

Thursday 20th Commence
 light winds still at part same
 latter part strong breeze. Tudding sails
 set along gallop running S.W. by S. One
 death one of the paperers shot a Gony
 90-guns off. flying. This may seem impossible
 but is rendered less so when we consider
 that they measure from 10 to 15 feet
 across the wings from tip to tip. had
 a folliculation in the evening, and all
 hands had a little something to take.
 one thing I nearly forgot. (it) called all
 hands to take in the topmast studding
 sail, nothing else remarkable happened

(Lat 38° 22" N
 Long 51° 56" W

Friday 21st Had a Southern
 and a pretty Heavy one at that. Kept Topails, and stood
 to the westward. Must get to Cape Horn at that rate
 this year or next, at least showing west by south
 I caught 8 speckled Gygis & one Cape Pigeon today.
 Let them all go again. The pigeons can bite hard
 with their beak which is like an eagle's. They are a
 beautiful bird. Red white as the drifting snow, with
 brown wings and measure about 3 feet from tip to tip

Cape Pigeon
 flying



had a few
 made.

(Lat 39° 29"
 Long 53° 21"

Saturday 22nd The Southern still
 continues, the ship heading N. by E. under double
 reefed main & mizzen topsails & foresail. The fore top sail
 being on deck mending. I hope the next time they bend
 it, it will blow to ribbons, for too cruel to make men
 work on an old sail like that, when there is a new
 one below, which could be got out (and) bent in an hour
 towards night the wind lulled and the ship came up
 to South by East, the wind having hauled a little to
 the westward.

(Lat 39° 59"
 Long 53° 38" W

Sunday Oct 23rd Fine cold
 weather. Ship heading S by W. took out the reef
 from the topsails & set the mainsail & main topgallant
 & flyjibs. The weather is nearly as cold here as it is at
 home in December. Nothing remarkable happened this
 day that I saw at least & I believe I am generally good
 enough to see everything that is going on, board ship. I hope
 we shall have the wind aft the rest of the week
 so as to get round the Cape as soon as possible.

(Lat 40° 48" South
 Long 52° 59" West

Monday Oct 24th Fine, cool
 weather, much warmer than it was yesterday, owing
 to the wind having hauled further to the westward, ship
 heading to S. by W. & S.W. by S. her course. Yesterday
 got up the stove from below and set it up in the
 Cabin, which makes it quite comfortable below now.
 rather more so at least, than on deck, at present. I think
 it is strange we don't see any vessels along here, as we
 are right in their track. I for one should like to see one
 since I have some letters written already to send home.
 I should like to get some from home better than
 to send them there, as I feel anxious to hear from the
 folks to know how they are getting along. I hope I may
 get a pile in California so as not to be obliged to
 stay there a great while. nothing remarkable happened

(Lat 42° 25"
 Long 54° 22"

Tuesday Oct 25th Commence
 with fine weather and fair wind 2 points kept on
 beam. Ship going along nicely at the rate of 8 knots. I hope
 this wind will last till we double the Cape, that being
 the case we shall be more than 5 days along it. Saw
 Porpoises this morning, struck one but did not see him
 Had considerable sport last evening, in the Cabin, got up
 by Mr. Heath who magnetized Mr. Anderson. (both paperers) He
 began by giving Mr. A. a saucer with water in it & reserving one
 himself, he then proceeded to rub his finger on the bottom
 of the saucer, first having dipped it in the water, then
 passing his finger over his face in sundry places. Mr. A.
 was to imitate him all his movements, and the bottom
 of his saucer being blacked with lamp smoke, he black his
 face from chin to forehead and the concentrated light of the
 rest of the passengers (Lat 45° 00"
 Long 56° 27"