

Barre Baltic July 28th 1857

Ind 22nd Threwd up all our Dicks and then scrubd them and then lined them off with salt water & on now look as clear as ever again and are all ready again for another whale. This makes no 33rd off the season and now all we want is to morrow and then shalle out to canvas and the sooner we reach New Bedford the better it will suit me. Think I by all day no mast heads quarter netted. Cooper is busy setting up his mody to hold it for the next whale if it should be our good fortune to get one. Warm and pleasant.

Thurs 23rd

We are going out of Bristol Bay towards St. Pauls Island. Thinking the whalps had all gone in that direction. Having a very strong breeze all day sails taken in.

Thurs 24th

Blowing a gale of wind accompanied with rain. Saw a beautiful little clipper Ranger upon the water. She was down and spoke us and proved to be the clipper Ranger Silver Head of New Bedford. 11 miles out to sea. Then Captain came on board of us & Mr. Stiers. Went third I did but go in and boat this time. Went gaming until about 11 P.M.

Fri 25th

Still blowing strong and we have not yet seen the mate. is going and taking but got to lower part of the whale. I predicted we should see one but we have not seen the spirit of one for the past 12 days. Still hunting for the whale.

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Thurs 26th The wind continues to blow against us. Saw some 8 ships from the mast head at 10 a.m. amongst them saw the Newburyport (the same that we had in company with on our passage up here.) 3 miles ahead of us. and 3 by the boats were down chasing whales. The boats must be in front of me got to her. and after we got abreast of her. hauled back to the main yard. ahead away the Starboard. Captain & Mr. Stiers must be in front of me myself included. The clipper ship Gay Head came along spoke the Newburyport and then Captain came on board. and we had a very fine singing. Dancing & we did not get away until about 11 P.M. They inform us they had been chasing whales for days for a week past, but the mother was so bad they could not fasten. A right whale came up under the foremast line. but the 1st man said it was too rough to haul whales. so we did not haul.

Sat 27th

The sea is running very high & it is a thing a gale of wind. on lay the foremast aback all last night. is out and is in the wind again to day. came E. S. E. about noon saw the Gay Head up on the water. she came down. and then Captain came on board of us. Mr. Stiers then came and stood until after 9 P.M. I am getting sick of gaming so much. It is impossible to get any ship when you have a boat crew gaming in the forecabin.

Sat 28th

Still in company with the Gay Head. she came down to us (about 11 a.m.) and then Captain came on board of us. Mr. Stiers must have I did not want to go. kept gaming until after 10 P.M. I think it would be much better for all hands if they were looking up whales.