. passed a seal. several kinds of birds following the ship. one flew on board. another kind is added to the company. caught several with a line. had them on deck a short time. then let them go again.

Thursday 9th

Light winds from the N. Sissy & myself stayed below all day. had a good fire in the stove. opened one of the trunks. and looked over the things. in the afternoon it rained. passed some kelp.