

1881
Feb 2On Board Bark Cicero.

Saw land at 12.30. today of weather too finished our most commenced the other. Sowed rye. Almon been two hours at mast head.

Feb 3
Thu

Fish Bay.

Layed off & on at Fish Bay. Almon lowered a boat & gone ashore at 8.15 A.M. returned at little after 5 P.M. with Beans, Sugar, Potatoes, a box of crackers, package of chocolate, Figs, Melons & Bananas. A stranger with three men come along side, huzed close under our bow & hailed us we paid no attention to them, but started for sea during the evening they hailed us again & wanted we should take them on board. But we did not do so they could not keep up and lost sight of them they were two ships length a stream of us.

Fri
Feb 4

Almon been to mast head two hours finished toilet set, worked on sofa pillow.

Sat
Feb 5

Almon been to mast head two hours swept & cleaned our sleeping room. Worked on sofa pillow. Strong breeze.

Sun
Feb 6

Read some. Had a nap. added a few more lines to Annie's letter.

Monday
Feb 7

Almon been to mast head two hours. Breeze misty. Worked on sofa pillow.

Tues
Feb 8

Almon been to mast head two hours washed our clothes. No rain & misty. Worked on sofa pillow. Commenced to repair whale boat on top of house.

Wed Feb 9

Almon been to mast head two hours Worked on sofa pillow.

Thu Feb 10

Almon been to mast head two hours Worked on sofa pillow.

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Fri
Feb 17Almon L. Stickney, Master.

Raised a sail at 6.50 A.M. raised a school of whales lowered three boats. Waist boat struck and killed one. Starboard boat struck a 40 lb. one got it to sprouting thick blood bayed it cut & a 30 lb. one landed a 30 lb. whale & by so doing lost boat. Starboard struck & killed a 5 lb. whale. Waist boat arrived along side at 4 P.M. The Starboard & Starboard arrived at 7.30 P.M. the Andrew Locke took 4 whales.

Sat
Feb 12

Commenced to cut in at daylight took the little whale in on deck. Finished cutting at 9.15 A.M. & set sail. Began out in the starboard boat to see them cutting in. Finished cutting up blubber at dark.

Sun
Feb 13.

Almon gone to mast head. Saw a sail boiling. We read some. Saw another sail & gasted the Gaspary Capt. Thurick 9 months from New Bedford with 20 lb. oil. Also 10 other sails to windward.

Mon
Feb 14.

Almon been to mast head two hours Worked on sofa pillow. finished tying.

Tues
Feb 15

Almon been to mast head two hours Sail still in sight.

Wed
Feb 16

Almon been to mast head two hours changed the sheets in the berth. Worked on pillow. A boy came astern house & caught him took out its liver for the oil. He been out in the Starboard boat to see them open it. saw sail to the leeward.

Thu
Feb 17.

Almon been to mast head two hours Mr. Goony is sick so Almon has taken his mast head for him this afternoon. Worked on sofa pillow.