

Journal on board

S. P. O. June 1871

Saturday June 10th

Good weather. nothing in sight. sent down the main top sail for repairs course & by E.

Sunday June 11th

Squally and rainy in the forenoon but good weather in the afternoon. saw land it was Mariana Head on the coast of Chili

Monday June 12

Tobacco day. today and what clouds of smoke encircle every sailor's head about this time the "coolest peak" of our newly discovered land are "wrapt in clouds and snow"

Tuesday June 13th

Good weather. was on the Starboard look heading for the land. saw swine patches on the forest. one sail in sight. look something like a whale

Wednesday June 14th

Good weather. was close in to the land nothing in sight except a steamer which came close to us she was apparently loaded with passengers

Thursday June 15

Nearly calm. lowered this morning for a sword-fish and this afternoon for a gamarr gammed the B^e Virginie Marks of Valparaiso Capt. Hyatt. 22 days from Valparaiso

Friday June 16th

Rather a hard looking country this. if the bottom of the sea in this place looks no better I would not give much for all the sperm whales that will be caught here

Saturday June 17th

Good weather nothing in sight. but the land made sail this morning and this night took it in again no work except overhauling blocks



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Sunday June 18th

Calm or nearly so. one sail in sight this seems much different here than further South. much warmer of course and less wind. certainly

Monday June 19

Good weather. and some are diving scrimshawing as though we were bound home. will something ought to be done to occupy the mind for "An idle man's brain is the devil's workshop"

Tuesday June 20th

Nothing for excitement came along. and as it was calm. we could not keep up with him good weather. so much for Tuesday June 20th

Wednesday June 21st

The same old story although there was before night quite an addition to our family a sow had seven pigs and some sailors say that is what we came down here for. what talk.

Thursday June 22

Good weather. of all the things and ways to bring up pigs I think a sailors the most foolish but then perhaps they are not all alike. I have a good mind to give a description of it in full. but perhaps I had not

Friday June 23rd

Good weather. nothing in sight. today the pigs were all huddled down in the fore hold among rigging. casks. barrels chains &c. only five are now left out of seven so much of a big story but this has more than meaning one

Saturday June 24th

Excitement today. blackfish seemed to be the cause of it. all hands were called at 1 o'clock and all of the boats lowered after striking fire and going through the regular motions of whaling we managed to save three of them some how I enjoyed it hugely