

Bark Pacific Cruising In The

Monday Oct. 11th All day moderate breezes from the N.E. and overcast but still quite good drying weather. Ship by the wind to the S.E. as a course in general, the wind being very baffling, allowing the ship to vary on her course from S.E. to E. S.E. Water blue and clear. Nothing in sight all the A.M. but two square-headed Gampuses - good seeing - some tide-rips.

Lat. 35.56ⁿ Long. 31.02^w

Tuesday Oct. 12th Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.E. and overcast the winds being very unsteady. Ship by the wind on various tacks working to the N.E. for Fayal. One sail in sight in the A.M. at 10 signalled her and found her to be Austrian Barque from New York for - her name being 31.30.11ⁿ or 30ⁿ W of us. Saw also at a distance a three-masted schooner bound to the W.

Lat. 37.11ⁿ Long. 31.03^w

Wednesday Oct. 13th All day light baffling winds and calms. The winds from the N. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind to the E and N.E. with all sail out but making little progress. Two sail in sight working to the E. One a Brig being the one we supplied with provisions last night. This vessel (a Portuguese) ran down for us, about six o'clock - hove to ahead of us - showing the Portuguese flag and made signals of distress. We sent a boat along side and found her from Darwin Geo. with hard time (55 days) for Opato Port, and on short allowance of provisions. We supplied her with 100 lbs of salt provisions - 95 lbs of bread and about a dozen pounds of dried fish for which we received only one sovereign (English money) or 44 or - 484 American Gold. This being all the money there was on board according to the captain's statement.

Nothing more in sight all day - Water blue and clear no tide-rips, jellies or anything else indicating whales. There being no signs of any description and the drift I ever saw about there. Lat. We shall probably go to Teneriffe from Fayal for water - cruising down past the Madeiras as we go along, hoping that by so doing we shall pick up a whale or two - Lat. 36.37 Long. 30.10

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Thursday Oct. 14th Comes in with light baffling winds from the N and N.E. and overcast with rather poor seeing. Ship by the wind to the E for Fayal with all sail out. Nothing in sight but the two sails that was in sight yesterday - a Barque and a Brig. Water blue and clear with the exception of a few Plover Drops. Saw one bird in the A.M. but not a porpoise. Blackfish or anything indicating whales.

Lat Long.

Friday Oct. 15th All day light winds from the N. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering by the wind, working up for Fayal. Two in sight, distant 100 miles at 7 A.M. and bearing N.E. per compass. We discovered two yesterday at 5 P.M. then bearing N.E. by E. Dist. 110 miles. All night the winds being very light we made but little progress. Nothing in sight all the A.M. - water blue and clear, nothing at all in it. Not a bird fish or porpoise to be seen excepting three albatross that were around the ship, but kept themselves so much under the ship as to allow of not being caught. In the P.M. a light breeze from the W. At 8 in the morning the wind changed suddenly to the N.E. blowing heavy with rain - causing us to put two reefs in the topsails and to furl the courses as also all the light sails.

Saturday Oct. 16th All day strong gales from the N.E. and heavy squalls with some rain. Ship working up for Fayal with all prudent sail out several sail in sight some of which are working up for Fayal among them the Espere (by signal) Fayal and two all plain in sight to the N and E. not over 20 miles Dist at M.

Sunday Oct. 17th All day strong gales from the N.W. outside the passage and harbor of Fayal but quite smooth inside. Ship going off and on. Went on shore for letters. Going off and on even Bks. Espere, leraps with 300 this season. Sea Fox Hambleton 200, do Spaitan Driff 20 do. & Taring Phoenix Gifford 200 all from N.B. - 13th Pioneer Driff with 200 at