

Journal on board

S.P.C.

11 October 1872

Thursday Oct. 3^d

Nice weather. a light south wind and a clear sky. commenced stowing casks in the fore hold. but at about ten O'clock, sperm whales were raised off the lee beam. all hands were called and three boats lowered the mate soon struck a calf. the second mate a big cow. and the third mate had more trouble it seemed as though he could not strike one without being high and dry on another's back but he finally did. and then ours started away from the school - a thing which in no way displeased me for there was too much white water a round blue is my favorite color in such a time especially - before we could lance him he bounded and took our line. he soon came up and we pulled on. picked up our line and at the same time put a bomb lance in him. that stopped his spouting for about 20 minutes. he then commenced spouting thick blood. and kept it up for about a half hour. had the three alongside at about 3 O'clock, and two cut in before dark. Mr. Brown the third mate got stove a little.

Friday Oct. 4th

Finished cutting this morning and had a nice fire going soon after dinner. no lookout.

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Saturday Oct. 5th

Good weather with a light wind from the S. was boiling nicely until three O'clock when sperm whales were raised off the lee beam then boats lowered and soon the second mate struck a good sized cow. then the mate struck one which we did not see before he took him alongside. ours after lancing two or three times he went down and died haul him up and fluked him and then lay until about eleven O'clock when we were picked up.

Sunday Oct. 6th

Cutting notwithstanding the inclemency of the atmospheric weather and so on, cut in two whales and commenced boiling spoke the Mars she had taken 100 bbls. and been in port to discharge a man.

Monday Oct. 7th

Boiled and stowed this forenoon but quit stowing and boiling before noon on account of wind.

Tuesday Oct. 8th

Boiling

Wednesday Oct. 9th

Good weather with a light breeze from the North finished boiling at about seven 'Post Meriduum' turned up 95 bbls. now we are in the humor for anything and the way things look we will bid adieu to the coast off Chili off this year.