

1871 Onboard Bark Cicero

Jan 11. Finished my scratch my back. Commenced to work napkin strap. Almon so he is across. Proved our clothes. A calm day.

Jan 12. Almon is gaining slowly. Saw Black fish. Fin backs. Sulphur Balls. Fish yesterday. Very fine weather today. Eclips of the moon this morning.

Jan 13. Finished Napkin Strap. Worked on Sofa Pillow. Almon still gaining.

Jan 14. Almon been to mast head two hours. Washed clothes, mended.

Jan 15. Almon been to mast head two hours. Worked on Sofa Pillow.

Jan 16. Saw two merchant men this morn at 6 AM. Worked on Sofa Pillow. Almon been to mast head two hours. Rained quite hard this morning.

Jan 17. Saw a Merchant Ship. Proved & mended. Almon been two hours to mast head saw two sails, one a whale which proved to be the Bark John Carver 13 months out had again. She has not taken any sperm oil in six months saw whaling lines within said time. Now 340 lbs. Worked on sofa pillow.

Jan 18. Worked on Sofa Pillow. Almon is at mast head.

Jan 19. Read & Slept.

Jan 20. Washed our clothes. Almon gone to mast head. Saw a stone breeze.

Jan 21. Repaired clothes. Almon gone to mast head.

Jan 22. Repaired dress. Almon gone to mast head.

Jan 23. Mended clothes. Made a white petticoat. Almon gone to mast head.

1881 Almon L. Stickney, Master.

Jan 24. Do not feel well. Almon gone to mast head. Repaired Almon's drawers.

Jan 25. Finished calico dress & white Petticoat. Swept sleeping room. Fitted dark calico dress. Almon gone to mast head.

Jan 26. Been a very pleasant day. Read & Slept some. Fished around the Bark. caught two had them cooked for supper.

Jan 27. A very fine day. Saw a pair of water birds. Almon been two hours to mast head. Saw a sail of the bark take it to be a whaler. Almon has the pneumatics in his left knee.

Jan 28. Almon around deck sail in sight. It proved to be the John Carver. Capt Smith. had a gain he brought some news papers. Gave me a few matches & some bark.

Jan 29. Worked on sofa pillow. Polly is sick.

Jan 30. Worked on sofa pillow. Almon is better. Today is Almon's 43. birth day. Finished sofa pillow. gave Polly castor oil.

Jan 31. Put out a striped petticoat & commenced to sew on it. Polly is a little better.

Jan 1. Saw a merchant vessel. A long dull day nothing new to read. Strong breeze.

Jan 2. Almon gone to mast head. A very fine day. Finished Petticoat. Put out three pillow cases. Commenced to piece another bed quilt. Saw a sail.

Jan 3. Saw a sail. Almon gone to mast head saw another sail which proved to be the Bark John Carver. Capt Briggs she has taken 210 lbs sperm this season.