

Bark Pacific Cruising Towards

Saturday Oct. 28th All day a gale of wind from N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind under easy sail to the W.S.W. - one sail a Brig steering E.S.E. - water blue with some Gulf Weed. Watch repairing spare jib and the mainsail that was torn yesterday.

Lat. 36.52 Long. 64.00 W

Sunday Oct. 29th All day strong gale from N. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the W. - being as near as she will lay and make headway with double reefed topsails and courses. Ship moves very slow owing to the clams and Graps on her bottom, being covered. All the copper below the second course being off.

With light winds, or when braced sharp while on the wind, she scarcely moves and will not steer, and only in a strong breeze with the yards checked in that we can get headway on her. She is graving worse and worse day by day.

Lat. 36.38 Long. 64.40

Monday Oct. 30th Comes in with moderate breeze from the N. and fine weather but somewhat cloudy. Ship by the wind - or as near as we can keep her to keep headway on - to the W. - Two sail in sight both steering to the S.W.

All day employed in cleaning ship on outside painting iron work, scraping and spading off Graps and clams from the ship's side. I could do but little in getting her clean on account of being under water. As far down under water as can be seen, there is no copper in sight. Being covered with Graps and clams.

Lat. 36.07 Long. 64.15

New Bedford in Oct. & Nov. 1876

Tuesday Oct. 31st Comes in with light air from N.W. and calm and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind to the W. with all sail out. at 8 1/2 A.M. raised Sperm Whales bearing N. N.W. and going about E per compass. The whales about 4 miles Dist. when raised. Landed two boats at 9 and the other two soon after and chased until about 12 M. when last boat struck a small one. The ^{whales} starting off quick the other boats could not come up with them. although chased until nearly night. The ^{4th} ^{male} ^{arriving} killed his whale and commenced towing alongside just at sunset. the other two boats came on board soon after - after supper cut the whale - judge him 10 bbls.

In the morning until the whales were raised, the watch was employed in scraping and spading the clams and Graps from the ship on port side. The clams have grown very rapidly lately, so that the sailing of the vessel is materially affected by them. We cannot see any copper below the second course, and all over where the copper has broken off Graps and clams are growing vigorously. We have cleaned the ship as far down as we can reach. but the great trouble is below, on her bottom beyond our reach. With a fair knot breeze the vessel with not steer, or answer her helm, and is the same with a stronger breeze and a sea, by the wind. With the wind free she will move a little but carries her half helm nearly or quite hard astarboard. Before the wind she will move very slowly. And it is only with a strong beam ^{or quarter} wind that we can get along and make anything like fair progress, and then only in strong breezes. Too rough for whaling. With wind enough to day to fill all her sails she would but just move, was three fourths of an hour in going her length. by a piece of Gulf Weed.

Lat. 35.58 Long. 68.30