

24 day.

Thursday January 6th 1853.

All this day the wind has hurried across the the big pond. We are near the line still the N.E. trades prevail and supply us a plenty of rain. So ends. Steering I write as much wind as we know what to do with. Lat. about 5 N.

25thFriday January 7th

First and middle part a fresh breeze from the N.E. and a plenty of rain. Steering S. Latter part pleasant. Sent up foretopmast standing sail boom and set the sail. So ends.

26thSaturday 8th

Commenced with a light breeze from the S.W. and pleasant steering S. Got the at night it set in to rain but it is warm and we don't mind it. This weather will contrast much with that we left at home.

All hands employed in setting up spars abaft the foremast and stowing them in other places where they will be most out of the way. I have just been a washing a few clothes and I find it very inconvenient and after all they are hardly half washed. I find it is a great disadvantage to be without a wife. Men seldom realize what a woman has to do and beside the hard work there is many little things she does to make life pleasant and agreeable and as to often overlook them and she does not get the praise that she so modestly deserves. I have not just found this out for I often thought of it while at home and thus I the better appreciate them.

27 day.

Sunday 9th

The Sabbath has dawned again with all its beauty and all its blessings. It is the pretty day that we have seen since we sailed. In the evening the foremast hands pleased us by singing some of our good old prayer meeting hymns. It seemed real old fashion to me. I am in hopes to hear from them again. So ends.
Lat 11.40 North

28 day.

Monday January 10th 1853.

The wind is a blowing pleasantly from the S.E. Steering by the wind to the S.W. with all sail set. Saw a merchant ship bound home to Yankee Land with royal standing sail set on both sides an hour or two a Lohalman passed about 8 miles ahead of us on his homeward passage. It will be our turn by and bye. The watch a making spinnaker and fitting the rigging. So ends.
Latitude 10.40 miles to the north of the line

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Tuesday 11th

Commenced and terminated with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and pleasant with the exception of a shower of rain just about enough to lay the dust. Steering by the wind to the S.W. The watch employed in fitting cutting pennants and toils and cutting stages and in fact getting every thing ready for Whaling. We are now about a degree and a half to the southward of the line. So ends.

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Wednesday 12th January 1853

We have been wonderfully blessed so far as regards wind and every thing else. Not having had the starboard tack on board since about a week out. Beside we went out of the N.E. trade winds in about 1.00 N. and took the S.E. trades immediately and so we go for Cape Horn. Rigged the turning lathe and commenced turning bungs &c. To work on the leather in the homerick. How many pleasant hours I have passed at home the same way. Saw a sail steering N.W. a merchant ship.

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Thursday January 13th 1853.

The weather is still pleasant and we and the wind continues to blow from the S.E. Tacked ship twice as the land is rather near just out of sight. The watch busy making spinnaker. S. ends.

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Friday January 14th 1853.

The wind continues to the S.E. blowing toward Cape Horn pretty fast. Made 2 tacks trying to weather Cape Horn. Progress. We are now one long month out it seems like a year but we must splice out our patience the time is coming when we shall find relief of our troubles. So ends.

The worst of all my work is washing clothes well my wife has done it for me a great while it is my turn