

Nov. 1869

Thurs 11th
 Lat 1.34, 24th - in - Arrived in - and noted the time of
 Lat 2.25, 25th - Chromatic. The thermometer for the first time.
 The barometer has been off for two days has a large barometer

Friday 12th

We have had a first great wind for the first
 Lat 2.28, 26th - many years have passed the time. This morning
 Lat 2.10, 27th - saw a bird a few miles ahead of us, and passed
 him at nine o'clock, exchanged signals, at one
 o'clock he had gained on us so much that we
 were out of sight. Last night we caught a fish
 but lost some of it overboard today but not feeling
 very well the gift of it was sufficient for me.
 I have had a severe headache through the day.

Sat 28th

We have gone 180 miles since yesterday afternoon, and
 Lat 2.11, 29th - I am still going along nicely I am still on the whaling
 Lat 2.14, 30th - but although better than I was yesterday. This morning
 saw a green turtle from Westport. Cook is trying
 out the barometer. Caught a fish at night. it will make
 about two gallons.

Sun 21st

Lat 2.16, 1st - Another Sabbath finds us all well. we have now
 Lat 2.21, 2nd - a favorable wind and going along nicely. The day
 has been very quiet. Not even a bird in sight.

Mon 22nd

Lat 2.30, 3rd - We are still going on with frequent gales. white mugs
 Lat 2.25, 4th - full our whaling sails, as we are wafted from hence
 nothing to be seen as far as the eye can reach, but we
 vast expanse of salt water. but hope soon to see a vessel
 hitherward bound. that we can send letters to. this morning
 did a little mending. this afternoon have commenced knit-
 ting a pair of colored hose for myself.

Tue 23rd

Another day is drawing to a close and we are
 Lat 2.38, 5th - time hurried miles farther from home than we were
 Lat 2.16, 6th - last night. Have nothing new to record. The quiet of
 our lives has not even been disturbed by the day
 of sail ho! but we are now on whaling ground
 and hope soon to see the joyful cry of three
 blows, and soon after be able to report as much
 as a hundred of sperm. My health is improving.

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Wed 24th - Have had light winds, it has been a beautiful day
 and now nearly sunset is still pleasant. Nothing
 Lat 2.17, 7th - of interest has occurred during the day. Four sails
 Lat 2.20, 8th - in sight from the mast head. two can be seen
 from the deck. one a very large ship with colors
 flying. but she is not near enough for us to ascertain what
 they are. George thinks them English. I call them American.
 wrote letters No 2 to Lydia last night.

Thurs 25th

Thanksgiving. finds us far from the old homestead
 where I have usually gathered with our family.
 How great the change two years has made then
 we were an unbroken family. now our Mother
 is in Heaven. Ambrose the ocean, and four of
 the family are here. I wonder if those left at
 home, ever had a family gathering. How many many
 times I have thought of the dear ones away.
 Though there has been many changes, and is much
 to make us sad, yet we have much to give
 thanks for, and hope we may not be ungrateful
 to our Heavenly Father for his many mercies.

We have had a cloudy day without any wind
 and seem to be lying still, so drifting with the tide.

Friday 26th

Have had a pleasant day. it has been very warm.
 Lat 2.42, 9th - I have finished another Lampston. This morning
 Lat 2.34, 10th - passed quite near us. steering more to the southwest
 than we are. Tonight we can see her in the distance
 we have been going on her. she is nearly ahead.

Sat 27th

The close of another week finds us all well, and
 Lat 2.50, 11th - I wish we could know that all our kind
 Lat 2.40, 12th - ones were also enjoying the great blessing of
 health. we have had a pleasant day but
 it is now cloudy and has the appearance
 of a storm, but hope it will not be severe.

Sun 28th

Lat 2.18, 13th - Another Sabbath is drawing to a close with us white at
 Lat 2.29, 14th - home I am imagining, our Sunday School gathered in their
 usual place. I would like to make one of their number, and
 like a Brother Watch, as he explains the lesson of the day.

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