

Bark Mabel. Cruising on New Holland

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Tuesday Sept 23rd This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind to the S.W. Employed repairing the Starboard Boat Put out the Waist Boat and took in the new one Saw one finback

Lat 27° 10' S Long 109° 51' E

Saturday Oct 4th Comes in with bad weather fresh Gale from W. S.W. steering E. N.E. at 1 P.M. luffed to the wind heading N.W. by N. plenty of birds & saw one finback. The last few days working out South have seen nothing of importance.

Lat 35° 15' S Long 113° 30' E

Monday Oct 6th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. with passing rain squalls. Employed breaking out for meat at 9 A.M. Saw sperm Whales a large body of them not going much, but heading to windward. Lowered for them with three Boats. The starboard and waist boats struck. The mates whale run and had to cut. The second mate saved his whale. The 3rd mate dived did not get fast during the night lost the whale Lat 34° 25' S Long 114° 15' E from alongside

Wednesday Oct 8th This day Commences with good weather and moderate breeze from West steering S.E. at 7 am raised Whales heading to the S.E. but not going much lowered three Boats. The 2nd & 3rd mate fast and saved their Whales. The mate struck and line bit off. Struck again and lost the whale. The whale run and had to cut. The mate got his hand badly skinned with the line

Lat 34° 31' S Long 114° 06'



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Thursday Oct 9th These twenty four hours. Good weather and strong breeze from S.S.E. the Bark heading E by S. all hands employed cutting in a rough sea on. Cut in one whale and got the head nearly off the other one the hook tore out and had to give it up.

Lat 34° 09' S Long 114° 58'

Friday Oct 10th This day good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind to the South. This morning hooked on and cut in the whale that was alongside finished about 10 AM. latter part clearing heads and bailing Cases.

Lat 33° 30' S Long 114° 00'

Saturday Oct 11th This day fresh easterly gale and heavy sea the Bark under close reef main topsail. Employed boiling. Ends with a little better weather.

Lat 34° 30' S Long 112° 30' E

Sunday Oct 12th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S.S.E. Middle and latter part nearly calm. Saw finbacks and squid employed boiling

Lat 35° 05' S Long 112° 20' E

Monday Oct 13th This day fine weather and moderate westerly wind. the Bark steering E. by South. all hands employed stowing down oil. finished about 5 P.M. Saw nothing of importance

Lat 34° 50' S Long 113° 20'

Wednesday Oct 15th Comes in with fresh Gale from South with squally weather. Yesterday the same. Saw Birds and finbacks.

Lat 34° 45' S Long 114° 00'