

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the

Tuesday Oct 16th

Comes in with strong gales from S. W. and squally weather. Ship lying too under Fore & Miz. staysails, at sunrise, wore ship to S. E. and set lower main sail. sent down Fore topsail for repairs. Repaired and bent it, then set it. Two sails in sight. One steering to the E. the other to the W. Under easy sail - saw quite a number of birds through the day. Let out the Old Starb. boat and took in the new one, and put her on the haul at night ship steering S. E. by S. with a prudent sail out.

Lat 43.29 Long. 35.30 W.

Wednesday Oct. 17th

Comes in with breezes from S. W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all prudent sail out. In the A. M. saw plenty of birds. Gulls and two or three long tailed ones. - saw also one large piece of squid - Water green all day - at night shortened sail - fine weather.

Lat. 43.02 N. Long. 34.00 W.

Thursday Oct 18th

Comes in with strong gales from the S. and overcast looking much like rain. Ship by the wind to the S. E. under lower topsails and foresail. Water rather green all day. saw in the A. M. some birds. at sunset saw a steamer steering to the E. at 7 P. M. wore ship and hove to taking in main topsail and fore topmast staysail and set forestaysail.

Lat. at Mord 42.53 N.

Friday Oct. 19th

Comes in with strong gales from S. W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all day but a few birds. Water rather green. No indications of whales. Mid. part quite clear over head but very hazy horizon.

Lat. 42.42 N. Long. 31.30

North Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1877

Saturday Oct 20th

Comes in with strong gales from the W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering S. under lower topsails jill & courses. Nothing in sight in the A. M. but birds quite a number of them going into the S. Water green all the A. M. in the P. M. blue but nothing in it. Wind W. N. W. and ship steering S. by W. under whole topsails. One sail in sight steering to the E. N. E. Lat. 41.48 N. Long. 30.00 W.

Sunday Oct. 21st

Comes in with moderate breezes from W. and quite fine weather. Ship by the wind to S. E. W. with all sail set. at 8 A. M. raised Graciosa and F. bearing S. E. W. and G. bearing S. by E. Water blue and clear - saw some birds and one school of porpoises at 1 1/2 saw a sail working up to windward under St. George, St. G. and Pica plain in sight. at 6 P. M. took off from W. end of St. George. the sail we saw in the P. M. we call the Chirina. at sunset she standing off shore - By Obs. our working Chro. is 43 miles too far W. and the other Chro. is 23 miles too far E. - Since leaving here a little more than six weeks ago our working Chro. has lost but 7 seconds per day and the other has lost 15 per day.

Lat 39.26 Long 29.13 E. by Chro.

Monday Oct. 22nd

Comes in with fresh breezes from W. and fine weather. Ship off to the N. of Fayal working up to the W. in Co. with Bk. Minerva. at 6 A. M. raised finbacks going quick to windward - Minerva entered the passage for Fayal harbor - saw two sails lying off and on saw the mail steamer go in the passage also and saw a big to the W. steering for the harbor. at dusk off the Capileiras. Thick and squally weather. By Obs. W. end of Fayal our working Chro. is 3.54 - too far E. or 15.36 too slow. The other Chro. is 6.52 too far E. or 27.28 too slow.