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 Friday Oct 12th
 Light winds & fine weather ship going along finely
 steering S.W. by S. Caught a Porpoise this AM. and
 had his Liver fried for dinner. it tastes similar to
 a dog. Nothing unusual happened this 24 hours.
 Towards night the wind lulled and we had
 it calm till about half past 10 PM. when a
 fine breeze sprung up aft. and so continued
 through the night.

Lat 25° 32' Long 40° 28'

Saturday Oct 13. Strong winds & fine weather
 The wind kept blowing through the day
 & towards night we had strong winds from
 E. S. E. ship heading S.W. by S. and making
 7 knots.

Lat 26° 58'
 Long 40° 40'

Sunday Oct 14 Strong winds and Cloudy
 weather nothing new this AM. this
 PM. it began to blow heavy and great sea
 running got this ship before it. under double
 reefed mizzen & sail & single reefed fore & main
 sails.



Lat 28° 13'
 Long 41° 50'

Monday Oct 15 Gale of wind. Ship under
 close reefed fore & main topsails & foremast
 going nearly before it. Altogether it is a pretty
 heavy gale & very rough.

Lat 30° 45' S.
 Long 43° 53'

Tuesday Oct 16 weather moderating & wind
 & sea going down. we have had it pretty
 cold two or three days back as we are
 off the River La Platte now. made more
 sail on the ship today and are going
 along fairly.

Lat 35° 09' S.
 Long 46° 02' W

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 Ship Alex Coffey at sea Oct 17
 Wednesday AM. Fine breeze and Cloudy
 weather we are now off the mouth of the
 river La Platte, & if we get by without one of
 those Tornadoes which are peculiar to it, we
 shall be lucky. Nothing remarkable has happened
 to far this day - PM. The wind began to die off
 just after dinner & at three o'clock it was
 stark calm in a little while a light fanning
 sprung up ahead off the land, and so ends
 our dream of fair winds, and for a time our
 prospect of seeing Cape Horn.



Lat Obscured
 Long 48° 50' West

Thursday Oct 18th Commences
 with light winds & fine weather. The swell still
 aft and both to go down. The ship lanced ship
 up and heading S.W. by S. Towards 9 o'clock the
 wind knocked her off to S.W. by W. nothing remarkable
 happened saw Porpoises, Crew employed in mending
 Fore Top mast haspail in order to get ready for
 Cape Horn.



Lat 36° 39'
 Long 49° 27'

Friday Oct 19th Commences with
 light winds & calm. middle & latter parts the
 same Towards night had a fine breeze aft
 set shudding sails both sides and went along
 finely. Caught two "speckled Haggles" (Cape
 Horn Pigeons) as the sailors term them,
 and hauled several "Crories" (Callabassos)
 nearly aboard but did not save any. Saw
 a Sun fish astern lowered & caught him
 And if any one had told me there was
 such a looking fish I should have thought
 they were Haggles.

Lat 38° 04'
 Long 50° 05'



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 Sun fish. It has no tail, two fins
 at its extremity one
 on each side, but no
 teeth, but a round
 swollen and a hard
 long substance in place of teeth. It has two
 eyes rather larger than an ox's, but back of the eye is an
 opening for respiration, altogether it is the most monstrous thing I
 ever saw in the world.