

Barque Cape Horn Pigeon.

Friday November 10th 1854.

Wind from the N. fine weather, saw finbacks. Lat 48 10.
Long 58 59.

Saturday 11th

Wind from the N. and beautiful weather, so pleasant, we passed a great part of the day on deck, saw much kelp, and many finbacks, water much coloured with whale-feed, saw a large flock of birds which seemed to follow the finbacks along, on account of their stirring up the feed. Lat 49.
Long 60 7.

Sunday 12th

Wind from the N. At 9 o'clock I saw the Falkland Islands bearing S. 10 miles distant. the wind shifted, to the S, lashed ship to the west, saw several of the islands. Lat 50 50.
Long 60 20.

Monday 13th

Jason's Islands still in sight, wind from the N, steering S, weather cool but fine, saw finbacks, at night took the W Boat in, on deck, and secured the others in case of rugged weather.

Tuesday 14th

Pleasant weather, one sail in sight, saw finbacks close to the ship, a Cape Horn Pigeon, a white bird with red legs, feet and bill, flew round and over the ship, I was below and did not see it, was very sorry as it was the only one that has been seen. Lat 54 5
Long 62 21

Wednesday 15th

Fresh breezes from the W. cloudy weather, and rather cool, we stayed below and made molasses candy, with better success than before. One sail in sight and a plenty of finbacks as usual. Lat 56 24
Long 61 31

Thursday 16th

Commenced with rugged weather, double-reefed the topsails, saw finbacks, the latter part moderate, made all sail, several kinds of birds around the ship, at 9 o'clock in the evening I saw one of the boat-towers caught an Albatross. Lat 56 1
Long 64 15

Off Cape Horn.

Friday November 17th 1854.

Light winds from the W. cloudy with showers of rain, saw finbacks, one sail in sight. Lat 56 52
Long 65 38

Saturday 18th

Light variable winds, and calm, some rains the sail still in sight, supposed it to be the Spartan, of Manchester, caught a lot of specklets, and had them cooked for dinner, they were very good indeed, much like chickens, at 5 o'clock P.M. they shot about a dozen more for another crew. Lat 56 46
Long 66 15

Sunday 19th

Light variable winds, squally with some rain and hail, the Spartan and one sail in sight, dined on birds again, after dinner the sun came out very pleasant, with a light breeze from the E. after tea squally again, at 11 P.M. saw sperm whales near to the ship, being late at night and bad weather did not lower at all. Lat 56 58
Long 67 20

Monday 20th

Moderate breeze from the E. and cloudy, at 1 came up with the ship Magellan of Boston, and passed so near as to read her name with the glass, the Spartan and three other vessels in sight, at 1/2 past 11 saw the Diego Ramirez Islands, bearing N. half W. 20 miles distant, in P.M. wind from the N. made all for Cape Horn, Lissy on deck having a fine time jumping rope. Lat 56 51
Long 69 20.

Tuesday 21th

Wind from the N and E. and cloudy, the Spartan still in sight, in P.M. wind came round to the W. squally, shortened sail.

Wednesday 22th

Fresh gales from the N and W. and squally, ships under double-reefed topsails, bounding to the S and W. two sails in sight, the officers caught about twenty birds of various kinds, which afforded us a most excellent dinner. Lat 58 55
Long 75 66