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The men all set off iron. Nothing proved against the blacksmith and no question asked the rest of the crew respecting him. The blacksmith and no question asked the rest of the crew respecting him. The blacksmith and no question asked the rest of the crew respecting him.

Tuesday April 11th 1854.

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Now we are again on our way to the W. in search of right whales and are looking forward with bright hopes and high spirits, for this season is looked upon as one that is to terminate the most of the whaling for this voyage. Who would not rejoice and feel glad with such a prospect a heart an event which if transpires will lay a way for our getting or starting for home. It is building a large air castle but I must indulge in it for it keeps me cheerful and happy to think of even starting for home. I like the appearance of our new officers very much especially the first mate. The 3 men that we have had in iron so long were liberated today. The blacksmith on suspicion of setting the ship on fire had been in iron 37 days. Samuel Anderson for attempting to run away 28 days. Henry Robinson for running away 7 days. The Capt. talked to them hard especially the blacksmith. I am glad he got off so easy. Took the anchor on the bow, slowed the chains below, sent down main staggail mast and sent down the royal yard. Fresh W. E. traces steering by the wind to the W.ward. Mast heads made.

Wednesday April 12th

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The weather very getting ready for whaling. The boatsteerers grinding irons. The carpenter painted the sternboard boat outboard and in. The cooper making darts piles and bungs. Wind varying from W. to E. Course W by N. West. Nothing in sight.

Thursday April 13th

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Pleasant the most of the time. Took up the corks that were damaged by the fire and made 3 out of five and think the rest will do without repairing though scorched. Last everything goes nicely.

Friday April 14th

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The boatsteerers are improving the beautiful weather by getting out iron poles and setting up irons and making other preparations for whaling for we are making great calculations in doing something extra this season. A good set of officers and a good crew are certainly encouraging. Steering by the wind to the W. and N.

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Friday April 15th 1854.

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We are now in about 30 N. Lat and the weather grows rather chilly to be comfortable and forerably reminds us of the cold of N. Lat and to keep as warm as possible we baked out the stoves and opened them and sold enough to make one man rich if he should get the price offered and I suppose there will be no trouble about that if we get any oil. Our new hands got a new fitout out altogether for the season the mates took the most of any, his bill was 80 dollars and every other one in the ship took something with 2 or 3 exceptions and I am glad to say I am one of the exceptions and expect to be all the way age. Sent down the foretop gallant sail for the season.

Saturday April 16th

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This has been a beautiful day and pleasant thoughts have accompanied me respecting our success the coming season and our return to our friends and home. Things have passed more pleasantly than Sabbath than any preceding it the voyage. Not a hard word has been spoken by an officer. This is encouraging and speaks well for those who have the care of the ship. May it continue so is my prayer. It really seems like living. I can think of home better and can devote to more of my time to spiritual things and can more easily employ Gods blessing to rest upon them and look to him with a grateful humble heart for thus surrounding me with so many good friends and feel that I am blessed in proportion as I live up to his requirements. Persevere is my motto. Let 30.55 N.

Sunday April 17th

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Weather very pleasant and the W. E. trades left us during the night and a light breeze set in from the N. steering W. Embent the old main top sail and bent another a better one. Embent the spanker and bent a short trisler. Saw a finback.

Monday April 18th

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The boatsteerers very busy getting out iron poles, the carpenter working away the time by doing sundry jobs which necessary or not, while I busy myself in turning bungs and sholepins and the watch picking skum and doing a little to the rigging. Had a shower about 2 hours with light variable winds. Few Gramposes. No ends.