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Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland

Feb 10th This day Comes in with Strong S. East trades. the Bark Steering by the wind to the S. S. W. The last three weeks has passed away without seeing anything of importance. We have cruised from Cape Horn to Lat 26° 00' S. and now are bound out South again when I hope to see something worth taking. These are dry times. Lat 32° 00' Long 105° 00' E.

Tuesday Feb 11th These twenty four hours strong breezes from S. E. The Bark steering by the wind to the S. S. W. Middle part Squally. Ends with good weather at daylight. Made all sail. Saw birds. No fish. Cooper making over Casks. Small ones out of large ones. Lat 33° 20' S Long 104° 29' E.

Wednesday Feb 12th This day good weather and moderate breezes from South. the Bark steering by the wind heading E. S. E. Saw killers going to the Westward. Ends with fine weather the Cooper making small Casks. the watch employed overhauling blocks. Lat 34° 11' S Long 104° 00' E.

Thursday Feb 13th Comes in with good weather and moderate southerly winds. the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks. Employed breaking out in the main hatchway laying planks for a rubber room. Saw nothing worth mention. Lat 34° 00' S Long 103° 18' E.

Friday Feb 14th These twenty four hours fine weather and light variable winds. the Bark working to the Southward and Eastward. Carrying all sail. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with fine weather. Employed cleaning the anchors and painting them. Lat 34° 20' S Long 103° 34' E.

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Saturday Feb 15th This day Comes in with fresh breeze from S. S. W. the Bark steering by the wind to the S. E. Middle and latter part much the same. latter part wind veering to the S. E. E. Saw nothing of importance. Lat 34° 58' S Long 108° 38' E.

Sunday Feb 16th Comes in with fresh breeze from S. E. steering by the wind heading East. Middle part wind veering to the Eastward. Ends with good breeze all sail out. Saw a small piece of squid. and a few birds. Lat 34° 31' S Long 111° 16' E.

Monday Feb 17th These twenty four hours fresh breezes from S. S. E. the Bark on the wind steering to the Eastward. at daylight tacked to the S. W. at 7 AM wore round to the E. S. E. and wore ship again at 10 AM. Ends with strong breezes. Employed overhauling boat tackle and sails. Nothing seen. Lat 34° 04' S Long 112° 36' E.

Tuesday Feb 18th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breezes from S. S. E. The Bark on the Southern tack at 7 AM. tacked to the Eastward. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with good weather. Lat 34° 33' S Long 112° 00' E.

Thursday Feb 20th First part of this day good whole sail breeze from S. S. W. the Bark standing to the Eastward. Middle and latter part Squally and some rain. Ends with rough weather at 2 P.M. Saw Cape Horn bearing E. 35 miles distant. Lat 34° 30' S Long 114° 25' E.

Friday Feb 21st This day Comes in with strong trade winds the Bark steering to the S. W. Saw one vessel running off before the wind. a Merchantman. The watch employed breaking out for Beef & pork. Started a large Cask of Bread. 336 Galls. Lat 35° 15' S Long 113° 24' E.