

Bark Mary & Susan. toward Huafu.

Remarks Saturday Dec 22nd 1877

Begins with fresh breeze from N.E. Course N.W. This breeze lasted about 3 hours and backed up and hauled back to the Eastward. at 3 P.M. changed the Course to N.W. by W. Saw four sails. The Shakespeare and Matilda still in company. The Shakespeare has been in sight, except two days when it was thick, since Sunday before last. 13 days. We was then in Lat. 51 or 52 on the other side, North of Station Land. I never saw so pleasant time around Cape Horn as this has been thus far. and I feel thankful for it. Barometer 29⁷/₁₀. The signal it has been for 21 days. Latter part moderate breeze from S.E. and fine weather Course N.W. The Matilda and Shakespeare in company. Barometer 29⁷/₁₀ and slowly rising. Lat 53-35 Long 78-20

Remarks Sunday Dec 23rd.

Begins with light breeze from S.E. Course N.W. three sails in sight. The Matilda close to us. The Shakespeare our old company keeper is circling astern. We keep raising them and circling them astern out of sight. 12 days ago we was in this Lat on the other side. A short and pleasant time around the Cape. Barometer 29⁷/₁₀ and slowly rising. Latter part fresh breeze from S.W. Course N.W. by N. Sea smooth. three sails in company. we are leading them off. Barometer 30⁵/₁₀₀. and slowly rising. Lat 51-32 Long 79-20

Remarks Monday Dec 24th

Begins with pleasant breeze from S.W. Course N.W. three sails in sight. The Matilda and Shakespeare are two of them. Barometer 30²/₁₀ Latter part pleasant breeze from S.W. Manned Mast heads to look for Whales. Barometer 30²/₁₀ Lat 48-39 Long 79-14

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Remarks Tuesday Dec 25th 1877.

Begins with moderate breeze from S.W. Course N.W. at 3 P.M. changed the Course to N. at 4 to N. by W. three sails in sight. The Matilda and the Shakespeare still in company. We shall probably lose sight the 1 to night as our Courses are different. at 7 four sails in sight. Barometer 30²/₁₀. Latter part fresh breeze from the South and cloudy. at 7 A.M. changed the Course to N. by E. for Huafu. This Christmas. we had the best we have. I cut one of my cakes, and found it good as ever. had Curry Pie, Mutton stew, and Cherry pudding. But I have changed for home, and the friends I have there. I know they must have thought of, and missed me in their little circle. May the Lord speed the day that we meet again. The sails have all gone out of sight. Barometer 30¹⁵/₁₀₀ Lat 46-25 Long 78-05

Remarks Wednesday Dec 26th

Begins with fresh breeze from S and occasional fog squalls. Course N. by E. Barometer 29³⁶/₁₀₀ Latter part weather and winds much the same. Course N.E. by N. N. Barometer 30⁷/₁₀₀ Huafu Dist 40 miles Lat 44-20 Long 76-20

Remarks Thursday Dec 27th

Begins with moderate breeze from S. by W. Course N.E. by N. N. at 6 P.M. launched the 8 Saw Boat overboard and hoisted her up on her cranes. Huafu ought to be in sight if it was clear. Latter part strong winds and squalls from the Westward. at 4 P.M. saw Huafu bearing N.E. by E. 30 miles Dist. a whaling bark in sight. at 9 A.M. double reefed. at 10¹/₂ took in main sail jib and spanker. at noon were shot to the S. Barometer 29⁸⁵/₁₀₀ Lat 43-16 Long 75-27