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Thursday Nov 30th 1848

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the NW and thick drizzly weather with a heavy swell on the fore sail. Heading NNE. Moderate part moderate fast. Latter part thick wind from the W and dark weather. Set main top of sail and studd C. 1625

Friday Dec 1st

Light winds from the W and dark weather. All sail set heading ESE. Saw finbacks. At 6 lowered for a whale that was going 10 knots to the W. Moderate part light air. Latter part light winds from the S. Set all sail and steered E. Saw a Barque bound N. Saw many finbacks. 1635

Saturday Dec 2nd

Light wind from the SE and good weather. All sail set heading ESE. Saw finbacks. At 5 lowered for a whale. Saw 3 and a ship. Moderate part calm. Latter part light winds from the W and freezing on. At 8 lowered for a whale without success. Chased 4 others and got fast to one with 2 boats but he run like a race horse for 3 hours when one iron broke and one crew

Sunday Dec 3rd

Strong breeze from the W and drizzly weather. Stand E. secured whole top sail. Saw a ship. At 4 lowered and got close on to a whale. At 7 spoke the Glance of Mystic 40 mms 2000. (Whale) Moderate part wind shift to SW and hows heavy. Latter part blowing a gale from the W. Ship lying off heading NW. Saw a Barque boiling. 1656

Monday Dec 4th

Blowing a gale from the W and rugged. Ship lying too heading NW. At 6 wore ship to NW. Moderate part blowing strong. Latter part fresh breeze from the W and rugged. At 8 wore to the N. 1658

Tuesday Dec 5th

Moderate breeze from the W and drizzly with a heavy swell on. At 3 cleared up. Lowered for a whale but did not get near him. At 5 spoke the Barque E. Irish of Sag Harbor 1 whale. Moderate part blowing a fair from the W. Latter part blowing a smart gale from the NW and drizzly air weather. Ship heading NNE. 1659

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Wednesday Dec 6th 1848

Blowing a moderate gale from the SW with foggy dirty weather. Ship lying too heading SE. At 5 wore ship to the NW. Moderate part the weather the same. Latter part blowing a gale from SW. At 5 wore ship heading NE. 20 miles. Set single reefed top sail and jib. At 8 jib. Day darker. Spliced it and set it up again. At 10 took in sail and how too. 1650

Thursday Dec 7th

Blowing a gale from the SW and squally rugged weather. Ship lying too heading NW. Under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail. Moderate part moderates. Latter part lively wind from NW. Set all sail heading NE. At 8 lowered and got within 4 miles of a whale. Freezing on with rain. Took in top gal sail and jib. 1651

Friday Dec 8th

Strong breeze from NW with rain. Standing NE under whole top sail. Breezing on fast. At 2 wind shifted ship and took in sail. Moderate part At 8 wore ship to the W. At 12 wore ship to the NW. Latter part fresh breeze and squally. Set main top of sail. Breezing again. At 4 double reefed and took in main sail. 1652

Saturday Dec 9th

Blowing strong from the W and squally rugged weather. Heading NW under single reefed top sail jib and main sail. At 6 took in sail. Moderate part a smart gale. Latter part the weather the same. Heading NW. 1653

Sunday Dec 10th

Blowing a smart gale from the W and very rough. Ship lying too heading NW under double reefed main top sail and fore sail. At 6 very moderate. At 8 wore ship to the SW. At 12 wore to the N. Breezing. Latter part blowing strong from NW and rugged. Set double reefed top sail and main sail. At 12 Quaf heard 8 distant 10 miles. 1654

Monday Dec 11th

Strong breeze from the NW and rugged. Heading NE under double reefed top sail jib and main sail. Saw a ship going SW. At 2 wore ship to SW. Moderate part moderates. At 12 wore ship to S. Latter part strong breeze. Stearing in NE for Quaf. Saw a Sulphur bottom. At 11 steered NW. At 12 Quaf heard 8 distant 15 miles. 1655