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Sunday 24th Have had a pleasant day the first we find
a long time. Commenced a letter to Lydia
this morn. about three o'clock picked up
Whale. However the ship was O'Brien's Boat.
Sat 48.10 Parkhurst was fastened and Capt killed the
Seal 66. 4/4 Whale but it sunk very heavy so that all
three boats could not find hold him and
proper hooker ship down to them and
got him alongside then made sail to try
to raise it but could not finally got
some hard work got more lines and the
S. Luke Chain on him and got him up
now at ten o'clock they are just cutting
off the head. Think it will make an
excellent table with the one we got last week.
Luther has just gone to sleep expecting
Santa Claus to fill his stockings. I have
got almost several little books a box of blocks
juggles, and a bag of things Mrs Carroll
gave me to hunt for him, and will soon
fill the stockings then write a little note
to Lydia as I cannot go to bed until the
Whale is in.

Mon 26th Luther was delighted with his presents, and
I also found something for myself in the bag
Mrs Carroll gave me for Luther. I got Mark on
Sat 48. 2nd blue ribbon, with a picture of a snow bird
Sat 66. 57 singing and the birds a noisy chatter
and happy New Year around it. Another bath
a cross and the birds take with the and follow
me a cushion covering. Stuffed with them
Cous and Chuchins with a covering for Cape Pill
stamped with gold patterns and feathers in
white muslin. The little hat a lace trim. Had
a pair of little scales, a very small china doll
the finished cutting in at half past one this
morn. commenced boiling out about seven
the blubber is very thick but not fat. Large
bag there is sufficient blubber to make 100 lbs.
if it was good. I have commenced embarking
a pair of slippers, I have taken out some of the

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Tues 26th The whale does not make much oil. We have
had a pleasant day but at noon the sun was
Sat 48.10 overcast so that but got the substance.
Sat 67.30 the land the moon. My throat is quite hot
it pains me considerably. have been working on
the slippers.

Wed 27th Have had a beautiful day. finished making last
night the whale made but just eight lbs. I
seem to have a severe cold. have pains all
Sat 48. 24 over me. think I have a small piece
Sat 67.14 gathering in my throat. This morn I have
two boxes of pain (ointment) ointment. It was
very nice. We sighted the land again today
and being very close we got a great
observation, and found the chronometers
about twelve miles west. I have written
a little on my slippers.

Thurs 28th Have had another beautiful day. this morn
we saw the land again. were nearer than
Sat 50. 6 we have been before since we came on this
Sat 67. 1/2 coast. Struck down the oil this morn here
now about eighty lbs. I have finished the
first slipper and commenced the second. My
throat is sore better today hope to be able
to wash tomorrow.

Friday 29th Another pleasant day and I have done my washing
today. Officers and men have had a new room
Sat 50. 30 left sail and finished drying. The boat and put
Sat 67. 52 it below. we are now far from good ground for whales
and looking anxious for them. if we do not
see some soon shall start for Cape Horn.

Sat 30th The weather is still good but there
are no whales to be seen and I fear
Sat 50. 58 we shall not see any more this side
Sat 68. 26 of Cape Horn. the season is passing and
unless we soon see whales shall
start on our way thinking the chance
better on the other side. Duty boys
sent down the main royal hutch and
are repairing the sail. shall not put it
up until we are around the Horn