

Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 July 1872

Friday July 26
Good weather for the first twelve hours. but the remainder of the day was rainy. was on the port tack yet and during the day under double reefed topsails, close reefed at night

Saturday July 27
A strong breeze from the S.W. at about ten o'clock sperm whales were raised off the lee bow. I raised them but not a cent of bounty for me for they were going to windward very quick was on the port tack.

Sunday July 28
Almost what would be called a gale of wind was under close reefed main topsail and fore stay sail. nothing at all in sight and in fact there was nobody aloft

Monday July 29
Good weather, and not so much as yesterday. nothing going on of any account - yes. they put up 'crows nests' to stand mastheads in which is of great account to us in this cold weather, one sail in sight

Tuesday July 30th
Nearly calm only a light breeze from the S. was under close reefed topsails on the starboard tack. Heading E.S.E. I am bothered now about something that should have been learned years ago, and there is none that can help me - that I can't apply to - out of the difficulty but it is time to turn it now and tomorrow I will begin afresh

grammar in arithmetic

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Wednesday July 31
Calm in the morning, and we did not make sail until noon when we had a light breeze and set fly jib main top sail and gaff topsail. saw nothing

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Thursday Aug 1st
A light breeze in the morning but we did not make sail. was under double reefed topsails. not a thing to be seen, or a thing to do

Friday Aug 2^d
Good weather. but not much wind a light breeze from the E. to ruffle the surface of the broad Pacific. now and then the huge back of the sulphur bottom to be seen. or the broad flukes plainly outlined against the clear blue sky. but they don't look much like a real 'squarehead'

Saturday Aug 3^d
Just two years ago today we were lying in Fayal off and on. it seems as if we are making passage now fore we have fore and main top gallant sail set now. and heading E.S.E. on the Starboard tack.

Sunday Aug 4th
Calm all day. did not make much sail this morning. it seems like being in port it is so still here not any motion to the ship. and generally it would cause any one to ask the question that the Quaker did when wrecked here
"Friend lost thou call this Pacific"