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Thurs 10th We expected to get skates tonight but cannot as the wind has not been brought off. They have got it out and Capt has concluded to wait until Sat. Several of the men have been taken sick today appear to have the measles. We have got several thousand oranges. a quantity of chickens large turkeys. Pumpkins. The bunches of Passanum. The most still be brought off tomorrow. Capt has also bought a cow and calf for fifteen dollars. Am giving much good milk for day. This morning went out fishing a little while but caught nothing.

Fridy 11th We are now ready for seed mill seeds as soon as the breeze comes along. There are five men sick in the fore-cabin and the cabin boy. The boy has the measles I am very sure but I have not seen the others. Capt thinks they also have the measles. I feel very sick just now. I have lost them so I can take care of Melvin as he will probably have them too. Mr. Coffey is also sick today but as he has had the measles thinks his sickness occasional looking out in the sun so much.

Sat 12th

We took anchor at three o'clock. The men had a little breeze until about ten lines then have been drifting in shore, and we have been very bad. and worried but just before dark had a little breeze if it was only last a few hours we will be all right. Saw a large school of Humpbacks. Several two boats but could not strike. I have sometimes seen Shippers.

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Sunday 12th Have had a great breeze during the day but have some tonight. The weather is very warm. Thermometer stands at ninety. The most of the time in. My sun. Has not been below eighty-five since we left San Francisco. Monday 13th Have been at work on a patch case & what time I have felt like work. Sat 14th 53rd Was quite sick last night. do not feel much like work today. The ship has been given to the crew last very nice tonight. I was up in their new clothes.

Sat 15th The work has been a quiet one. and the secret of one day will answer very well for all. We have seen nothing but a few crew fish and Porpoise have had but little. Sun all the work are getting along very slowly. I have finished my watch case made a calico dress for myself. and cut two shirts for George and made a lot of old clothes. Elsie has been quite sick yesterday and today. but the same disease. The others have had I call it Red Rash or Pale Rash. The men have all got on well again.

Sunday 22nd Elsie is getting near. he has the measles quite bad. his eyes are very red. The day has been very warm and hot little wind. I washed this morning, and this P.M. have been obliged to hold Elsie. The most of the time he kept me awake nearly all night and from his appearance think I shall have to be up with him all of this night.