

Remarks and Board Book Clara Bell

Tuesday Aug 6th 1861

Commenced with much better weather than we have been to having and I hope and pray we may have a little good luck for we are worn out go home in a few days now. Good ground and sea but little with a head breeze. Made port 10 miles. Vatter part more pleasant but nothing in sight. Lat 41° 13' N Long 73° 00'

Wednesday 7th

Commenced with squally seas. Found a N.W. wind 2 P.M. luffed to the wind to the Eastward nothing in sight at sunset took in the canvas and hoisted ship 4 P.M.

Thursday 8th

the same old thing nothing in sight

Friday 9th

Commenced with strong breeze. Sailed with the fair breeze. A black menhaden landed in sight. Vatter part more in fishing.

Saturday 10th

Commenced with light breeze. Boats returned with a good lot of fish and I sincerely hope we shall have some luck in fishing. Made all part light breeze some rain. Vatter part strong breeze & squally sea. Blackfish were seen a boat boat caught one saw a ship standing to Westward. Stopped at 8 P.M. sunset luffed to the wind.

Cruising for Whales

Sunday 11th

Commenced with good weather but nothing to do and we are sad in want of some Whales and I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have the good fortune to get some. Made all & Vatter part strong breeze. All hands employed doing nothing.

Monday 12th

Same old thing and it seems almost impossible to get any Whales.

Tuesday 13th

There is quite a succession nothing in sight and I really feel bad for I know that my employees are getting a case of air. Lat 41° 01' N Long 73° 00'

Wednesday 14th

How much we want some air so as to go home or rather get home by June 1st God grant we may. Made all & Vatter part weather good nothing in sight. Lat 41° 16' N Long 73° 45'

Thursday 15th

the same old thing nothing in sight and I am almost ready to despair but all things are for the best.

Friday 16th

Commenced with strong breeze and cloudy back by the time 4 P.M. under easy sail nothing in sight and we know when we shall see Whales or sunset shortened sail to double reef.