

Barre Valtie May 20th 1837

19th Fair and excitement was got up last eve
20th by Blackhawk singing out from aloft.
Then - Mr. B. Lewis & a lady being called
the usual questions of the Captain where
away - how far off - & what. It looked
like said to right whale in a very fine
moment most very man was in the rigging
regularly looking for him to turn. He did not.
But he did not. Mr. Stimpson said it was
a large Sulphur Bottom. There are the
largest animals of the fish kind that
swims the deep of blue sea. Went on at 10
this morning & it was raining falling &
blowing as hard as I was said it
in look in all sail & then all hands
were set to work when we remained all
day from this time until we were to
have boats and masts except when
making passage, as we take no sail by night.

19th 21st Foggy & hazy this morning at Fortescue
doubtless & foggy. Very heavy sea on
course to west - lat 51° 12' Long 162° East

22nd Sun. Had clear & pleasant this morning
with a fair wind. all sail set for
the mast. Studching sail to the old of and
wanted to get some few degrees farther
to the westward. There seems to be no
right whale here. saw a large polar whale
yesterday but it was so rough could
not leave the boats. came same to day

23rd Very few if we make anything now as
the weather & water is very cold. I
intend washing only once at 4 miles
during my stay for the cold weather.
The quick fish hauler. or that we
cannot see our course stirring ether
to the wind. morning came. C. W. C.

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24th Fair wind & square yards. The old man
said to me. Charles what do you think about going
3 seasons. I told him if we did not go in some
better ground for whales than this is I think
the prospect is very fair. He said as soon
as 8 miles was out he would head up the
wind and steer direct for St. Lawrence Islands
perhaps for New Bedford. Most all hands
have some kind of a mechanical mind
by some on board his - Charles the merchant
& others - Merchant Charles & Mr. Stimpson
I have kindly loaned me all the numbers
of 1836 & 1837 Harper's Monthly Magazine
of the look at the beautiful figures drawn
of Brodie with many a passing up & down
said that I had different my lot through
life might have been

25th Paddy's Newcomer to day. immediately after
the old man got in Drek this morning
and said that it was a dead calm. He
told some of the boys you cannot have
any more boats and masts until you
can raise a right whale herd. so that
now we have commenced standing our
regular sea matches again. I think
I for me shall miss my 16 & 20 hour
rides. But if we only can see whales I
shall consider it no privation. The chain
to of the Fortescue yard parted yesterday
while hoisting up the sail. the flange broke
came on deck with a crash, making about 3
inches of the hoisting in the yard. This
makes the third time the accident has happ-
ened. I cannot help but think up all
wise Providence stretch forth his hand to
protect the young men sailing as well
as the old Christians. For if one of these
effects had struck me or my wife we would
have been killed instantly.