

ripple is all that disturbs its peaceful bottom. Seems almost impossible that it should ever be agitated in such wild confusion as we have often seen it. But it must not be supposed that while we cruise on the river we shall be exempt from bad weather for it is related that hard gales are frequently known here to which our bloom not long since would be but an interlude. We must take it and make the best of it as it comes Lat $38^{\circ}37'$ Lon. $47^{\circ}42'$

Jan. 16.

Another lovely day and wind light from S. E. Not much doing. We are all extremely anxious this good weather to see whales. are very unwilling however since from long exposure we have become used to misfortune to admit of any discouraging reflections. Though the water is deep, hope is yet our anchor. When we think of our hard luck we should remember Jacob's Faithful's "better luck next time".

During the afternoon the water has appeared quite green and a strong tide rip observed probably the effect of the river current when months past a wide range to the westward Lat. $36^{\circ}47'$ Lon. $47^{\circ}42'$.

Jan. 17.

Still pleasant and steady breezes. Saw a merchantman bound in to the coast. No other change Lat $34^{\circ}12'$ Lon. —

Jan. 18.

Wind increasing from the N. E. and the sea rugged again. Whales have been round several times. Could not get one. At 5 P. M. took in jib and No sail and double reefed J. sails the sea at same time increasing. At night the No. Topmast Stay sail parted aloft and came down by the gun. Got it up again in a short time and have a piece in studd for a new one. Took in J. T. sail and signs look ominous of a gale ahead. No obs.

Jan. 19.

No more signs of a gale as the wind continues steady. Sea going down. Set J. T. sail and fore sail. Made a sail this morning - a brig having an English appearance. Finished our new stay and as soon as it comes smooth will set it up. Before night the sail was out of sight and raised another to wind ^{toward} could not make her out. Lat. $37^{\circ}31'$ Lon. $49^{\circ}43'$

Jan. 20.

No change of account Lat $38^{\circ}36'$ Lon. $50^{\circ}00'$.

Jan. 21 Sunday.

It is a gale at last but not a very severe one. By a gradual hauling of the wind we head well to the sea with close reefed No. J. sail. At J. mast stay sail and J. sail we ride it as easily as can be imagined.