

Bark Mermaid. Cruising on South Coast.



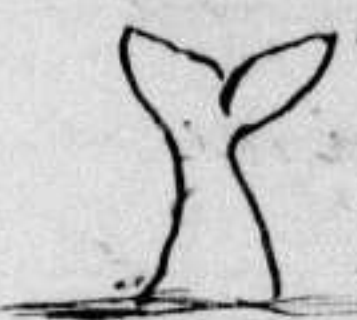
Monday July 22nd 1872. This day Comes in with good Breeze from N.W. the Bark Steering W. by S. at 10 A.M. Close reefed the Main topsail and curled the fore topsail. The wind blowing quite hard from N.W. at 5 P.M. the lee main topsail sheet parted and had to furl the Main topsail. The Gale increasing about sunset shipped a Sea that stove the Bow Boat back the Mast and starboard boat slightly knocked in the Sides of the deck. and Silver other small accidents. About 7 P.M. blowed away the Mizzen staysail all to pieces. John Boatliver hurt with a cask Lat 35.20 Long 122.10 E.

Saturday July 27. Comes in with Good weather and light Westerly winds. The Bark Steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. Employed repairing bow boat. Making a Mizzen staysail & stripping down topmast, at 4 P.M. spoke the Calao and got some boat nails and boat boards middle and latter part. fine weather Lat 35.25 Long 119.30

Sunday Sept 1st Comes in with Good weather and moderate trade winds. The Bark Steering W. middle and latter part much the same. The last two weeks has been pretty good weather we left King Geo Sound the 21st of Augt. and have seen nothing but fatbacks and porpoises. We have taken the Mrs. and family on board and we hope soon to be usefully employed getting oil Lat 28.16 Long 109.10 E

Sunday Sept 29th The last four weeks has passed away without seeing any whales. We have been Cruising on the west Coast in Lat. from 26 to 29 S & Long from 106 to 110 E. Sept 2nd left for the South Coast. Saw the land off Cape Lewis this morning bearing East about 20 miles Dist. Fatbacks and birds plenty. hope to see whales soon.

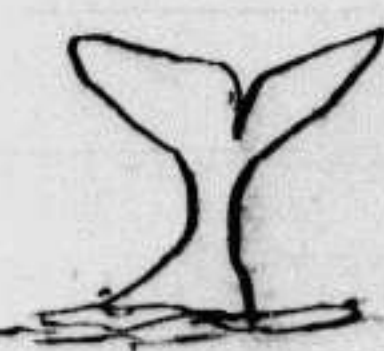
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Sunday Oct 6th This day Comes in with fresh Gale from the Westward the Bark Steering to the N.W. at daylight were Ship to the Southward and Ship in sight to the Westward. Last Thursday saw a lone whale going to the South no chance. Same day saw the Steamer Fishermen Cutting in Lat 35.10 Long 114.24 E

Monday Oct 7th Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from South Steering to the Westward middle and latter part moderate at 3 P.M. saw a Ship whaling about 5 P. saw the whale and lowered for him. The Steamer Fishermen struck and lost. no chance for us. Lat 35.20 Long 114.50

Tuesday Oct 11th This day fresh Gale from N.W. the Bark Laying too on the Starboard tack under Close reefed main topsail and staysails. This day Mr. Rodrick got his foot badly jammed with a cask while getting out water. Last Wednesday spoke Bark Islander 15 months 450 Hs Lat 35.40 Long 115



Monday Oct 14 Comes in with fresh breeze from the westward the Bark Standing to the Southward middle and latter part much the same at 7 A.M. saw Whales going quick to windward did not lower, no chance Lat 35.20 Long 114.50 E