

Bark Alfred Gibbs Cruising off Massachusetts.

Remarks Wednesday July 17th 1872
Began with strong winds from the N.W. under two & close reefed Top Sails. Latter part same weather. No Ob.

Remarks Thursday July 18th
Began with strong winds from N.W. by W. and rugged thick weather. Latter part fresh breezes from N.W. by W. at 6 1/4 A.M. raised a sperm whale, going to the N. lowered the boats. at 9 1/4 struck the 1st boat. after the boats fastened saw a large school going to the windward. at 12 took the whale along side.  Lat 32-50

Remarks Friday July 19th Long 82-20
Began with fresh breezes from the N.W. and a heavy S.W. swell. at 2 P.M. commenced cutting. at 5 1/4 lashed down for the night. Latter part strong winds and rugged. at 8 A.M. the wind hauled to the S.W. at 6 1/4 were ship to the westward. at 7 1/4 commenced cutting again. at 9 got the head off. at 11 finished the body. Lat 32-21 Long 82-08

Remarks Saturday July 20th
Began with half a gale from the S. at 1 P.M. commenced on the head. at 2 3/4 finished. at 5 got the case sailed and overboard. blowing strong with heavy squalls. took in the Port Top Sail. to rigged to ball. Latter part strong winds. at 7 A.M. commenced sailing. Lat 32-01 Long 82-28

Remarks Sunday July 21st 1872
Began with fresh breezes S.E. heading by to the westward. Employed bailing. Latter part fresh breezes from N.W. and thick weather. This is my birth day. 50 years old. And thirty three of them been passed on the Ocean. With the exception of the time passed at home between voyages. No Ob.

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Remarks Monday July 22nd 1872.
Began with fresh breezes and rain from the Westward. Employed bailing. Middle part Rain. at 1 P.M. wind hauled to the South. Latter part fresh breezes from S.E. Stowed down the head. Lat 31-32 Long 82-47

Remarks Tuesday July 23rd
Began with strong winds from S.E. Employed bailing under two close reefed Top Sails. at 4 P.M. finished and put on the Lead to Cook. Latter part moderate breezes and cloudy. finished stowing down the oil. Stowed 90 bbls. No Ob.

Remarks Wednesday July 24th
Began with moderate breezes from S.E. and rain. Employed washing ship. Latter part moderate winds repaired the Gally works and oiled the windlass and gear. Lat 31-33 Long 83-38

Remarks Thursday July 25th
Began with light airs and calm. Latter part light breezes from E.S.E. heading S.E. repaired the machine. No Ob.

Remarks Friday July 26th
Began with light airs from Eastward. Latter part fresh breezes from the S. under double reefs. Lat 32-05 Long 83-32

Remarks Saturday July 27th
Began with fresh breezes from S.E. and squalls. Saw 3 ship backs. Latter part strong winds from E by S. heading to the S. under close reefs. at 11 1/2 saw a large whale going quick to the windward. no chance to lower for him. we have hard luck in seeing whales in rugged weather. and going to the windward.  Lat 32-20 Long 83-38