

Bark Alfred Gibbs, toward Cape Horn.

Remarks Friday Dec 2^d 1870

Begins with moderate breeze from W. by N. heading S. All sail set. The wind slowly hauling to the westward at 8 P.M. wind N. by N. blowing strong, course S by E. all drawing sails set. Barometer 29 1/10 and falling. Thermometer 47°. Middle part strong winds. At 5 A.M. the wind hauling to the westward and blowing on. began to take in sail. at 8 A.M. the bark was under a close reefed main top sail. at noon blowing very heavy. Barometer 29 5/100.

Lat 52-16 Long 64-37

Remarks Saturday Dec 3^d

Begins with a heavy gale from S.W. by W. and a very bad sea. Barometer 29 1/10 and slowly rising. Lying too under a close reefed main top sail and stay sail. The bark shipped more water than I ever saw her in one gale. at 2 P.M. began to moderate. at 7 quite moderate, but a heavy sea. Set the fore top sail close reefed. Barometer 29 8/10 Thermometer 46°. Latter part strong winds from W. by N. course S. Barometer falling. at noon standing 29 6/10. Breezing on.

Lat 53-28 Long 64-41

Remarks Sunday Dec 4th

Begins with strong winds from W. and increasing. at 2 P.M. shaped a course for the east end of Staten Land, S. by E. Dist 70 miles. West end Dist 60 miles. at 2 took in jib and spanker. All appearance of a gale. at 2 1/2 the wind suddenly died away to a calm. Barometer 29 1/10. A sail in sight heading the same. at 7 a light air from N.E. Barometer 29 1/10 Middle part moderate breeze from N.E. at 8 1/2 A.M. made Staten Land. the East end bearing S. by E. Dist 10 miles. weather thick. at 7 bearing W. Dist 5 miles two sails in company. The wind began to haul to the westward and to blow on. at 11 1/2 A.M. took a squall from the S.W. blew very heavy. Split the main top sail and fore top mast stay sails all to pieces. the wind took the water over,

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Sunday Dec 4th 1870, continued.

We got the sails secured, and have two heads to the S.E. under the main, spencer and fore stay sail. Barometer 29 1/10 Thermometer 40

Lat 53-15

Remarks Monday Dec 5th

Begins with a very heavy gale from the S.W. The water was a sheet of foam. The bark under a main, spencer and fore stay sail. Barometer 29 25/100. beginning to rise. at 1 P.M. began to moderate. at 3 1/2 set down the main top sail, at four got up a new one and bent it. set it at 5 1/2. Set the fore top sail close reefed, and reefed fore sail. at 8 set reefed main sail. Barometer 29 85/100. Thermometer 40°. Middle part wind moderating and slowly hauling to the westward. made same sail. Latter part strong winds from W. by N. and a heavy S.W. swell. under single reefed top sails and main top, gall sail. course S.W. by S. at 9 A.M. double reefed the top sails. Barometer 29 1/10 and falling. Beat a new fore top mast stay sail. Lat 55-52 Long 64-33.

Remarks Tuesday Dec 6th

Begins with strong winds from W. N.W. course S.W. under double reefed top sails and reefed courses. weather thick. at 7 P.M. began to rain. Barometer 29 1/10. Thermometer 42°. a very heavy S.W. swell. Middle part strong winds from N.W. at 5 1/2 A.M. took in the main sail and close reefed the main top sail. at 7 1/2 the wind hauled to the westward in a squall, and blew very heavy. took in the fore sail and fore top sail and have too under close reefed main top sail, main spencer, and fore top mast stay sail and fore stay sail. Barometer 29 3/10. Last part blowing a heavy gale. with an awful sea. O dear me, if God spares me this voyage, I will try to live at home a different life from what I have. at noon Barometer 29 35/100

Lat 56-38 Long 66-05