

1881

Fri

Feb 18

Onboard Bark Cicero.

Repairing waist-boat. Mr Gomey so he is out end of strong breeze.

Sat

Feb 19

Almon been to mast-head two hours. Gained the Bark Andrew Hicks. Capt. H. is bound home. I sent one letter by him to Annie. Capt. H. bought some potatoes in bulk.

Sun

Feb 20

Been reading the magazine Capt. H. gave me.

Mon

Feb 21

Almon been to mast-head two hours commenced to knit on mat.

Tue

Feb 22

Almon been to mast-head two hours washed our clothes.

Wed

Feb 23

Almon been to mast-head two hours. Almon broke out the sun. Commenced to sew mat together.

Thurs

Feb 24

Almon been to mast-head two hours. Ripped up my black basket-cloth dress. Knit on mat. This eve caught two porpoise. John Kanaka commenced to sew canvas for carpet for the house on deck.

Fri

Feb 25

Almon gone to mast-head. Pressed out dress put it together. Knit on mat. Thick cloudy weather.

Sat

Feb 26

Almon been two hours to mast-head. Gilted black silk dress skirt, & light-strip ed over skirt.

Sun

Feb 27

Almon been two hours to mast-head. Raised whale at 1 P.M. going to windward.

Mon

Feb 28

Almon been to mast-head two hours. Two years ago we were to a Masonic Lodge in New Bedford. One year ago to night-fifth at sea but Almon was onboard the Cicero & I onboard the Polaris. Beared on my way to St. Helena to join him.

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Thurs

Mar. 1.

Almon to Mast-Head.

Almon been to mast-head two hours. We washed our clothes. Ironed the Calico suit & put them up. But me a white felt coat finished up. Mr Gomey not as well. Almon gone to mast-head in his place, this afternoon.

Wed

Mar. 2.

Almon been to mast-head two hours. We ironed our clothes. Sewed edging on night dress & changed clothes from. Did not do clothes for.

Thurs

Mar. 3.

Almon been to mast-head two hours. Made sofa pillow & cap for boy. Raised two large whales after dinner. Howled the boats at 2 P.M. the pulled to get to the windward of them but were unable to get within two or three ships length of them. God only knows why we have such luck since whales seven times only taken 10 Hbl. its discouraging & enough to make my heart sick. For myself I wish for better luck than this. I don't why can't we when we need it. Boats arrived onboard at 7.30 P.M.

Fri

Mar. 4

Saw a white whale. Almon gone to mast-head. Do not feel well. Made pillow tick & undershirt.

Sat

Mar. 5

Strong breeze Almon been two hours to mast-head. Ripped up my old black silk skirt. Knit on mat cut some rags. Strong breeze so we had the main-sail up all night. Saw a sail on horizon.

Sun

Mar. 6.

As Mr Gomey is sick Almon has gone to mast-head in his place. Saw a sail cutting in a whale this morning away to leeward. Gained the Sunbeam this afternoon. Capt. Taber bought us two bushels of potatoes which we were very thankful for as we had eaten our last. He has taken 170 Hbl. Right & Left sperm whale to gather.