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Thurs Jan 18th The morn was very pleasant. George & the crew
I went off in the Starboard Boat, fishing and a
Lat 41.54' have a fair, were gone about two hours and
Lon 11.11' returned. Minus. He fish. I enjoyed the sail very
much. It was the first time I had been on
of the ship since leaving home. I have taken
the sun twice today and made the Lat & Lon
exactly as George did. To a second. Without any help
from him. a knowing what his altitudes were with
mine was makes out. The weather has been very fine
and during the day but is now very foggy & dim.

Thurs 19th There has been a considerable swell on, with light
Lat 41.42' wind. I have felt quite sick during the day, but feel
Lon 11.23' better tonight. This morn passed a Ship and back
both bound South. Have been breaking out stars & other
Beams. Today, we are staying at St. C.

Thurs 20th Have had a pleasant day. Without much wind. Nothing
Lat 41.9' in sight. George has had a talk with the Holmes and
Lon 53.26' I hope it will make him more agreeable. I have put a
pocket in a pair of trousers for to carry, suppose he
will feel very proud when he puts them on. as before
was quite anxious for some time to have pockets and
this is the first he has had. I have also been some
mending and crocheting some. We are now staying at St. C.

Friday 21st Have had another pleasant day. Have seen a few birds
Lat 40.18' and several schools of Porpoise, but no Whales. We are now
Lon 56.2' on ground when many Whales have been taken in your
past. and hope to get something yet. Mr. Foster is
still sick, and today the Tanaka Boatstone was taken
sick again. It is either one or another all the time. George
has taken cold and that with the thoughts that he
have got no more oil. makes him very blue. We have
been on different tacks during the day hoping to
find whales.

Sat. 22nd We are still looking to the North. with light winds
This morn saw a Sail bound South. tonight there are
a good many birds in sight. also school of Albacore
and in the distance one contact.

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Sunday 23rd It was very foggy this morn but cleared up about
noon. Many birds around us, but if there was
Lat 38.26' Whales near the coast but not as many as the
Lon 53.20' day is so clear.

Mon. 24th Last night had a rain squall with lightning. the
Lat 36.20' rain continued during the morn. this afternoon has
Lon 54.54' been foggy. Nothing in sight. we are about two hours
from Montevideo. hope to be there in below. if
we have a fair wind, are going in on account of
the illness of the Captain, the second mate, he is no
better and hope will take him on shore for medical
advice.

Tues 25th Have had a severe storm. so we could not go
into Montevideo, and after laying in the mouth
Lat 34.57' of the River. all day with heavy wind. fog and
Lon 51.35' with a very heavy sea. Capt concluded to put out
to sea, and start for St. Catharines to land the crew
as we might have to stay there several days before
we could get in, and would be obliged to wait
for a fair wind to get out again. it was so rough
lying off the River that the boats were put on the
upper beach, and were then fearful of losing them.
but fortunately did not. and the passage to St. C.
we are on whaling ground all the way, and
hope to get some more oil before we get in.
Last night saw a school of Fur Seals, and Porpoise.
I would have liked to go in to Montevideo
so we could have got news from home. but
can send down for them and have them when
we return to St. Catharines. in the spring. I will try
to wait patiently a few days. the longer, finished up
twelve letters, expecting to mail them at Montevideo
but will have to add a few lines, just before
we reach St. Catharines. Three sails in sight.

Wed 26th Another day is closing, and we have seen nothing. The wind
Lat 34.21' is unfavorable. so we do not start as early as we
Lon 48.34' would like to get on before tomorrow. Mr. Foster remains
about the same. My health has not been as good as usual. for several days.