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 the vessel with a few men. Each watch
 has five men besides the boat-header who
 has no watch while cruising unless
 in taking care of a whale. When his
 presence is necessary on deck. These watches
 number according to the boats in use
 if three as ourselves then there are three
 boatcrew watches and the time from
 taking in sail at night to the time of call-
 ing all hands in the morning is divided
 into three periods so that one watch
 succeeds another until they all have their
 turn during the night. During the day
 they are with the remainder of the crew
 with the exception of officers, cooper and
 carpenter and in fact sometimes the two
 latter are regulated into Starboard and
 Larboard watches the one has the forenoon
 from breakfast to 12 M. below the other
 from dinner to 4 P.M. and so alternat-
 ing. All hands are called at 4 P.M. and
 are employed in clearing up decks pumping
 ship. Boat-lead with us for all vessels do not
 leak and from this to sunset or the
 time for taking in sail is the dog watch.
 Lat $40^{\circ}12'$ Lon. $32^{\circ}20'$

Sunday August 7th

A very pleasant day. Steering
 on the wind which is light from the S.W.
 This forenoon caught a porpoise - Afternoon
 light showers. Saw Killers got more. Lat.
 $40^{\circ}39'$ Lon. $32^{\circ}24'$

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 August 8th

A disagreeable storm of wind
 and rain from S.E. Towards noon
 increasing double reefed topsails took
 in jibbs main sail and spanker
 and set fore and main spencers.
 At night large seas running took
 in fore top sail. The appearance
 of a dark dismal gloomy night
 no observation.

August 9th

Not much refreshed this
 morning having been ~~pi~~ affected and
 rolled about during the night
 most unmercifully. And no change
 At 11 A.M. raining ceased and
 wind abated. 2 P.M. discovered
 a sail on our Starboard bow and
 at same time Killers on our
 quarter. Capt. fired a musket
 at one which came near us.
 The ball struck him in the side
 but as it was supposed without
 doing any injury only made him
 break and disappear under water.
 This afternoon our 3^d mate who
 has lately complained of a slight
 indisposition is more unwell ^{since} apprehending
 a severe turn of dysentery. The heavy seas
 begin to settle away and there is
 every indication of better weather. No ob-