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has been very rough and stormy, the whale have been in sight the most of the day, in fact the weather been quiet. I think we would have had one. I have been working on his head. Shullie seems quite well again.

Dec 22nd

The moon shined, with fog and rain, but cleared up towards noon, about 2 PM. raised Whales and seen after sunset three boats. The Holmes fastened to one, at twenty minutes of five, and at seven it was sporting close. The other boats had not got to him we were quite near with the ship and Capt. Wheeler his boat and went to them and killed the whale, and sent the Bow Boat ahead, returned finished about half past eight. it is now half past nine, and we have not got it alongside yet. The wind has changed, is directly ahead, we are working to the boats as fast as possible hope to get to them soon. The weather looks stormy and the barometer is going down. I hope we will not have a storm until we get it out in. I have finished the feet and commenced another pair of pants.

Dec 23rd

Did not get the whale alongside until about twelve, when the Capt and Officer finished their supper it was a yachting to me.

Lat 37.30

I did not retire until they came down Long 17.57 to supper, and did not get to sleep until about one, so have a bad headache today it has been very rough, consequently very bad cutting in. it took them eight hours, it is a good whale, and will make nearly a hundred bbls.

Dec 24th

Commenced butchering this morning, it is very rough so can but only very slowly. it makes nice oil, I finished the Ribs this morning. Then after doing some mending, I commenced shaking over my Right Legging wrapped bare leg down the front cut shape in the back and put a supple around the bottom

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Dec 25th The weather is some better. The barometer rising Lat 37.13 but still a heavy sea on. I have finished my Leg 18.59 dress and cut one the sleeves of my dress coat.

Lat 26th

Three weeks today since we left St. Helena it seems longer. I have today finished my Leg 37.15 Garabaldi. Made a colored woolen shirt for Shullie out of an old one of his father's and mended him pair of old drawers. We have nearly finished butchering. will get through by five o'clock.

Dec 27th

Although it is the Sabbath, all hands have been busy. Strong stormy sea as the barometer looks stormy. Capt did not like Lat 37.26 to let it remain longer on deck. I think down lot bbls, against beginning I hope we may soon have as much more, it is very rough tonight. Barometer falling, expect a rough night.

Dec 28th

Have made a woolen shirt for Shullie, and ripped up my old silk shirt. The weather has been very rough, so I could not use my machine. There is a very heavy sea on.

Dec 29th

The weather is better today, with very little wind, but quite a heavy sea yet. I have made Shullie a pair of pants today Lat 36.88 out of an old pair of his father's. There has been a great many contacts around. Lat 17.3 1/2 no delay, a great many Albatrosses and two Right Whales.

Dec 30th

The weather is again stormy, with considerable wind. The prospect of a rough night. I have cut and made Shullie a thick back today Lat 36.16 all that button holes and buttons. Made it of cloth bought in St. Helena, it is very thick Lat 17.45 and warm, he will now be comfortable on deck, when it is quite cold.

Dec 31st

Had a rough night, today there is a heavy sea with very little wind, and very foggy. I have made the button holes in Shullie's back, ripped up my old silk from the waist, and cut out a white shirt for myself. My throat is very hot today. Stomach very hot.