

Wednesday 1852

23^d commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. steering by the wind to the westward saw Cape Thaddeus to the W. N. W. distant 50 miles saw 35 sails all steering to the Northward saw the whales at 3 o'clock spoke ship Rhone of Sydney 3^d Whales this season and one last Captain Crowell went on board of ship at 5 left and steered forward to the S.E. and this is the way up another day dawned upon us I hope there will be something to turn up for a change if nothing more than a gale of wind we have given up all hopes of getting whales so we would be thankful for a change great to kill time and this I know to be a painful wish but I must own that it agrees with my feelings I would be victorious if it were a possible thing we cannot control our own feelings and what power has is more than I can bargain with the first light wind from the southward with fog passed several ships sailing at 1 o'clock P.M. saw whales lowered the starboard boat with out success at 5 came on board saw more whales lowered the quarter boat without success at boat came on board from the Swiss of New Bedford she is 19 months from home with 300 sperm and one polar whale this season at 6 past 6 set in thick fog saw a dozen ships or more close in to the sea at 10 the fog cleared off saw whales lowered the quarter boats some of the other ships done the same and they all rushing the whales and driving them into the sea as fast as possible at whale has scarcely time to draw the natural breath of life before we hear of boats are after him But they know where to seek for safety for a quick as they perceive this day they make the best of their way for the ice at 15 minutes to 12 the boats came on board without success as usual.

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Thursday

24th commenced with light winds from all points of the compass at 1 o'clock saw a whale lowered the quarter boat in presence of him with out success Captain Crowell stayed on board of the Harriet's howland at few moments she has 4 whales and had heard from the bidagon with 5 whales and the ship Rhone with 8 whales saw 15 ships

Friday 1852

25th sailing at 4 o'clock saw a whale lowered the starboard boat with out success we are the only ship on the ground that we have heard of with nothing but Captain is as right as the devil can make him I think he has the whale on board but himself he may be right but what men he has got are of his own choosing.

But at day break he is bound to make it and I expect he intends to clear us all out of the ship when we get in port and it will be with pleasure that we leave the old base.

Middle part strong breeze from the westward laying at back part of the time at 1 o'clock P.M. steered forward to the S.W. and stood in to the sea and tacked to the Northward at 3 o'clock set in thick fog saw through some large ice lands saw one ship entering lying at back the remainder of the day in thick fog.

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Friday

25th commenced with light winds from the westward with thick fog lying by the wind with the main top sail at back ship Griper of New Bedford passed close to the had her estimates knocked off we suppose she has been in the sea.

Middle part calm with thick fog near a great many whales apparently going to the westward latter part fine breeze from the Northward steering by the wind to the westward saw several sails one a sailing but most of the time weather thick saw no whales.

24th
Saturday

26th commenced with fine breeze from the S.E. steering by the wind on about tacks about the time thick fog at 9 o'clock Captain Crowell went on board of the Harriet's howland at 4 returned saw the Charles Carroll of New York 3^d whales this season heard from the George Washington 4 whales heard of the Greenpeace getting a whale that we lost in the sea whales are very scarce where we are at present The capture is in better humor than usual.