

January

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Ship Columbus

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Middle part thick with strong winds from N. E. Steering by the wind to the S. W. At 9 o'clock P.M. the fog cleared off and saw several sails all steering by the wind. Saw Cape Cod to the S. W. distant 40 miles. Exchanged signals with ship Republic of Bremen at 4 o'clock. Fog cleared the fog and mist in the air. Latter part wind and weather the same. At 4 o'clock to the eastward strong breeze and heavy swell saw humpbacks. The carpenter off duty with a sore hand.

Sunday

28. Commenced with strong breeze from North steering by the wind to the eastward at 1 o'clock doubled reefed the topsails and furled the main sail had some fog about the whaler. Middle part strong breeze with fog and rain. At 4 o'clock came up to the sea to the S. W. Latter part blowing a young gale from the North lapping by the wind under double reefed topsails. Lat 63 N. North

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Monday

29. This day began with strong wind from the North the weather clear and cold steering by the wind to the S. E. at 6 o'clock doubled reefed topsails saw several sails steering the same. At 4 o'clock saw the sea at hand the whaler.

Oh Whales the whales it is the word that all about our ship is heard. I think and yet I know not why the whales we get will be small prey.

But if the old saying should prove true there whaling get far us to do. And where it is we can tell. It may be here or the sea bell.

Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part part more wind steering to the S. W. saw several sails but the whaler I employed at breaking up for water. Lat 62.5 N

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Tuesday

30. Commenced with strong breeze from North steering by the wind to the Westward under double reefed topsails and fore and saw the land to the S. W. at 5 o'clock were ship to the Eastward wind more moderate made some sail saw 10 or 15 ships more at whaling. Middle part moderate breeze all sail at 1 o'clock to the S. W. Latter part strong breeze steering by the wind to the S. W. under topsails and courses stood in to the bay of Annapolis found most of the

Wednesday

31. Commenced with light winds from the North steering by the wind to the Westward under all sail at 1 o'clock tacked to the S. E. saw land and sea the whaler more than fine and humpbacks saw a few ships.

Very good times we have indeed. Nothing to do but to eat and feed. But sleep is the best I think of the two. For there's the exertion to go through. But in eating we have to use our power. To pass the grub into our jaws. And when it man but a great deal it will make him rather tired feel.

Middle part calm with fog latter part the same saw a few ships and a humpback. And thus ends June so let it go we have 3 months yet to pass in this part of the world. Wish is full enough for me and I want home to come here at year if I can avoid it.

Fairwell June fairwell to thee. I bid thee fairwell on the sea. And when the next death-rush I round still on the sea I shall be found.

As in less time I may find a grave beneath the dark and troubled waves. All come death thou art welcome to me. I fear not to meet thee on the blue sea.