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Sunday Nov 21 1847

Flowing strong from the NW and thick rugged weather. Steered S for Semul. At 3 hauled off shore WSW Semul distant 15 miles. At 4 thick drizzly. Middle flow weather. Middle part in same. Latter small squalls. At 9 spoke the Legion Howland ~~semul~~ ^{whale}. At 11 cleared up. At double reefed top sail. Very rugged. Saw many finbacks. 45.10
76.10

Monday Nov 22

Flowing strong from the NW and very rugged. Saw many finbacks. Ship heaving S. At 1 wore ship to the NW. The wind hauling slowly to the WNW. At 6 wind SSW. Middle part heading W. Moderate. Latter part light wind and good weather. At 7 lowered for whale but could not strike. At 10 lowered and struck one killed him and at 12 got him to the ship. Five sail in sight. 45.07
76.07

Tuesday Nov 23

Light winds from the NW and fine weather. Hooked on to the whale at 2 and cut him in and chased up deck. Middle part moderate. Spoke the Acushnet. Fair Wagon 500 yds W. Latter part light west wind and fine weather. Commenced boiling. The second mate took part off duty for mischief. Saw four sail and many finbacks. Saw one right whale. 44.50

Wednesday Nov 24

Light winds from the NW and fine weather. Employed in boiling. Lowered and pulled up for a whale but could not strike. Saw many finbacks and two sail. Middle part the same. Latter part light wind from the NW and rugged weather. 3 sail in sight. Saw finbacks. Employed in boiling. 45.43
76.43

Thursday Nov 25

Light winds from the NW and very rugged. Lowered at 1 without success. Finer day boiling at 2. Lowered at 4. Sailed. At sunset saw 4 or 5 whales. Middle part blazing on. At 9 wore ship to the N. Latter part flowing fresh from the NW and very rugged. At 10 wore ship to the NW. 6 sail in sight. Saw a number of whales but too rough to lower for them. Drizzly dirty weather. 45.26
76.26

Friday Nov 26

Flowing fresh from the NW and very rugged drizzly weather. Heading SW. At 4 wore ship to SW and moderate fast. Middle part almost calm. Latter part light air from the NW and good weather. Showered down. 5 sail in sight, one of them boiling. Lowered for a whale without success. 45.26
76.30

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Saturday Nov 27 1847

Light breeze from the NW and good weather. Three sail in sight. At 6 lowered for a whale but could not strike. Middle part squally. Latter part strong west wind and squally rugged weather. Saw 2 ship and finbacks. 45.35
76.35

Sunday Nov 28

Flowing a moderate gale from the NW with squally rugged weather. Standing SW. No sail in sight. Middle part at 7 wore ship to the NW. At 10 wore ship to the NW and flowing heavy. Latter part flying to heading NW under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail. 4 sail in sight. 45.07
76.07

Monday Nov 29

Flowing a gale from the NW and squally rugged weather. Lying to heading NW under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail. 5 sail in sight. Middle part at 12 wore ship to the NW moderate. Latter part fresh breeze and showers and very rugged. More to the NW. Saw many finbacks. Saw one whale. Lowered and got close on but she dropped. One sail in sight Semul. in sight bearing NE distant 30 miles. 45.08
76.08

Tuesday Nov 30

Moderate winds from the NW and showery. Rugged standing S. Two sail in sight and many finbacks. At 4 wore ship to the NW. Middle part calm. Latter part light winds from the NE. Standing SW. Saw an immense number of finbacks and plenty of whale feed. Sailed in sight. Four sail in sight. At 12 two of them whaling. Showery. 45.08
76.08

Wednesday Dec 1

Light winds from the NE and showery. Saw a ship. Spoke a whale. Plenty of finbacks. Spoke ship Menisca. Smaller of the other. Cutters 5000 W. Middle part heading northward. Showery. Calm. At 4 wore came out from the NW squally. Latter part fresh breeze and squally. Heading S. NW. Saw finbacks and a sail. 45.40
76.40

Thursday Dec 2

Fresh winds from the NW and squally rugged weather. Heading SSW. Saw finbacks and one sail. At 4 spoke ship. Fabricius of Newcastle. Nothing this season. Middle part showery and blowing on. Latter part a moderate gale from the NW. Heading NE under reefed top sail. Squally and rugged. Saw a ship steering S. 45.45
76.50