

Monday Dec. 23rd 1872

All day a Gale of wind from S.W. with light showers of rain Ship cruising on different tacks with all prudent sail set. Nothing in sight but one or two finbacks and a very few birds.

Lat. 36.59

Long 51.42

Tuesday Dec. 24th 1872

All day a gale of wind from W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks under very small sail the weather being very rough. Nothing in sight all day.

Lat 36.43

Long 51.27

Wednesday Dec. 25th 1872

All day a Gale of wind from N.W. with clear sky overhead but thick smoky horizon making very poor seeing. Ship standing to the S.W. under easy sail. Nothing in sight but a very few birds. Water green and blue alternately. No indications of whales.

Lat 36.57

Long 51.21

Thursday Dec. 26th 1872

All day a gale of wind from the W. and clear overhead but smoky horizon and poor seeing. Nothing in sight but a finback going S.E. Ship under small sail standing to the S. and S.E. Towards night the weather little more serene. Water green all day with bird.

Lat 36.52

Long 51.12

Friday Dec. 27th 1872

First part light airs from the E. and quite fine weather. At 8 comes in foggy - wind hauling to the N. at 10 the fog lifts with the wind from N.W. but being overcast and smoky it is rather poor seeing. Ship steering S.E. under easy sail. Nothing in sight but a few birds.

Lat 36.43 Long 51.00

Saturday Dec. 28th 1872

All these 24 hours strong breezes from the N.W. and clear weather. Ship cruising on different tacks with easy sail. Some fog - nothing in sight but Grampuses and one school of porpoises. Water blue and clear all day.

Lat 36.54

Long 51.20

Sunday Dec. 29th 1872

All day strong breezes from the W. with clear weather. Nothing in sight but one school of Grampuses. Water blue and clear all day.

Lat 36.32

Long 50.42

Monday Dec. 30th

All day slight breezes from the E. and fine weather. Ship all the A.M. cruising to the N.E. in the P.M. steering S.W. Spoke Ship Oakland. Reed of Burns & Co. 48 days from Cardiff with coal for Galia. Saw also a Bk steering S.W. Nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and clear.

Lat 36.52

Long 50.28

Tuesday Dec. 31st 1872

Came in with light gins and calms. Ship working to the S.W. at daylight raised Sperm Whales 4. Mendace at the Mizzen going slow about N.W. lowered fore and main and chased at 9 M. B. Mr Chase struck had a very bad time in killing him and did not get him alongside until 2 P.M. On the P.M. cut the body the head remaining in the carcass alongside the weather looking bad much like a gale - judge the whale about 100 Bbls.

Lat 37.25 Long 51.00

Saw sperm 11 whales
Saw one to W. B. Bird's cell. Chase