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Remarks on board Bark *Arctostaphylos* Captain Marble
Tuesday December 18th 1860

this day commenced with a moderate breeze from the S. & E. Bark heading to the Southward & Westward. middle part heading to the S. & E. later saw steering S. by E. later saw (the) three birds one shark. and some *R. arctostaphylos* in sight Lat 35 26 S Long 21 40 E

Wednesday December 19th 1860

commenced with a light breeze all sail set steering S. by E. wind N. E. by N. at 5 PM saw a sail of the starboard beam middle and latter part much the same. wind later saw a boat N. employed making

made grips for the boats

Lat 36 27 S
Long 21 43 E

Thursday December 20th 1860

commenced with a light breeze from the Northward steering S. E. by compass. employed making boat grips. at 4 AM hauled up. middle and latter part much like the fore part

Lat 36 40 S
Long 21 13 E

Friday December 21st 1860

commenced with a light from the N. E. all sail set steering S. E. at 8 AM raised some ring of a whale. the starboard boat went down at 4 PM saw nothing whilst in the boat (or rather from the boat) but ~~later~~ it proved to be a Right Whale. when we along side at 5:30 PM the whale was about four miles to the windward of the Bark. at sun down took in the light sail at 10 AM daylight made all sail. and raised Right Whales at about 5:45 AM lowered the starboard & Bow boats the starboard boat struck and killed a whale took him along side at 6:30 AM. middle and latter part a pleasant breeze. so ends this day with beautiful (Whale day) Whale weather. and a number of whales in sight the first whale was raised by Taylor & Foreward hand later part employed cutting

Lat 37 S
Long 21 E

Saturday December 22nd 1860

commenced with a light breeze from the N. E. & E employed cutting a Right Whale several Whales in

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Sunday December 23rd 1860

sight. and at one sail finished cutting at 3 PM. at sundown took in the light sail. and stood by watching the starboard watch taking the first watch out. middle part moderate. latter part fresh breeze from the N. W. at 5 AM lowered the boats (S. & B.) but without success. at 7 AM double reefed the topsails at 11 took in the fore sail. so ends these twenty four hours. at 8 PM commenced to bail

36.40

6.13

Sunday December 23rd 1860

these twenty four hours commenced with a fresh breeze. two sail in sight. after dinner lowered the starboard & West boat a part Right Whale but saw gave them up at 1 PM. at the fore sail middle (and latter) part moderate latter part light employed bailing. on the 22nd signalled a Bark cutting called it the *Seagoda*. and during these twenty four hours we passed her twice. once in the night almost within speaking distance.

36 28

6.16

Monday December 24th 1860

these twenty four hours commenced with a light air. employed bailing on sail in sight. at 5 AM cooled down (finished bailing) at 6 AM commenced to brake out and stow down the oil. putting the oil in the ground tier. at 11 AM fresh breeze double reefed the fore topsail. so ends this day.

Lat 37 S
Long 21 E

Tuesday December 25th 1860

commenced with a strong breeze. Bark under whole main topsail. reefed the topsail. Foresail & gibnet 1 PM. double reefed the main topsail at 5 PM took in the gibnet. Foresail and foresail. at 7 PM reefed the main topsail. broke rigger and set the watch. dividing them into four. Note on Christmas Eve I hung up my stocking. before I received several little (pleasant) presents. middle and latter part fresh gale from the Southward & Westward

Lat 37 S
Long 21 E