

Barge Pacific Cruising in the South

Tuesday Jan. 25th comes in with moderate breezes from the S and E and fine weather with quite a smooth sea. at 4^{1/2} sent Mr. Baker on board the Hope On for the whale as per agreement of evening before - got him alongside by 5^{1/2} - took him with the fluke chain of Hope On - and commenced cutting - opened him badly - blasted and bursted in two or three places - in the mouth and cut the bunch of the neck so that his case and junk were both gone. We obtained nothing from his head and judge that one half of the body has been cut - finished cutting by 8^{1/2} M. then made sail, started the works and stood to the north - returned the Hope On's fluke chain and obtained iron lines &c from her that came from the whale she cut. Her whale will make 30 bbls per judgment of Capt. Baker and ours will make 30 to 40 as we judge - all day in blue water wind from N. E. - ship in the S. M. to the N. W.

Lat 37.20 Long 50.30

Wednesday Jan. 26th comes in with moderate winds from the W. and clear weather in the morn. but soon began to thicken up for wind and rain - ship by the wind to the W. under easy sail, employed in bolting Bk Hope On in sight also bolting - by 12 M blowing strong from the W. with rain - ship running before the wind under small sail - at 2 a gale from S with much rain - hove ship to heading S. E. under lower main topsail - at 6 P. M. wore ship to save sail boats - heading W. all night the same with an ugly sea on No Obs.

Thursday Jan. 27th comes in with a gale from the S and a heavy sea on ship under easy sail stowing oil by all hands in the fore hold - put down 93 bbls from last two whales - weather clear, in the P. M. standing to S. E. by the wind with all prudent sail out the wind having hauled to the S. W. - water of a light blue and very clear - saw but a few birds or other indications of whales

Lat 36 00 Long 50 00 W

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Friday Jan. 28th comes in with light airs and calms, air from the N. with a heavy swell from the S. E. & clear weather - ship by the wind to the W. and at 10 A. M. to the S. W. until M. then kept ship S. by W. with all sail out - nothing in sight but a few birds - water blue & clear - saw a few Dead Stools

Lat 36 27 Long 49.06 W

Saturday Jan. 29th comes in with moderate breezes from the N. W. and clear weather - ship under reefed topsails & foresail, cruising to the S. W. at 10 A. M. spoke & commenced a gam with Bk Hercules Sherman of New Bedford 3 1/2 mms. out clear, bound to Pacific Ocean - at 6 P. M. broke up the gam nothing more seen all day.

Lat 37.50 Long 50.02

Sunday Jan. 30th comes in with fresh breezes from the N. W. and quite clear weather, with Bk Hercules in lee, steering to the S. W. with all prudent sail out - nothing in sight all day - water rather green - some birds and porpoises - caught 3 of the latter.

Lat 38.01 Long 50.49

Monday Jan. 31st comes in with light buffing winds from the N. and rather squally - at 3 A. M. a very heavy tempest raging with vivid lightning, 4 men of the boat on deck were struck down by lightning including the officer of the deck Mr. Poppe - in the morn nearly calm - one sail in sight bearing about W. Dist 10 miles. we call it the Hercules - at 2 P. M. raised a sperm whale by Tom Lawrence boatswain could not make him out but was going direct to windward or leeward when he turned flukes 3 miles Dist - kept ship off one mile then lowered two boats, but we saw no more for one hour and twenty minutes - the gamus - being the sail we saw to the W. came up and we mated - at 6 M. of gamus struck, a whale killed him but owing to a calm did not get him alongside of the Pacific until 10 P. M. It was aged by Capt. Lifford