

point of land After it got rested it flew into the cabin several times and is now perched for the night on the letter box as quiet and gentle as can be as if selecting our sympathy. It has already enlisted mine and I intend to feed it so long as it shall stay with us.

Lat. $37^{\circ}10'$ Lon. $35^{\circ}38'$.

May 14.

Calm and very pleasant. Sent down A and M to tails and bent old ones in place Lat $37^{\circ}54'$ Lon. $34^{\circ}24'$.

May 15.

Light air sprang up this morning from S.W. which continued. Weather glorious fine. Course morning E. by S. afternoon E. S. E. Set at bob stay. Our little visitor the swallow is dead died last night not for want of care but probably a sea life didn't agree with it.

Lat. $38^{\circ}15'$ Lon. $32^{\circ}57'$.

May 16.



Wind blowing fresh from the S. morning set up. S. S. mast back stays. Made Flores at 1 P.M. bearing S. about 50 miles. Steering easterly. To night there is something reported from aloft that looks like land ahead. Thought to be Pico as it is seen at a great distance.

Porpoises have been round to day in large numbers. Played well under our bows. Caught 3. Just at night saw a brig on our S. bow steering E. who she

May 17th 1855

Wind from E. N. E. Tacked last night at 12 o'clock and stood about S. E. taking in light sails. This morning strong breeze still ahead. Made another tack stood along under all sail. Made the island bearing E. S. E. Towards noon wind increasing to a gale at same time some rain and finding we could not weather the island besides wishing for better weather when we do go in we hauled off on the Southern tack and shortened sail. Rained till 3 P.M. when it cleared away and gave a Breeze steering Easterly wind at this time from N. E. Soon after a Schooner bound to the islands. Some talk of discharging our present steward or leaving him to get better.

May 18. Run in this morning with a fair wind and laying off and on all day. Light on shore shipping hands to supply the places of those who deserted us at our last port. He came off at 1 P.M. and O. glorious news precious mementos what I have so long desired and yet so often disappointed about. He brought 3 letters for me. Ah how eagerly I devoured the contents of these the first ones at so late a period and then the good news so much better than I expected all well at home. Was glad to learn that many letters had been written though unfortunately for me I never received them. If any thing brings consolation to the sailor after he has been so many months away from home.