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Finished
Circular Saw

Thursday November 3rd 1853

Wind light from the E. Steering by the wind to the S. W. The watch busy the most of the time in little jobs about the rigging. Everything goes on very quietly. Working in sight.

Friday November 4th

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Very
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If we should judge from the busy sound of the hammer we should suppose that we were in close proximity to a large manufacturing establishment and the people all industriously engaged in making engines and boilers. But should ^{we} be dissatisfied with appearances and talk a work forward we should find that the bonnets proceeded from 6 or 8 men with hammers and drivers and scrapers knocking and scraping the rust from the anchors and other iron that was coated with carbon. In this delightful full employment they perceived all day very spiritedly and with great credit to themselves.

Saturday November 5

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off
duty
The wind strong from the W. E. steering to the E. W. at 8 AM in the morning lowered for whales which was brought in by our great man called them sperm whales. Lowered and chased them to the leeward about 2 hours and got within 200 lengths of them when they discovered they were grampuses so the boats came on board and nobody willing to feather the propellers. The mate off duty with a disgraceful disease. Recovered the butcher and combings and painted them.

Sunday November 6

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Very pleasant to day probably more so than it is at home this time of year. We are nearly 11 months out and I suppose our folks have not yet heard from us. Well we have this to console us we have not had a chance to report ourselves thought we have had letters written since we were 14 days ^{out} so whatever fault they shall find with us we have done what we could. I have written 25 letters and when they get them my wife will mistrust she has not been forgotten. No she will never be. I have not yet heard from them. Took up the picture of my little William 800 and cleaned it to my great satisfaction. I had thought it would fall

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Monday November 7th 1853.

Wind W. E. and pleasant. At 8 AM lowered for blackfish. Chained them for hours and returned. The mate took Mr. Maudslays boat and the Captain took boat of foremast hand to steer him but none of them had a chance to see blackfish ~~there~~ there delectably. The Captain struck Daniel Williams 6 or 8 times with a piece of hard rope because he did not call twice fast enough for him we know of no other reason unless it was because he was full of the evil spirit or usual. Repairing the fore top gallant sail. Making rials.

Lowered
the first
time

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Tuesday November 8th

This day has worn away like many others. Been employed in small jobs such as picking the anchors picking oakum &c. Saw a sail steering to the W. and W. Saw finbacks also.

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Wednesday November 9th

Very calm and warm. Taring the anchors, painting the iron about the windlass and pecked the rust from the gun and painted it. Cut up a lot of old rope and picked it. Dull times.

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Thursday November 10th

Finished. The evening was most delightful as well as the day. The moon was doing her prettiest to please us and while everything was hushed in silence at midnight except the night watch the Captain turned out and stole noiselessly on deck in hopes to find someone asleep but in this he got disappointed and when he found them awake he claimed them saying he thought them all dead or asleep and went below. If the officer of the deck is not swearing ^{at} and fighting the men ^{he} thinks them asleep. Picking oakum and fitting for backing whales by the hundred.

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Friday November 11th

The weather squally and cold. Wind at most of the time steering E by N. The watch drawing and knotting yarns and picking oakum. Steung a new grindstone and turned it off.

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Saturday November 12th

Strong wind from the W. Steering E by N. Killed our two pigs one would weigh 30 and the other 10 lbs. We have no more 4 legged dogs on board and lost one dog his name is ring.