

On Board Ship Columbus

56 December 1851

Monday

27 Commenced with light winds from the Starboard
 28 Employed at breaking out for sea coal and
 29 reef and took a brig steering by the
 30 wind to the eastward we have some fish a
 31 round the ship that has followed us since
 Since we left the Equator the hooks are on
 in a while but they have rather shy for
 him to be taken as he wishes Middle part
 fine breeze from off of steering SW
 to west under all sail had some light
 ring to the westward
 Latter part strong from South bent
 another to port and lower stud
 my sail which will save us the
 trouble of shifting them over
 every time the wind hauls in
 bent the main sail to middle st
 ch and repairs the bands on the
 main yard

Tuesday

32 Commenced with light winds from the
 33 Starboard steering SW by S under all
 34 sail bent the main sail blue sheet
 35 down the topmast the wind still held
 36 to the Starboard and seems likely to for
 37 a spell yet they are good winds for
 38 us but hard for ship's homeward bound
 39 just the time a ship wants a fair wind
 40 Nothing can be more vexing than a
 head wind when we get as close home
 as we are at present but we are compelled
 to take them as they come Middle part
 light winds from the Starboard Latter
 part the winds the same employed at
 breaking out the main hatch for coal and
 clay to build a blacksmith shop The
 sick boatster came on deck to take the
 air It is the opinion of his room mates
 that he is playing possum
 Thus 54 days of our voyage has passed a
 way and I have been contented and cheerful
 until the present now these passes heavy
 every thing seems changed the ship lurches
 and I can take no pride or interest
 in the work I do for her I fear we
 shall have to go in port to repair dam
 ages and if we do not first season so do

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36 Commenced with light winds from the Starboard
 37 steering SW by S under all sail employed
 38 at caping the head rigging and strong
 39 up the bobs took a ship
 Jack had some rain and a fair prospect
 of a great deal more sperm whales
 very scarce Middle part the winds the
 same latter part employed at repairing
 the bands round the mainmast
 saw 3 sails one lay with her
 head yards a back waiting for us to come
 down to him and had ends the sea

Thursday

40 Commenced with light winds from
 41 the Starboard steering SW by S under
 42 all sail the ship that laid waiting for
 43 us was the Concordia of Plymouth from
 44 Valparaiso bound to New Orleans to
 45 freight for us we our captain
 went on board and carried them some
 papers he was 55 days from Valparaiso
 and has laid here 14 days with the wind
 from the Starboard the saw weight
 whales off the Pacific Islands and sp
 erm off the river Delaplate I hope
 we may have the same pleasure
 about he reports a civil war in Chile
 the Insurgents has taken Talcahuano
 and several other places shows from Valparaiso
 often rather dull and I should think he
 by the freight he was carrying home
 he had everything but stone ballast
 and one passenger he is one year
 from home and looks worse than a
 whale ship would it seems out and
 so we parted God bless him I hope
 he may have a pleasant passage
 took 5 sails in sight at sun
 down all steering by the wind to the
 off off Middle part light winds, part
 a large off short ship steering by
 the wind Latter part employed at
 mending the fore sail saw a ship to
 the off off steering to the S off SW
 there is one more that has a fair wind
 well as our solve