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April 14th 1854

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Starting to the west. Breeze from
E. S. E. with a thick fog the most of the time
I must now stop and taste of a few figs the Capt.
has been so kind to send me. I have now about
half a dozen and they did not go long. I think
I shall not get many as fig trees are scattering this
way. Much obliged for them. Coiled a new
whaleneed and fitted them all ready for use.
Latitude yesterday 19° 0' N. Longitude 155° 0' W.

Friday April 15th
The Sabbath has passed and it has been a foggy one.
The pleasant sound of the church bell, organ and
accompanying voices, of good sermon and prayer
meeting, and the joys of the presence of my
wife and little ones have all been daily thoughts
of and much needed and I am glad I have
come the last Sabbath to pass at sea.
Spent the day reading the Dwight's Theology.

Saturday April 16th
We have had another sweet time today. Got us
completely wet as the water came. It could
possibly disperse before I had been on deck a half
an hour in the morning. The rain fell in torrents
and the salt water seemed to be determined to do its
share of torment melting or drowning the poor hull
and then wind beat it thoroughly through our
clothes as though the laws of gravitation were
not sufficient to force it through our poor clothes.
But we soon reduced sail to bare reefed topsails in
defiance of the storm. I was asked several times if
I did not wish to turn at home with the old women
and it appeared just as if I did wish to at the
time for I know I could have much better with
my wife. Let me get back once more and see if
I do not stick to her and resist the wish of con-
querors.

Round for Providence

Thursday April 17th 1854
Rather foggy but much more pleasant than a change
of wind to the south without rain. Continuing on.
For four days we have sailed through the Portuguese
men of war at sea and called them. I have been
to see the quantity covering the surface of hundreds of
miles of the ocean with their little sails set to the
wind. Brought out the ship's stores and supplied the
crew with nothing. I do not know the what class
of a ship's stores for killing birds.

Wednesday April 18th
The day has passed pleasantly with a light breeze from
the N. E. We have been busy setting up our new leather
and fitting the large wheel. Thompson says he
never was so fond of his life. He says it seems
so queer to sleep without a wife and he often wakes
himself in the night feeling round for his
wife. I think it would be funny to sleep with a wife but I
shall have to do so. Thompson says many times before
I shall see you. The time is passing away.

Thursday April 19th
Foggy. I have not yet got the new leather in
arranging order. I am very glad for the time
being goes quickly that when I am a turning or
taking whales. I like to have a good below deck
in bad weather. We are still surrounded by
immense numbers of Portuguese men of war but we have
not heard the report of a single gun yet.
The Captain finished sewing the hose all over.

Friday April 20th
The weather continues foggy with a light breeze
from the N. E. The steering by the wind is the best
making steady progress to the N. E. I suppose
we shall get there in a few days. I have been
to the store and bought some of the things I
needed. The watch has nothing to do but
stand this week. I have not seen any of the
whales yet. I have been to the store and bought
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