

Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland

1878 Tuesday April 7th Comes in with fine weather and moderate Trade winds. Employed Cutting in a Whale finished about 2 P.M. Spoke the Islander Capt Swift & Mr Travis Come on board in the night at 2 AM. Saw nothing of importance Lat 25° 52' S Long 107° 36' E

Wednesday April 10th The watch employed boiling with strong breeze from from S.W. the Bark under close reefed main topsail middle part much the same Ends with better weather. Saw nothing. Lat 26° 08' S Long 106° 04' E

Thursday April 11th This day good weather light winds from S.E. Employed boiling finished about 2 P.M. Ends with fine weather Lat 25° 50' S Long 106° 15' E

Friday April 12 Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. middle and latter part more breeze Saw one finback The watch employed Stowing down oil in main Hatchway finished about dark Lat 25° 08' S

Saturday April 13th This day good weather and moderate trades the Bark on the Eastern tack middle and latter part strong trades at daylight wore round heading S.E.W. Saw nothing. Lat 24° 31' S Long 106° 38' E

Sunday April 14th These twenty four hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark on different tacks middle and latter part quite rough Saw Gampusses and a few birds Lat 25° 03' S Long 106° 38' E

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1878 Monday April 15th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark on the Eastern tack. Employed breaking out for beef and Sunday jobs. Saw squid Lat 23° 46' S Long 106° 56' E

Tuesday April 16th This day fine weather and moderate trade winds. The Bark Steering to the Eastward at daylight Steered off N. 45° E. middle and latter part light air Saw nothing of importance Lat 23° 23' S Long 106° 55' E

Wednesday April 17th First part of this day light winds from S.W. steering S.E. Middle part Calm Ends with good breeze from South. Saw nothing employed unbauling blocks Lat 23° 49' S Long 107° 56' E

Thursday April 18th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.W. Steering to the S.E. at daylight tacked to the Westward. Saw nothing. In ends seven months from home with 238 lbs all told Lat 23° 57' S Long 108° 50' E

Friday April 19 This day good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. Steering by the wind to the E.S.E. Saw Gampusses but no whales Lat 24° 55' S Long 109° 43'

Saturday April 20th First part of these twenty four hours strong breeze from S.W. the Bark Steering to the S.E. at 10 P.M. tacked to the N.W. Middle and latter part Moderate breeze wind steering to the South Saw a few finbacks and porpoises Lat 25° 00' S Long 109° 24' E

Sunday April 21st This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the South Steading to the S.W. Saw nothing Lat 25° 25' S Long 108° 20'