

Cruising on the coast of Patagonia

Tues Feb. th 20. This day com with squally weather with a fresh breeze from the S.W. & R. on different tracks during the day a cruising. The steward is still sick & off duty.

Wed Feb. th 21 com with squally weather with a fresh breeze from the S.W. & R. under 2 Balle Reef Topsails heading to the S.W. at 2 P.M. wind halled to the S.W. at sun set clear weather course N. by E. The cook is sick & off duty to day is the second day that he has not been able to come on duty. The steward is gaining slowly.

Thurs Feb. th 22 com with pleasant weather with a fine breeze from the S.W. have been steering different courses during the day a cruising. The cook & steward still sick & off duty.

Fri Feb. th 23 com with fine weather with a nice breeze from the W. & W. R. under topsails course S. by E. at Meridian halled to the S.W. course S.W. The cook & steward still off duty.

Sat Feb. th 24 com with fine weather with a nice whole sail breeze from the S.W. R. under all sail. Have been steering different courses during the day working to the S.W.

Sun Feb. th 25 com with clear weather with a fine breeze from the S.W. R. under topsails course S. by E. at 9 AM had a squall from the S.W. then cleared up again made sail again at 4 P.M. had a mothe squall Dribled Reefed the topsails to day the cook came on duty.

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Mon Feb. th 26 com with a gale from the S.W. R. under a close Reef main topsail on the S.W. at 2 P.M. wind halled to the W. at 3 P.M. were ship cleared a course N. at 4 P.M. set a close Reef fore topsail.

Tues Feb. th 27 com with fine weather with a nice breeze from the S.W. R. under all sail heading S.W. at 5 P.M. wind S.W. were ship cleared a course S.W. at 6 P.M. looked squally. Dribled Reefed the topsails. To day have been employed in stowing empty cask down in the after hold & filling them with salt water to trim ship. Taken in filled 2.7 bl. cask & lashed them aft on the quarter deck. I think that we are about ready to leave this ground we have been a cruising here about 2 month have not seen a sign of a Right Whale yet.

Wed Feb. th 28 com with squally weather wind from the S.W. at 10 AM wind halled to the S. & commenced to breeze up at 2 P.M. blowing a fresh breeze. course N. by E. To day ran a new wheel Rope.

Thurs March th 1 1889 This day com with fine weather with a nice whole sail breeze from the W. & W. R. under all sail course S. by E. at 3 P.M. wind halled to the S.W. & commenced to breeze up at dark blowing a fresh breeze & weather looking bad. Dribled the course & Reefed the topsails. The steward still off duty.

Fri March 2 com with heavy weather with a fresh breeze from the S.W. R. under all sail course S. by E. at 7 P.M. wind S.W. course S. by E.