

December 1871

Monday 25.

Dec 27.5²⁵

Commenced with a strong gale from the N.E. the Bark. hove to under a close reef main top sail and foresail. At 4 P.M. sighted the land at 7 P.M. the wind changed to the W. Bark. under 3. Scatter Part fine weather and a light breeze from the W. Bark. heading to the S with all sail out saw feed and fin backs. So ends this 24 hours.

Lat 37.53 Long.

Tuesday 26.

Commenced with fine weather and a light breeze from the W. the Bark. Steering S.W. 24. 34. fin backs in sight. Scatter Part. fine weather and calm. Employed in faking over head boat. So ends this 24 hours. Lat 38.21. Long. 24.54.

Wednesday 27.

Commenced with fine weather and a light breeze from the W. the Bark. Steering S.W. 24. 34. Saw one demersal fish. Scatter Part. fine weather and a moderate breeze from the N.E. the Bark heading W.S.W. So ends this 24 hours Lat 39.00 Long 25.59 Fin Backs plenty

Thursday 28

Commenced with cloudy weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. the Bark. heading W. plenty of fin Backs in sight at 4 P.M. shot and said Scatter part. Strong breeze and cloudy So ends this 24 hours. Lat 40.00

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Friday 29

Commenced with cloudy weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. at 1 P.M. changed to the S.W. Bark. Steering S.E. Scatter Part. Clear and a strong breeze from the S.W. Saw feed and fin backs so ends this 24 hours. Bark. Steering S.E. Lat 38.15. Long 26.38

Saturday 30 Commenced with clear weather and a strong breeze from the S.W. Bark. Steering S.E. Saw fin backs and feed. at 4 P.M. went to the N.

Scatter Part. fine weather and a moderate breeze from the S.W. so ends this 24 hours. Saw fin backs & feed Bark. Steering S.E. Lat 38.38. Long 26.08.

Sunday 31.

Commenced with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.W. at 5 P.M. Thomas declared these two right-whales going about to S.W. at 6 P.M. toward the Starboard boat went on and struck a large cow right whale. In the to windward at dark got the whale striking thin blood and very red and not expired and took the whale. The other boats came to the Captains assistance and hoisted the boat on board. Scatter Part. fine the boat arrived with the Starboard boat at 2 P.M. the Bark working to windward for the dead whale. At 10 P.M. all rose but two right whales going N.W. by John Nelson Haman. So ends this 24 hours. Lat 39.22. Long 25.19.