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A Journal of a Voyage to the ^{Pacific} Atlantic and Arctic Ocean on a whaling

41 days

Sunday January 23rd 1853

Although far removed from my friends and home still the day has passed off pleasantly as could be expected I have overhauled my chest and my books and every everything carries my mind directly to my much loved home to my wife and little ones and I think it is possible that I have left all of those loved ones behind to say nothing of my friends and my brother and my dear sister it is a solemn fact
Yet

"I am not sad or sorrowful but memories will come to leave me to my solitude and let me think of Home"

I said I had no friends or rather that I left them all behind but thank the Lord I have found some new ones here and our sympathies are all united in the all absorbing theme (Home) We are now going as fast from home as can be wished knowing the faster we go the sooner we shall be ready to return The wind is varying from ^{steering S.W. by S.} S.W. and just enough to make it pleasant Lat 24. 24. South

Monday January 24th 1853

First and middle parts a strong breeze from the W. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. Latter part wind W. and Took in foretopmast standing sail. Steering by the wind to the South. So ends

Tuesday January 25th

All three 24 hours a light breeze from the S and S.W. and pleasant Tacked ship twice After breakfast it being nearly calm we lowered the boats for the purpose of exercising the men many of them having never seen a boat before they done remarkably well for green hands It was very interesting for me to hear the whaler's phrases Pull ahead Stern all pull 3 hold 2 and separate they were given with as much interest as if we had been in actual danger of being stove all to pieces by a whale I enjoyed very much We pulled 2 1/2 hours and returned quite lame So ends

Wednesday January 26th 1853

Commenced with a light breeze from S. and fine weather steering S.W. At 4 o'clock P.M. lowered the boats to exercise the men in pulling and working the boats The boatsteerers had a piece of board to start at It was carried on with much interest for 2 hours and the boats returned Took in the Starboard boat for repairs Let foretopmast standing sail Middle and latter part a strong wind from the W. Raised something a breaching one point off the weather bow supposed it to be sperm whale Ran for them 2 hours till 12. m and got dinner So ends

Thursday January 27th

The wind continues to blow strong from the W At 2 P.M. got within a mile of our breaching and loft sailing custom is continuing to break and to part and turning locks incessantly Took in topgallant sails and double reefed the fore the morning and misters to sails and lowered the boats and pulled (about 5 o'clock in) right amongst them and got anywhere but just near enough to day Charles) to fasten when they turned to the windward and soon as out Pierce received) of sight as the boats returned with fisherman, 3 luck and 5 blows with) continued our course determined to let them grow larger the first of the first) and tamer before we trouble them again Mathias Taber) Middle and latter part the wind shifted to the Southward because he supposed) and increased to a gale took in sail to a double reef main him to be a lupin) to sail So ends this watch on deck

Friday January 28th

The wind continues to blow from the same quarter but it has continued to die away till there is hardly enough to fill the sails Let all sail and tack or shift twice Finished repairing the Starboard boat and put her on the cranes Wear all burse So ends

Saturday January 29th

All three 24 hours a light breeze from the W and fine weather steering by the wind to the Southward The Carpenter sheathing the deck and Leaper painting head buckets Linetubs lanterns kegs boat legs paddles and so forth So ends