

Remarks on Board the Bark Ocean steaming the South Atlantic Ocean looking for sperm whales

Wednesday January the 31st 1872

First part still in company with Bark Laconia at 1 P.M. part hear company the wind from N.E. at 8 P.M. were ship to the S.E. still with all sail out Middle part still strong wind the upper part sail at day light saw Porpoises & got one at 8 A.M. saw the Laconia again latter part still fresh wind & very thick & rain so ended this day No obs

At 5.30 in afternoon a boatster struck a man at the wheel.
Joseph Whiteside

Thursday February the 1st 1872

First part of the day fresh breeze & very thick weather & raining the ship heading from S.W. under short sail at sunset the weather a bit the same Middle & latter part still fresh wind from South saw nothing so ended this day

Lat 31° 34' S

Long 45° 39' W

Friday February the 2nd

First part kept off & steering North with fine pleasant weather at sunset luffed to two the wind heading E. under short sail Middle part fine weather at day light set all still heading to the East so ended this day.

Lat 30° 55' S

Long 45° 19' W

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Saturday February the 3rd 1872

First part of this day steering North with fine pleasant weather at 2 p.m. luffed to two the wind heading S.E. at sunset took in the light sail & all up main sail heading S.E. Middle part light weather at light set all sail heading South saw nothing so ended this day

Lat 31° 59' S

Long 45° 56' W

Sunday February the 4th

First part of this day fine pleasant weather tacked ship to the North at sunset took in the light sail the wind very light at Middle part were ship to the East at day light set all sail the weather very pleasant saw nothing so ended this day

Lat 31° 27' S

Long 45° 13' W

Monday February the 5th 1872

First part of this day still fine weather the ship heading from E. to N. the wind from N. to W. at sunset took in sail for the night saw Killee & Porpoise Middle part still light weather at day light set all sail & steering N. at 7.30 A.M. luffed to two the wind at 10 A.M. saw a sail to the W. so ended this day

This is a Poem

When I was a little boy my mother kept me in school I am a great boy and fit to serve the King I can handle a musket and I can smoke a pipe and I can kiss a pretty girl at ten o'clock a night.