

Journal on board

11 July 1870

Wednesday July 13

Nothing meted the eye today but a few turtles spotted here and there over the glassy surface of the "broad Atlantic" calm and rather too warm to be comfortable

Thursday July 14

More weather the same kind and more turtles of a apparently the same kind, this and only this to be seen

Friday July 15

Pleasant day this, was busily engaged making shny yarn, the only day's work that had been done

Saturday July 16

Washing day, and nothing done but just attending to it, a sail in sight.

Sunday July 17

Good weather during the day with a light N.W. wind. Saw land the islands of Flores and Gorro stood in towards them they looked good enough to land on but the most of us don't expect to land before we get to Talcahuano, Chile

Monday July 18

Pleasant in the morning, we sailed between the islands, past a whale ship with boats down, but she soon hoisted them up and we backed ship again and stood in toward the land

Tuesday July 19

Pleasant with a fine breeze, we ran along by the North side of Gorro saw a school of Grampuses and a sail

Wednesday 20

Good weather, but did nothing until after supper when all of the boats covered for blackfish but without success

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Thursday July 21st

Nice weather was out of sight of land saw two sails both whales.

Friday July 22d

Cloudy with a strong breeze was steering a course S.E., we must be in the track of merchantmen for no less than six were seen

Saturday July 23

Fine weather but the same thing day after day, one sail in sight, a merchant ship

Sunday July 24

Good weather three sails in sight saw many number of porpoises, and struck one but could not save one, caught several albiore

Monday July 25

Thick weather and a strong breeze, several merchant vessels in sight, how often do I think of the sweat that would flow if I was at home but here I have nothing to do but keep as cool as I can

Tuesday July 26

This day found us busily engaged in keeping cool, in fact it was all that was necessary to be done. I will say one word here in regard to what I have written and what I intend to write, it is only to improve my writing and pass away the time that I write this it was neither intended to instruct or amuse, as anyone (if anyone reads this) shall find out before reading thus far.

Wednesday July 27

Fine all day our course was S. by E. caught quite a number of 'sheepjack' and lowered a boat for a school of little fish which were kept close together by albiore but when we were close to them the albiore left as did the smaller ones