

February 1853

Ship Mary cruising for whales off the coast of Patagonia
 courses S W S Saturday Feb the 26th Hc
 W S Began a fresh breeze cloudy weather
 Here ship employed repairing the main
 top sail at sundown took in sail
 W by S S E saw fin backs at day light made some
 Repairing sail with a light breeze foggy weather
 saw number of fin backs as before

Lat by Obs 46-00 S
 Long by Chron 60-04 W

Sunday Feb the 27th Hc killed a Hog
 S W by W S E fresh breeze cloudy weather at 4 PM got
 Green Water through repairing main top sail & bent it
 saw fin backs porpoises & right whales
 lowered 2 boats without success at sun down
 shortened sail middle & latter parts blowing
 a moderate gale & cloudy weather & ends
 Lat 350 S

Monday Feb the 28th Hc
 W by S S Strong breeze & hazy weather under
 Green Water double reefed top sails at 5 PM hazy
 Here ship squalls took in sail & sail right
 at day light made all sail light breeze
 & clear weather ship's leak was 32.5 strokes
 Lat by Obs 45-55 south
 Long by Chron 60-26 West

From a youth i've been subject to strife
 my unlucky form seems to fit ill
 for i never could get me a wife
 because i'm so ugly and little
 i'm one of those withering roots
 such a poor little bony leg & skinny thing
 that i'm scarcely four feet in my boots
 and they say i'm too little for any thing

March 1853

Hunting for Whales off the coast of Patagonia
 courses W by S Tuesday March the 1st
 W S fresh breeze & hazy weather all sail set
 N W caught a porpoise at sun down shortened
 Green Water sail & sounded 60 fathoms water at day light
 middle part moderate gale at 10 PM made sail
 thick foggy weather leak 300 strokes

Lat by Obs 45-49 S
 Long by Chron 61-39 W

Wednesday March the 2nd
 W S S fresh breeze & cloudy weather under double
 Green Water reefed top sails at sun down shortened sail & number
 S W E S E of fin backs in sight at daylight set all sail
 light breeze & fine weather at 9 PM saw
 Wright Whales lowered all boats without
 success Lat 200 Lat by Obs 45-45 S Success
 Long by Chron 62-25 West

Thursday March the 3rd Hc
 S S W S E fresh breeze & clear weather all sail set
 Green Water one boat in sight at sun down shortened
 sounded 68 fms gray sand at day light made
 S E N W some sail strong breeze & cloudy weather
 ship's leak as before Lat by Obs 46-14 south
 Long by Chron 62-20 West

Friday March the 4th Hc
 N E S W Began a fresh breeze & foggy weather
 at 5 PM shortened sail at day light
 calm set close reefed top sails moderate gale
 E N E & hazy weather saw porpoises & ends
 Lat 300 S Lat by Obs 46-16 south
 Long by Chron 60-04 West

Saturday March the 5th Hc
 S W W N W moderate gale & cloudy weather at sun down
 Here ship shortened sail & hove the lead 70 fms water gray
 S W S W at day light made sail light breeze & hazy
 Here ship 2 merchant ships in sight steering to the
 southward & Eastward leak the same

Lat by Obs 45-59 south
 Long by Chron 60-30 West