

Journal on board A. O. SEPTEMBER 1870

Tuesday Sept. 22

Pleasant, we passed through seal of
whales or seal water. I don't know the
book name for it, saw a school of grampus

Friday Sept 23

Good breeze course S. by W. nothing in sight

Saturday, Sept 24

Nearly calm, at ten called all hands for
blackfish all of the boats lowered and the
mate struck a good fish, a sail in sight

Sunday Sept 25th

Cloudy and thick, and dull we certainly
felt, some of us trying to amuse ourselves
with feeding sea birds on blackfish blubber
which was not a bad Sunday's occupation, if it
had been done well but they were blubber
tired on each end of a string and were made
to fight for it

Monday Sept 26

Blackfishing again but not a fish so con-
tinent ourselves boiling the one we caught
Friday, good weather

Tuesday Sept 27

Eight winds, which are just as good for us
set up foremast rigging and then lay
around on deck smoking, chivving, and telling lies

Wednesday 28

What shall I write about how can I write
anything, this must be an interesting book
for any one to read I can't write give it up

Thursday Sept 29

Here I am trying it again tonight my subject
is this: A cloudy day, in a whaleship, every
thing going on nicely, made sail in the
morning and took it in at night now if
any body can make any thing out of that
the interest I would like to read it

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Friday Sept. 30 1870 88

Was sailing with a merchant ship as long as
she kept up with us which was not more than
two hours. Nice sailing and the

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Saturday Oct 1st 73

True, if I was to write every thing that would
sail and alone I would have an interesting
book but those that it would interest most
never could look at it, it is a dangerous work

Sunday Oct. 2d 73

A pleasant day, two sail in sight both merchant
men a jolly breeze and enjoyment for all

Monday Oct. 3d

A pleasant day, the sea said the better for my thoughts
in in our chance and it is next to an im-
possibility to root them out just now

Tuesday Oct 4th

Was blackfishing this afternoon or chasing
them but never a blackfish for the Alfred Gibbs

Wednesday Oct. 5

My seventeenth birthday it seems in this is my
seventeenth, the last one must have been my
seventh, had a big feed of algerine meat for supper

Thursday Oct 6

Breakers out had been our business combined with
blackfishing, but to day we have finished both
I hope I don't think much of blackfish it is
"eat cry and little wool"

Friday Oct. 7th 1870

Began again today in the fore and after hold
coopered everything that came on deck and then
they were stowed down again the sails in sight

Saturday Oct. 8th

To sail and course set and a course S. by W. by W.
one sail in sight pleasant weather