

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Alatahama

Tuesday August 20th

Lat 33-31 N Long 48-17 W

All of this day fine breezes and pleasant from the Southward and Westward, heading to the Northward and Westward. Saw Porpoises and Grampales. Set up the Main Rigging one Sail in sight.

Wednesday August 21st

Lat 34-00 N Long 48-46 W

All of this day fresh breezes from the S.W. Standing on the wind heading N.W. on one tack and S on the other, two sails in sight. Steering N.E.

Thursday August 22nd

Lat N Long W

All of this day blowing fresh from the S.W. Standing on the wind heading to the Southward. Steady Rain until 4 P.M. at 5 lowered the Mast Boat and picked up a hunch of Blm oil.

Friday August 23rd

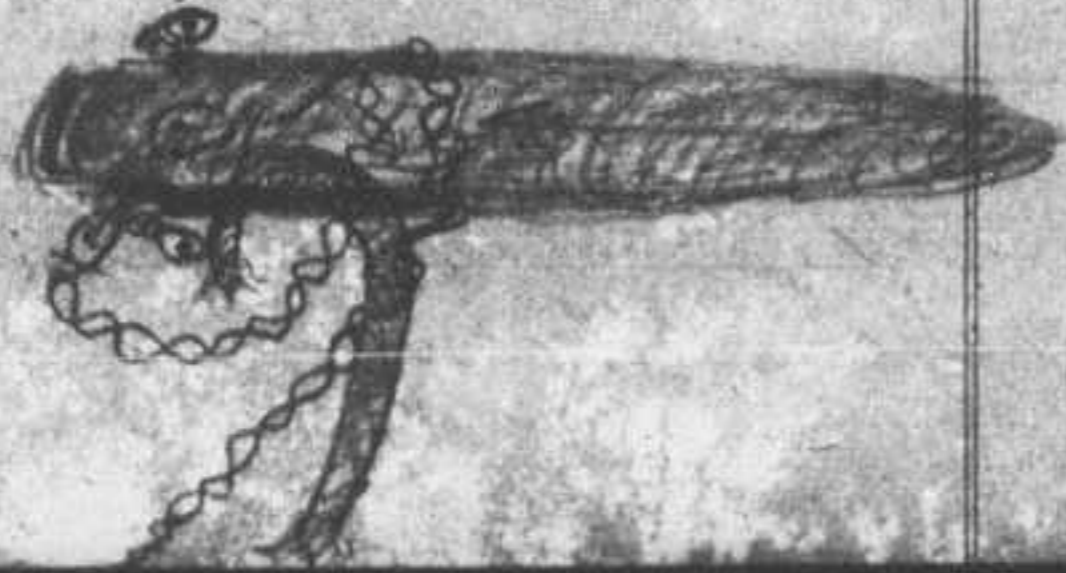
Lat 32-56 N Long 42-50 W

All of this day fresh breezes and a very heavy sea running from the Northward heading to the S.W. at 9 P.M. raised two Sperm Whales and Blackfish amongst them heading to the S.E. got within two darts of one, but they were killed by the Blackfish, chased them a while and come aboard. Laid up the Boats a half a part 7 P.M. 2 Whales

Saturday August 24th

Lat 32-34 N Long 43-15 W

All of this day light breezes and pleasant from the Northward heading to the S.W. Chased Blackfish picked up a redbelly Bowlsprit caught a fine lot of fish. Blackfish were heading to the Northward and Eastward.



Benjamin B. Handy Master August 1861

Sunday August 20th

Lat 32-41 N Long 48-17 W

All of this day fine breezes and pleasant from the S.W. Standing on the wind tack and tack, saw Porpoises, and one stick of timber, caught a large number of Albucares.

Monday August 26th

Lat 32-04 N Long 49-04 W

There twentyfour hours wind from the N of E and pleasant. Standing on the wind heading to the N.W. at 2 P.M. steered S.W. at 6 took in sail and luffed to the wind heading N.W. employed in ship's duty, rose new Foretop sail buntlines clewlines & Receptable falls. } }

Tuesday August 27th

Lat 33-14 N Long 49-31 W

This day fine breezes and very pleasant from the Southward steering to the Westward, employed in ship's duty. Saw a number Schools of Porpoises and Grampales.

Wednesday August 28th

Lat 32-42 N Long 44-29 W

first part of this day fine breezes latter part fresh from the S.W. Standing on the wind heading N.W. at 2 P.M. took ship heading S.E. Saw one Merchant ship heading to the Southward and Eastward. Saw Porpoises and Grampales.

Thursday August 29th

Lat 31-41 N Long 49-32 W

All of this day fresh breezes from the S.W. Standing on the wind heading N.W. first part equally with Main under Short Sail a great many Albucares and skip hark.

Friday August 30th

Lat 30-47 N Long 49-28 W

All of this day fine breezes and pleasant from the S.W. and N.E. steering S until 4 P.M. luffed to the wind heading S.E.