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Sunday 15th. Have a pleasant day with a fine breeze. are going along finely hope to be on good whaling grounds soon. Freddie is five years old today and is very happy with a Jackknife his father gave him for a Birthday present, he had a bad toothache all night and kept me up a good deal. I was up eleven times during the night and consequently feel almost sick today.

Mon 16th Saw a Bark this morn and exchanged signals she showed Charles R Tucker's signal therefore we suppose it to be the Canton, Lapham. This afternoon saw another sail from mast head, but have not been near enough to see it from the deck.

Lat 34. 1 Long. 6. 58

I have repaired two suits of clothes for Hettie.

Tues 17th Have had a very pleasant day with very little wind. I have cut a suit of clothes for Hettie and made the pants with the exception of putting buttonholes, it being almost dark I cannot see to finish, nothing in sight. Steering S. The weather is much warmer than we have had since leaving St Helena.

Lat 8 34. 5 Long W. 6. 56

Wednes 18th This morn saw a sail to windward, after showing signals, the same down to us. it proved to be the Cape Horn Pigeon, Capt Hazard came on board and passed the day. His health is not good but seems better than when we saw him at St Helena he is very deaf and I have talked so loudly to make him understand that I am quite hoarse and very tired, have nearly finished Hettie's clothes.

Lat 8 34. 35 Long W. 7. 5

Thurs 19th This morn saw two sails, and this afternoon had another Sailors yarn. The vessels were the Bark Triton, Snell, and Starlight, Crapo. The Capts came on board me and the three mates went on board the Triton. They stopped to tea and until ten o'clock. Capt Hazard yesterday sent me a number of New Bedford papers when he returned last night. The Pigeon has 170 Sperm this season so reported the following Osprey, 90 Sperm 70 Whale. Globe 60 Sperm Triton 80 Sp. 60 Whale E. B. Phillips 30 Sperm Starlight 80 Sperm since leaving home in July last Myra, 70 Sperm

Lat 8 34. 34 Long W 6 55

afternoon picked up a small dead whale. Ohio 190 Sperm 180 whale since August last. 776 Morris Chase. ~~Hunter 250 Sperm 40 Whale~~ all total. Canton 60. Sperm Vigilant 40 Sperm 150 Whale. Osceola. 100 Whale. I have finished Hettie's suit and cut and partly made another for him.

Friday 20th Have been working on Hettie's Sutter, the two vessels we gammed with yesterday were in sight this morn early, but nothing in sight since.

Lat 34. 15 Long 6. 5

Sat. 21st Finished Freddie's suit and repaired two old ones. This forenoon Capt Smith raised a school of Blackfish, and lowered for them all four boats went down Mr Sylva headed the Starboard Boat for the first time and Jerry Phillips going Boatsteerer for the first time he struck first and got one, and the first Boat down after took one, they were very the other boats did not get a chance to strike, the matter seems full of fact and there is Porpoise, Sharks, Blackfish and a few birds around us we hope to find whales soon.

Lat 8 34. 15 Long W. 5. 34

Sunday 22d The day has passed away with nothing in sight I have spent the day reading, consequently have a severe headache tonight.

Monday 23d This morn spoke the Canton Lapham. Capt Smith went on board about ½ past nine. Mr Colwell came on board. the weather was not good the wind blowing quite hard so I did not think it suitable for me to go on board that day the weather was some better and Capt Smith came back bringing Capt and Mrs Lapham and children with him. They expected to be out now at 7, P.M. but just left us. They are bound to St Helena to leave Mrs Lapham. her health is not good and she is very homesick. is going home direct if there is no opportunity to go to the States will take the steamer for England. I sent eight letters by her. One to Mr Todd. one to Amos Fletcher Sam Lichie. Aunt Mary ~~Amelia~~ Emie. Mrs Lapham