

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in

Remarks on Board Sunday Aug. 4th 1878

Comes in with moderate breeze from the N.W. and thick smoky weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out, cruising. Water Green. At 1 P.M. saw a sperm whale directly ahead the ship - lowered three boats and chased. Mr. Pope in Larb. Boat soon and the whale started quick to windward, running and bounding. at one sound he took out three entire and the greater part of a fourth but finally killed whale about ten miles to windward the ship, and took him to the ship, getting alongside about dusk, got for cutting and set the watch. call the whale 100 Bls.

Lat. 50.08 N. Long 23.55 W

Monday Aug 5th 1878

Comes in with fine weather. At 4 A.M. hooked on to the whale and got his head off and body in by 11 A.M. In the P.M. got Junk in. bailed the case and started the works. On account of the head sinking he had some trouble in getting the head off. the whale quite fat. In the morn saw a vessel to the N.W. cutting. at 8 P.M. spoke her - the Reinder, Baker. sperm all told. Saw a vessel we call the Comers whaling and saw her take a whale alongside at about 12 M. Two merchantmen seen thru day about 10 P.M. a merchantman came over and blinking into us. - just went clear of flying jib boom.

Lat. 49.52 N.

Tuesday Aug. 6th 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from the N. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under easy sail, boiling. At 10 spoke the Sagoda boiling, an 80 whale taken yesterday morn had seen some 8 or 10. All the A.M. cutting up junk & doing other work at ship. In the P.M. sent the watch below. Sagoda standing to the E.N.E. with ourselves.

Lat. 49.34 N. Long 24.22 W

the North Atlantic Ocean in 1878

Remarks on Board Wednesday Aug. 7th 1878

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N. and E. with fine weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out cruising and boiling. At 6 P.M. finished boiling. The whale turning up on deck 135 Bls. Bh. Sagoda in sight & boiling. Saw Blackfish and porpoises and one or two finbacks.

Lat. 49.43 N Long 24.27

Thursday Aug. 8th 1878

Comes in with light baffling airs from various quarters & calms. Ship cruising to the N.W. with all sail, but mainsail, out. Bh. Sagoda in sight. At 6 P.M. raised, by Manuel Bontsteeer a sperm whale bearing about N. At 9 lowered three boats and sent them off. they striking at about 11 A.M. soon killed him, and took him to the ship at 6 P.M. Sagoda had her boats down but they could not get up to the whales as it was quite calm. Saw two steamers and two merchantmen all going E. - call the whale 100 Bls.

Lat 49.52 N. Long 23.30

Friday Aug. 9th 1878

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. & cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. At 6 looked on & cut his belly in leaving the head on the carcass. the head sinking very heavy. At 12 spoke Bh. Com Morris with one whale since last we saw her. Craft came on board at about 12 and left again at 1 P.M. In the P.M. saw the C.M. take a whale and saw some three ^{or four} whales - think they started off N.E. - could not follow them on account of the whale alongside.

Lat. 49.35 Long by Coal, 23.43