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Dec 1853

Ship Mary cruising to the southward of River de La Plata

Course S Wind S W fore part strong breeze & cloudy W at sea down state

SSE ENE ed sail & left to the wind at daylight made sail moderate
SSE E large & hazy W sail in sight saw pinbacks brought
four porpoises

Leak 300 S

Friday Dec the 23rd H
SSE E light breeze & hazy W all sail set saw pinbacks
SE ENE at sundown shortened sail at daylight made sail
light air & hazy W saw pinbacks & grampuses &
porpoises leak 250 S

Saturday Dec the 24th H
SSE NW light breeze & hazy W all sail set saw pinbacks
SSE SW grampuses & porpoises at sundown shortened sail
SSE W middle part attended with thunder lightning & rain
ESE S latter part strong breeze & rain squalls under short sail
saw pinbacks & porpoises Leak 400 S Lat by orls

Sunday Dec the 25th H
ESE S begins with a fresh gale & cloudy under close reefed
main top sail & spencers saw pinbacks & porpoises
SSE SW middle part moderated latter part light breeze & clear
trade all sail saw pinbacks & porpoises & a few
Leak 450 S Lat by orls 38° 42' S
Long by chron

Monday Dec the 26th H
S W fore part strong breeze & clear W saw pinbacks at 6
SSE E took in all sail down to close reefed main top sail
WSSW NW fore sail & spencers middle & latter parts fresh gale &
SSE W rainy weather leak 750 S Lat by orls
Long by chron

Tuesday Dec the 27th H
SSE SW fore part moderate gale & cloudy W under short sail
ESE S middle & latter parts fresh gale & squalls of rain
S W under close reefed main top sail & spencers & seals
SSE W Leak 1000 S

Cruising to the southward of River de La Plata Dec 1853

Course S Wind S W fore part strong breeze & cloudy W at sea down state

SSE SW fore part blowing a heavy gale & rain squalls at 2 PM
ESE S stowed the main top sail middle & latter parts blowing
have in squall & raged & some rain leak as before
Lat by orls

Thursday Dec the 29th H
ESE S a fresh gale from the southward & hazy W at 4 PM set
the main top sail at 4 PM spoke dark Mary got a
SSE SW yards from calas at daylight fresh breeze made sail
st 5 PM saw 3 sperm whales lowered all boats
saw 4 whale
boat fastened likewise I boat got stove
killed him & took him along side at 12 o'clock at noon
Leak 500 S Lat by orls

Friday Dec the 30th H
SSE NW fresh breeze & hazy W commenced cutting at 9 PM left
green water
at daylight commenced again at 11 PM got his look in
having a strong breeze & raged left the head along side
past with 2 cutting falls & a fluke chane Leak 650 S
Lat by orls
Long by chron

Saturday Dec the 31st H
WSSW NW fore part strong breeze & hazy W commenced boiling
SSE W middle & latter parts strong breeze & squalls of rain
try watches some thunder & lightning the watch employed
trying out the head along side leak as before

January tack of the journey