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Sunday we have had a heavy blow from the N. E. I fear we shall hear of vessels wrecked for if they were on the coast they must of had a hard time. We have had news from the Arctic a great share of the fleet is supposed to be lost and they have taken the Whales a great share of them are reported clean. rather discouraging for those that are at home and ready to start on a voyage.

Tuesday 26th we still have beautiful weather for the season but my time is getting short Saturday is the day set for our sailing day and I can not say I am in any hurry to get a way but am all ready to go any time I have not been that I expect to leave without it is an all right sleep which I shall be deprived of at sea and a few other things to mention to mention.

Wednesday 27th Most of this day wet and disagreeable I expect the Captain will come over to day for the last time I have just finished packing my things now I am all ready for a start and the quicker I get the better my bills are all paid that I intend to pay before I return.

Thursday 28th We have very fine weather at the present time rather cooler than we have had it this season the Columbus is going in the stream by day.

Friday 29th all this day strong winds from S. W. I tried to get a boat to go on board of the ship to take my things but the wind blew so hard I could not get one to go.

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Tuesday the ship left in the stream with all hands on board but the mate and captain they came on board but the wind is from the south and we could not get out and the mate and captain went on shore I have been busy at setting up rigging and clearing up the deck the second mate is over the boat and well keep so until he has cleared what he has with him I do not know how much that is but I have some 8 gallons in my care spunked pickles which brought on board but I have got the stuff off him and if he gets it he will do more than I think he will I hope the ship will get under way in the morning if not I shall go on shore if I can get there.

Wednesday 30th got under way from the stream at 6 o'clock with light winds from the light winds from the light boat bore off at 8.

Thursday 31st all this day blow in fresh from S. S. E. at 12 o'clock saw many vineyard bearing south distant 25 miles the holds to the southward and northward are a sight and I am not much better off I have known more misery & leaving home this time than I ever have known before I have been on shore so long that I have made a good number of acquaintances and it was hard for me to leave them.

Friday 31st at 4 o'clock the wind backed N. W. light raining heavy at 8 o'clock clear with fine breeze employed at sending a lot of fare to post & sending all beams and bending strings & cables and stored them below.