

Journal on board

S.P.C. 11 January 1872

Monday Jan 22

A gale of wind. was under close reefed main topsail no men aloft and nothing in sight from deck

Tuesday Jan 23

Oh! for a change, this is hard almost unendurable. the same old story day after day. men aloft. today

Wednesday Jan 24

A gale of wind. we were under close reefed topsails. nothing more in sight and nothing less

Thursday Jan 25

Pleasant weather for the coast. for I think we must be close in shore and it is generally worse weather than farther off. gammed the John Carver

Friday Jan 26th

A dry cloudy dull day. was under double reefed topsails on the Starboard tack. two whales in sight

Saturday Jan 27th

Good weather. enough for this coast or any other. two whales in sight we must be very near land by all appearances

Sunday Jan 28th

Nearly calm all day. a whale to windward was running off for all day. at three o'clock a boat came alongside with Capt. Stowell of Bark Gaetitia. of N. Bedford after the gammer we had a breeze and our course was S.S.E.

Monday Jan 29

A clear day and smooth sea and we with wind off our quarter. and some pleasant sailing we had.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Tuesday Jan 30th

Calm. a real sailmaking - or rather mending - day. sent down the foresail and sewed on it nearly all day three sails in sight. two whales like ourselves

Wednesday Jan 31

Pleasant weather this afternoon gammed Pbs. Martha. and John Carver. and taking it all round we had a good time

Thursday

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Thursday Feb 1

A strong breeze. the Martha on our lee beam nothing more in sight. we was under double reefed topsails had carried top gallantsails for the last four days and nights. today we got to work

Friday Feb 2nd

A strong breeze. was under double reefed topsails and foresail. nothing at all to be seen

Saturday Feb. 3rd

Today the same kind of weather and the same amount of sail nothing to see from the masthead except the spray curling up and slowly going to leeward from the backs

Sunday Feb. 4th

A strong breeze today. but pleasant and not even a finback. could we see today and we are getting - apparently - so blood thirsty that we would chase them if we could see them

Monday Feb. 5th

A strong breeze. and raining and other ways unpleasant. nothing to be seen most of the crew are busy working up the wood. gammed from the Gaetitia and it is quite amusing to see them work. and the tools they work with one Portuguese made a pair of mallets with a piece of a file not an inch square