

Journal on board

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Sunday Oct. 9th

Heard wind if we want to go south we can make short sail nothing to do but reach and can't find anything to do. It will be a jam.

Monday Oct. 10th

Made sail in the morning as usual whole to sails and main top gallant sail and took it in just after dinner after four o'clock it again.

Tuesday Oct. 11th

Good breeze and it seemed to be the best of the day to start by for a hand at least nothing else was done, no great job.

Wednesday Oct. 12th

S.W. course and a rattling breeze from enough it might be for some but not for sailors nor out some provisions.

Thursday Oct. 13

Strong S.W. wind and under short sail saw something that looked like sperm whale flukes but saw nothing after.

Friday Oct. 14th

Strong breeze had only double reefed topsails set and courses, just took at her see her go.

Saturday Oct. 15

Course S.W. by W. and that is about all that can be said of this day.

Sunday Oct. 16th

Set fore and main top gallant sail this morning and was sailing all over the ocean or as near as we could chasing white water. Finally kept our course again S.W. by W. half W. saw land at four o'clock it was Trinidad island shortened sail at night.

Monday Oct. 17th

Ran close to land with the ship then lowered the starboard and avast boats and went fishing when close to shore saw a humpback and talked some of going on to him but only had a small tub of line in the boat and concluded we would

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only saw it so gave it up. Had a dull time fishing got on board at four o'clock and then started S. by W.

Tuesday Oct. 18th

Fish for dinner. saw my line off.

Wednesday Oct. 19th

What shall I write about? That is the question I think I must ship a week write once a week or once a month would be better.

Thursday Oct. 20

This is a day long to be remembered. Now we did laugh at the hotel face of our hero who walked up to the Capt. and told him we did not get enough saw whales in the afternoon, crockers rattled.

Friday Oct. 21st

When crockers rattled today but who cares let it rattle, when we have a N.E. wind and S.W. course let it rip, what the odds when we are happy.

Saturday Oct. 22nd 1870

Running and rattling yet fine breeze from N.E. and feeling good here for the coast of Septagonia.

Sunday Oct. 23rd 1870

Running under double reefed topsails and going at a great rate and decks rolling around Cape Horn my boy.

Monday Oct. 24th

Calm, finbacks playing around the ship and one got a boat landed in him and then he showed us how he could run but little chance for a boat to keep on her bottom if fast to him.

Tuesday Oct. 25

We must be getting south by the weather for thick clothing is necessary for comfort now caught an albatross this morning the first we have seen.

Wednesday Oct. 26

Remember that wealth depends as much upon saving as on getting. This is an old saying I need to try to imitate the making of and the came in my mind when my clothes line parted and I lost about half my clothes.