

Bark Pacific Cruising in the South

Monday Dec. 20th. Comes in with fresh breezes from the N. and overcast with same fog. Ship steering S.W. by W with all sail out at 12 wind freshen and obliged us to take in a part of our light sails. The foretop sail runner parting the two mastheads men that were sitting on the yard came very near going overboard. one clinging to the left and the other to the collar of foretopmast stay. The greater wonder is that they both were not thrown upon the deck and killed. Water clear and blue.

Lat 30.10 Long 41.50

Tuesday Dec 21st all day strong breezes from S.E. and E. and overcast with a very short choppy sea on from S.W. Ship steering S.W. all day with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all day indicating whales but a few black birds. Water very blue and clear.

Lat 30.48 S Long 43.50

Wednesday Dec. 22d All day moderate breezes from the N.E. and fine weather. Ship steering S.W. by W & S.W. by S with all sail out but main royal and upper main top gall. Staysail both of them are being sent down & uncut, the N.E. yard being stowed away. In the A.M. one sail in sight steering to the S.W. - Saw juncos some birds and some Port. Man of War.

Lat 31.55 Long 46.00 1/2 Cal.

Thursday Dec. 23d Comes in with light air from N.E. and overcast with thick foggy weather. Ship steering S.W. with all sail out. Nothing in sight but one school of porpoises and a few birds.

In the A.M. saw two schools more of porpoises and at 10 A.M. raised Sperm Whales by Boatsteerer Martin same two points as Port quarter. Kept ship for them and at 10 1/2 A.M. lowered all four Boats. The weather rather hazy could not make out the course the whales were going and consequently they came directly for the ship and were galled by the Boats before they could strike. Shared them all day. - Saw 12 boats made two attempts to go on. Lat 33.15 Long 47.00

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1875

Friday Dec. 24th all day foggy weather Ship on opposite tacks cruising under easy sail - saw plenty of Black Birds & Portuguese Man of War. - nothing indicating whales seen through the day.

Lat 32.58 S Long 47.02 W

Saturday Dec. 25th Comes in with thick fog and moderate breeze from the N. - Ship by the wind under easy sail had have to waiting for the fog to lift. At 9 A.M. kept ship S.W. until 12 then came to the wind to the W. still thick fog at 2 P.M. wore ship heading N.E. Nothing in sight but Birds and Portuguese Men of War. Thick fog, no Obs.

Sunday Dec. 26th All day moderate breezes from the W. and thick weather with fog. Ship by the wind cruising on different tacks with all prudent sail out. Saw one school of porpoises and some Portuguese Men of War and one sail steering to the South - at 4 P.M. wind out to the S.W. and hauled to the south in the night. No Obs.

Monday Dec. 27th Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and hazy weather being overcast Ship by the wind to the W. with all sail out cruising. In the A.M. saw White Water supposed it caused by Grampuses as we saw no more of it although it was raised directly ahead of the ship. Saw but a few birds or Portuguese Men of War this A.M.

Lat 33.23 S Long 46.58 W

Tuesday Dec. 28th all day moderate breezes from the S.W. and S. and fine weather mostly. Ship by the wind to the W. by W. and W. with all sail but foretop gall sail out. cruising. In the A.M. saw White water two or three times, supposed it was caused by Grampuses as we saw them no more. it was directly ahead of the ship. Saw three sail all steering to the N.E. saw birds in the P.M. quite plenty.

Lat 33.50 Long 48.30 W