

about noon but have got no more sail on yet
Lat. $33^{\circ}50'$ Long. $19^{\circ}20'$.

Dec 19th/854.

Wind from the N. and no change in the weather. Made all sail to day. Steering N. by E. Breaking out water and getting ready for stowing. All hands very busy. Lat. $33^{\circ}58'$ Long. $20^{\circ}50'$.

Dec. 20.

Wind and course same most of the day. Stowing down. This whale yielded 115 bls. Towards night lized off the ship and now everything is nice and clean again. These whales do make dirty work but bring clean money. Lat $34^{\circ}09'$ Long. $22^{\circ}38'$

Dec. 21.

Good weather and wind still continued without change in our course. All sail set. Have set up to day shrouds to the amount of 80 bls. and our hopes are that we may soon fill them. Whether this is to be so or not time alone must explain. It is at best a precarious business and not altogether so inviting as those who have never tried it might be led to suppose. Lat. $34^{\circ}36'$ Long. $23^{\circ}40'$

Dec. 22.

Morning cloudy. About noon signs of a change and pretty soon the clouds let fall

several smart showers upon us and then it began to blow and rain steady with sea rising. Before night the gale increasing double reefed topsails taking in S. G. sail jibs and spanker. The main sail has just been furled and we are now heading N. by E. and rolling badly. Once in a while the bark dives into it as if she would go all under, but she triumphantly conquers and rides above the huge waves. To night not raining quite so hard just enough to keep us wet to the skin that's all. No dr.

Dec. 23.

Leaving too with the gale changed to N. N. W. but no rain for which we are very thankful, glad to get a chance to dry our clothing. No other changes. Lat. $35^{\circ}00'$ Long. $26^{\circ}48'$.

Dec 24 Sunday.

Wind hauled to N. S. W. Course N. W. by E. and weather improving. Although quite a pleasant Sabbath have read considerable. It is long time since the bark has been in so good sailing trim as now, having improved her by stowing our last barrel of oil and she glides over the noisy waves free and easy with sail on. Lat $34^{\circ}02'$ Long. —

Dec. 25.

To day is Christmas but a remarkable day for events with us but with our friends at home how shall we imagine it has passed?