

of South to day of the "old man" to cover a hat. All hands are engaged in making hats, and not less than two dozen have been made since we left Siberia. A sail has been in sight all day.

Apr 16th. A sail was discovered to the windward of us this morning. "Blows" was heard this morning from mast head for the first time to the windward and we were in hopes of having a whale but they turned out to be fin backs or some other kind. All sail in the morning; double reefed topsails at noon and "close reefed main top sail" at night, it blowing a seal "snorter"; but a few minutes after we shortened sail it was a dead calm.

Apr 17th. Lowered about 9 o'clock A.M. for black fish. Not much wind through the day; cold weather.

Apr 18th. Lowered the fore top sail this morning and double reefed it, and were under reefed topsails all day as it was rather windy. The "old man" opened the "dip cask" this afternoon and nearly all forward obtained a new supply of clothing which were very reasonable.

I was clerk of the sale, and recorded the articles; towards night a whale was seen dead to windward blowing.

Apr 19th. A number of birds were seen this morning but were only fin backs. A school of porpoises around this forenoon. I covered my hat yesterday and the "old man" painted it to day as well as my old one; this makes not less than 18 or 20 which he has painted within a few days.

Sun. Apr 20th. Quarter watches all day, very cold weather.

Apr 21st. Saw plenty of hump backs to day, some of them "breaching" entirely out of water.

Apr 22nd. Lowered <sup>this afternoon</sup> ~~this afternoon~~ for night whale.

Apr 23rd. Lowered three times to day.

Apr 24th. Lowered soon after we made sail for hump back; lowered again about 7 o'clock

and Mr Watson fastened to a large right whale. Mr Williams then fastened, but it being very rough his boat was upset, and Mr Watson cut his line. They were all picked up by the other boat but the whale ran off with two tubs of line. The other boats chased the whale for some time, and were on top of him several times but did not succeed in fastening. They came aboard about 1 1/2 o'clock and then took in sail and lay to the rest of the day as it began to blow, whilst under water Mr Williams had two or three turns of the line around his neck which almost strangled him, but he succeeded in clearing himself.

Apr 25th. Lay to all day showing quarter watches.

Apr 26th. Made sail this morning with little or no wind but considerable swell. The weather has moderated, and it is quite warm to day.

Sun. Apr 27th. Rather cold; quarter watches.

Apr 28th. Foggy all day; reefed topsails this forenoon. We carried still last night as we are off the track of right whales, and I degree to the eastward of where we struck the whale, an account of the current setting that way; we are now somewhere near the Japan Islands.

Apr 30th. Reefed topsails this forenoon and took in all sail towards night as it began to blow.

May 1st. Blowing a gale all day.

May 2nd. Blowing a snorter and quarter watches all the time.

May 3rd. Made sail this morning, lowered before breakfast and lowered 7 times through the day. Mr Luce fastened to a right whale but the rope broke; plenty of whales all around the ship. Two sail in sight to day.