

Dec 13th - Made sail this forenoon, Squally all day.
A carcass floated by us towards night.

Dec 14th - Same weather as yesterday: under double reefed topsails all day. Saw "blow" about sundown.

Dec 15th. Pleasant as need be, Immense quantities of gonies are about the ship sitting upon the water. We have the whale that we took a few days since still in the "rubber room" waiting to take another before we try him out he is so small.

Dec 16th. A sail in sight this morning.

Dec 17th. Cloudy and squally.

Dec 18th. Unpleasant this morning, it cleared up however in the afternoon. Caught a large porpoise this afternoon.

Dec 19th. We "tried out" our whale to day, he was in reality one of the "mongers of the deep". We boiled all day and obtained 8 blb from him.

Dec 20th. Squally weather; "lay to" all the forenoon, but made sail after dinner though it was rather rough. Passed close to a ship that "laying to" this afternoon having probably a whale on board by the number of gonies and stinkers around; we supposed her to be a New Bedford ship by her looks.

Dec 21st. Land in sight this morning, said to be the isle of Child. We sent up our fore top gallant mast to day as we are about to leave these whaling grounds. Carried sail all day, but at night the wind hauled right ahead, and we took in sail.

Sun Dec 22nd. Under double reefed topsail the forenoon. A squall came on after dinner and we furled the fore sail and fore top sail, and

also reefed the main top sail, but before night whole topsails on her.

Dec 23rd. Carried sail last night, as we are now "bound off". We are going to cruise up along the coast in the "Spence" while ground before we go into port. Sent up the fore top gallant yard this forenoon.

Dec 24th. Fine, pleasant weather. We are now fast running into warm weather, which is very agreeable, considering the squally unpleasant weather we have been knocking around in for 2 or 3 months. Our lame man is getting along very well, as well as can be expected on this voyage. Lowered about 10 o'clock for black fish and got three.

Dec 25th. A merry Christmas to all at home; not very merry however out here.

Dec 26th. The weather grows warmer every day. We are now in Lat $36^{\circ} 33' N$; almost a dead calm to day; the black fish made about 2 blb; which we tried out to day made about 3 blb.

Dec 27th. Lowered about 10 o'clock for some kind of a whale, we know not what.

Dec 28th - Very warm weather, so that we begin to substitute thin clothing for thick.

Sun - Dec 29th - Foggy and wet, nearly all day. A sail in sight just at night.

Dec 30th - Bent the old fore top sail this afternoon.

Dec 31st. Bent the old main top sail again.