

## Journal on board

S. P. O.

January 1871

Monday Jan 2d 1871

The same dull weather that we usually have on  
whaling ground, nothing in sight

Tuesday Jan 3d  
Clear weather, at noon saw two whales one ran  
off and spoke the Morning Star of New Bedford  
Capt. Allen, saw the boat with 200 bbls. soon  
the Gomez came down and Capt. Sherrick  
came on board & commo'd out with 1150

Wednesday Jan 4  
Thick weather with a gale of wind here to our  
lee, obscured topsails nothing in sight

Thursday Jan 5th  
Strong breeze from South forecast set, and  
the P. M. S. in sight

Friday Jan 6  
A strong breeze got up for the first time here,  
the remainder of the day was calm and rainy  
I wonder if this is the worst of Chilo weather?

Saturday Jan 7th  
Here if it were day that is good enough at  
least, then sail in sight in the afternoon  
saw the Pizarro of Valparaiso

Sunday Jan 8th  
A short gale in the morning with Pizarro  
and let her make a boat, but before noon  
she was out of sight so here we are alone again

Monday Jan 9  
Dull times, no work nor anything for amuse-  
ment unless you like to read and then if you  
can find anything you will be lucky, nothing  
in sight except grasshoppers porpoises &c

Tuesday Jan 10th  
Another dull day, out courses and to yards  
this morning and took them in at night  
but dull as the day we are enjoying the evening

## Barque Alfred Gibbs

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January 1870

Wednesday Jan 11th

Good weather again today changed the star-  
board boat for one on the house, and this com-  
pleted the labor of the day but this is not  
"houghts" that occurred in fact no thoughts  
had occurred to me, that is worth putting in the  
book

Thursday Jan 12  
Sawant, big sails in sight in the afternoon  
saw the P. M. S. of New Bedford Capt.  
Robinson came on board

Friday January 13  
Fine weather, Juan Fernandez in sight at daylight  
looked the waist and low boats around and  
went fishing on boat, the waist only fished  
about two hours the remainder of the time  
we were running around on shore, took 40 bus  
of potatoes in the boat and at five we were on  
board, but few families live on the island  
Pete Reiguer and Andrew Hicks in sight  
the former of N. B. the latter of Westport

Saturday Jan 14th  
Good weather was on the Starboard tack under  
four colors then we kept off and saw the  
Hix Capt. Hamblin, forty months out 1300

Sunday Jan 15th  
A strong breeze was here to under close reef  
main top sail and fore stay sail P. M. in sight

Monday Jan 16  
The same kind of weather, and the same sail in  
sight from deck for we had no men aloft  
so give it one day more soft and good weather the  
next, "come down from aloft" close reef in topsails

Tuesday Jan 17th  
Had a strong breeze in the morning but put a  
little more sail on and got out some beef for  
the Hix in the afternoon she took it away  
nothing in sight, here is no more prize  
swatched over and not a figure made for us