

Aug 25th, Set the whole main top sail this morning; smart breeze, but a very warm day; sprung the main top sail yard, slightly this morning, Lat $34^{\circ}42'$
Aug 26th, Reefed the main top sail during the night but set whole topsails this forenoon; saw plenty of jumpers breaching; we are now fairly off the right whaling ground, and on the sperm whaling ground of Japan; engaged in repairing the rigging, Lat $32^{\circ}35' N$, Lon $163^{\circ} E$.

Aug 27th, Hoveed for sperm whale this forenoon about 8 o'clock, but could not get near them. Took in sail at sundown; Lat $31^{\circ}4'$, raised a sail towards ^{the lee} night on Aug 28th, Saw breeches before breakfast, and off the lee quarter and hoveed about 7 o'clock for sperm whale; Mr Watson fastened to a small whale and turned him up in about 10 minutes, but we saw no more of the school; finished cutting about 2 o'clock and started the dories about 7 o'clock; saw a school of black fish alongside about 4 o'clock; plenty of sharks around whilst cutting.

Aug 29th, Boring; made sail at breakfast time but took all in in the afternoon, but close reefed main top sail and fore sail; blowing pretty fresh but clear sky, and warm; we are now going to cruise a spot for sperm whale before going into port, Lat $30^{\circ}19'$
Aug 30th, Blew a gale of wind in the night and we furled the fore sail, and curled down, but started the works again this forenoon; finished hiling at sundown. He turned up 35 fms; squall this afternoon; (hard day's work, and cold water for supper)

Sun Aug 31st, Pleasant day; lay to all day though having pea watches.

September 1st, Made sail this morning; all hands on deck, heaving out the misen hatch, and coopers provisions; hoveed about No clock for sperm whales, they got nothing and came aboard about 4 o'clock; hoveed again about 5, and staid down till sundown, when we took in sail, a sail in sight to windward this afternoon; (no coffee for breakfast this morning); the "old man" hoveed this afternoon.

Sep 2nd, Made sail this morning, excepting the light sails; all hands on deck coopers provisions, and stowing over, the after hatch; very little wind; saw a sail on the lee bow this afternoon, evidently whaling, and made all sail to run down to her, but she hauled her wind again, and we wore ship; took in sail at sundown.

Sep 3rd, Made all sail this morning; finished coopers the provisions this afternoon; warm day and almost a calm; reefed topsails at sundown; cruising for sperm; coffee and tea again to day; took in sail at sundown.

Sep 4th, Made sail this morning; all hands on deck, again this forenoon to stid down the main yard, the slings of which were broken; put a new float on the starboard cranes after supper, making 3 boats Mr Watson has had on his cranes; cleaned the sperm whales teeth this afternoon; took in sail at sundown.

Sep 5th, Made sail this morning; nearly a dead calm all day; engaged in repairing rigging; saw blow about 5 o'clock; backed the main yard supposing them to be sperm but it turned out otherwise; took in sail at sundown, Lon $167^{\circ} E$.

Sep 6th, Blew pretty fresh last night with some rain; under reefed topsails all day; squally all day; at work in the rigging; furled the fore top sail at night; Lat $31^{\circ}14'$; two sails in sight this morning.

Sun Sep 7th, A warm driving day; saw a couple of sharks alongside this afternoon.

Sep 8th, Made all sail this morning; very little wind all day; at work in the rigging all day; a school of albacore smid the ship this afternoon; saw some fin backs this morning.

Sep 9th, Made sail excepting the light sails at sunrise, and made all sail in the forenoon; some rain this forenoon; squally in the afternoon; we were taken aback by a squall this afternoon but it was nothing very serious; took in sail.

Sep 10th, Made all sail this morning; a ship passed us to windward this forenoon; set up the main top mast rigging; "Winked" at the wheel all the afternoon.