

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising on the

Remarks on Board Monday June 2^d

Comes in with strong breeze from the N. and clear overhead but smoky horizon. Ship by the wind to windward and under lower topsails, courses jib and spanker. In the A.M. saw quite a number of birds at 11 struck into a strip of clear water and at 12 changed it to green again, at 1^h raised a Pt. whale by Mr. Pope, going quite quick to windward, made sail and made several tacks in chase of him, lost the run of him when the sun was about an hour high. The whale was very uneasy, and starting about on first one tack and then the other but worked to the S. W. in main. Lat. 41° 20' S. Soundings at night.

Tuesday June 3^d

Comes in with moderate breeze from the N. W. and clearing weather, but hazy horizon. Ship by the wind to the S. and W. in the A.M. with all sail out cruising. Saw two fin backs and quite a number of birds in morning. Water green. In the P.M. stand to the S. — nothing in sight all the P.M. Lat. 41° 36' N. Long. 58° 27' W. Soundings at night.

Wednesday June 4th

Comes in with moderate breeze from the N. W. and quite clear weather. Ship by the wind on various tacks cruising with all prudent sail out. At 10 A.M. saw a Pt. whale at 11 lowered all four boats and chased without success. Lost the run of the whale. Took the boats up at 12. Saw two other whales to the S. and lowered all four boats again at 1 P.M. — Mr. Pope went on and darted, but the whale being under water could not reach him. Soon after Mr. Wyman went on and struck a small whale, killed the whale and got her to the ship by 3^h P.M. hooked on at 5 and finished cutting by 7 P.M. Judge the whale will make about 25 bbls. Saw some four or five whales through the day — at home but squirming about.

Lat. 41° 20' S. Long. 58° 14' W. Soundings at night.

Coast of Patagonia in the year of 1879

Thursday June 5th

Comes in with strong gales from the N. W. and hazy weather — poor seeing. Ship by the wind on various tacks cruising with all prudent sail out. Saw two Humpbacks and a few birds. Nothing more in sight indicating whale. In the P.M. steered to the E. for a couple of hours. Saw Bk. Ohio 2^d in to the N. W.

Lat. 41° 10' S. Long. 58° 17' W. Soundings 50 fathoms.

Friday June 6th 1879

Comes in with moderate breeze from N. W. and clear overhead but hazy horizon — poor seeing. Ship by the wind cruising with all prudent sail out. Saw in the morning two Pt. whales and a sail to windward. At 8 lowered for one of the whales, and chased until 11^h without success. The Bk. Ohio 2^d Capt. Ellis saw us chasing, came down and lowered three boats and chased the same whale without success. In the P.M. strong gales from the N. W. and heavy squalls of rain and hail. Split and carried away foretopmast staysail, split and parted bolt rope of Main staysail. At sunset ship under lower main top sail, fore and main staysails. At 7 took in maintop sail and forestaysail.

Lat. 41° 00' S. Long. 57° 44' W. — 55

Sunday June 7th 1879

Comes in with a gale from the S. W. and squall weather. Ship by the wind lying to under main top sail. In the A.M. made sail as the weather moderated, so by noon had courses, lower topsails jib and spanker. Saw nothing all day but birds plenty of Pt. whale birds. In the P.M. ship standing to the S. — very rough all day.

Lat. 40° 15' S. 40° 00' W.

Sunday June 8th 1879

Comes in with strong gales from the N. W. and clear weather overhead but hazy horizon. Ship by the wind in the morning having carried sail all night to the S. with all prudent sail out, cruising. Saw three fin backs and a few birds. Water clear. In the P.M. ship on opposite tacks.

Lat. 40° 14' S. Long. 56° 44' W. No Ballance