

Barque Pacific Cruising In The South

Thursday Dec. 10th All day strong gales from the W and clear weather. Ship steering N.E. by compass in the morning. At 8 A.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales. Saw them from the deck at the same time that we saw them from mast-head - three or four whales coming up close to ship and going about N.S.W. quite quick - soon after saw a lone whale also bound N.S.W. lowered two boats and struck him the same rising by Starboard (Mr. Foster) killed him and got him to the ship by 12 M. - In the P.M. hooked on and cut the boat in too rough for cutting the head - supposed this a large school of Whales - say 40 bbls. The one we took however we judge will make about 110 bbls.

Lat 38.18 Long 51.44 W.

Friday Dec. 11th All day light airs and calm - cut in the head and started the work - had a fair time cutting and got along nicely. In the P.M. cleared away the head by cutting and putting it into the tank. One sail a Merchantman in sight steering to the S.S.W. yesterday saw Barque Ohio - passed us to windward at a distance by the wind to the W.

Lat 37.58 Long 51.21 W.

Saturday Dec 12th All day light airs from N.E. and calm - and fine weather. Ship steering S.S.W. with all sail out - saw one sail steering to the S.W. - Watch employed in boiling and doing other work about ship - Water all day blue and clear - saw several schools of small fish.

Lat 38.02 Long 51.21 W.

Sunday Dec 13th All day light but flying airs and calms - ship working to the S.W. with whole topsails spunked up. One sail in sight steering S.S.W. - watch employed in boiling - water blue and clear - saw one school of small fish.

Lat 38.11 Long 51.19 W.

Atlantic Ocean In The Year of 1874

Monday Dec. 14th All day moderate breezes from the W and fine pleasant weather. Ship cruising to the S.S.W. all the a.m. with all sail but mainsail on. In the P.M. cruising to the N.E.W. In the morning saw 13h Ohio boiling and under double reefed topsails and steering off to the S.E. - at 11 a.m. fell in with light green water and at 1 1/2 got out of it again - otherwise in blue water all day - saw some birds and some pieces of squid - two Melinfbarks and two or three finbarks - no Port. man of war. - at 4 P.M. tacked to the south again.

Lat 38.45 Long 51.52

Tuesday Dec. 15th All day fresh breezes from the W and fine pleasant weather. Ship in the a.m. steering S.E. by N.E. and N under easy sail being in green water and trying to find our way out of it - at 10 got into blue water again by steering N. - all hands employed in stowing oil in the fore hold - stowed 117 bbls. - saw two or three Sulphur Bottoms in green water and also quite a number of birds - but since arriving in blue water have seen many Goney's more so than any time since our arrival South. - all the P.M. the water has been a real good blue - with Goney's there has been no other indications of Sperm Whales.

Lat 38.16 Long 51.30 S.

Wednesday Dec. 16th All day strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather - Ship by the wind all the a.m. to the N.E. with two reefs in the topsails - water a little green with but little indications of whales - at 12 noon ship heading S.W. - saw in the a.m. three sail merchantman steering to the S.W. - nothing in sight more - all the P.M. standing to the P.M.

Lat 36.58 Long 50.45

Thursday December 17th All day fresh breezes from the N.W. and fine weather but smoky horizon making rather poor seeing - saw one sail steering to the S.S.W. in blue green water until 11 a.m. then came in to good blue - standing S.W. -

Lat 37.53 Long 51.44