

Bark Mabel Cruising on New Zealand

May 6th 1880 Saturday. Comes in with fine Weather and moderate breeze from E.N.E. the Bark steering on different tacks working to windward. Saw nothing of importance. This day W^m Hill was put in irons for not coming on deck when it was his watch and for using mutinous language. Saying he would not stay on deck as a punishment for being below in his watch. and that he was in irons ten hours. and then let out after promising better behaviour.
Lat 34.40' S Long 176.30 E

Monday May 7th This day fine Weather and good Whol sail breeze from E.N.E. the Bark heading on the Starboard tack. Saw Squid and one finback. This morning passed a large steamer.
Lat 34.05 S Long 178.00

Saturday May 8th The last two days fine weather and moderate breeze. yesterday Wind from S.W. and Squally. The Bark steering to the North. This morning Steered off North with a Southerly wind. at 2 P.M. saw the French Rock bearing E.N.E. about 15 miles dist.
Lat 31.34' S Long 178.48 W.

Sunday May 11th This day fine Weather and moderate breeze from N.E. the Bark steering to the North at 3 P.M. Spoke Ship, California Capt. Brightman. Brought 1 Coil of Trawl and hand lance Whaling Gun and box of lances. Custer's Rocks in sight.

Wednesday May 12th This day stormy Northerly Winded and rough Sea. Two Whales in sight. Saw one finback.

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1880. Sunday May 16th The last three days Strong Westerly winds. The Bark on different tacks. This day Commences with fine Weather and light Westerly winds. Steered off S.E. At noon Steered N.E. Saw nothing. Ends with fine weather.
Lat 31.30' S Long 179.05 E

Wednesday May 26th This day Comes in with Good weather and light winds from North the Bark steering to the E.N.E. at 7 A.M. saw a large body of Sperm Whales going N.E. Lowered three Boats. Chased all day and with the usual luck. Sunday Island bearing N.W. 30 miles dist.
Lat 29.36' S Long 177.15 W.

Monday May 31 These twenty four hours good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. At sunset took in sail and lay to with the fore topmast. At day light Steered off North at 9 A.M. saw Sperm Whales going to the S.E. lowered the three boats in Chase the 2nd Mate struck and got stove. The 3rd Mate took the whale and killed and saved him got him alongside about sunset. Took in the Waist boat and put out a new one. This Whale was taken on the Basque Ground.
Lat 26.30' S Long 173.49 W.

Tuesday June 2nd Comes in with good breeze from W.N.W. all hands employed cutting in a large Whale. got the head off and body in and set the Watch. No observation.

Wednesday June 2nd This day fine Weather all hands. Employed cutting head baling Coa. Commenced baling about 8 P.M. No observation.