

Must be home here 39 months out

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Fifty of the July
Carpetmen and others commenced striking
match of air tonight

Thursday June 19th 1850

Entered the July at 3 O'clock in the morning with
nice breeze from the S.W. and at 8 left it with
strong breeze with squall and rain steering
W by N with glad hearts. Took the canvas cover
from my shop and threw the frame overboard lea-
ving it for some one to form ideas of a severe blow with
probable shipwreck or loss of deckload. The wind died
at noon and halled ahead which put a stopper on our
hopes of getting in on Saturday. All hands were called
aft two at a time a protestions given up with the amount
their ships expenses which varied from 3 dollars to
\$14.50 forward mine is 76.00 not very high.
The Capt. made me a present for my wife of an A.W.
Sovereign with an account book I do not know what the
motives were but think it was to limit my recollection
of past events. It may not be so. Saw a devil

Lat 37. 48 N

Friday June 20th

We cannot boast of shortening the distance between
and home so the wind has been light and ahead N.W.
but we are glad to say that the tryworks are overboard
pots and bars scraped, deck and bulwarks washed
so whaling is about over. At 7 in the evening foggy to
sound but found no bottom. I suppose my ev-
-dence that the Saratoga will be the very best ship to
arrive and I have reasons to believe it will be
true but it can't be helped. Lat 39. 27 N

Saturday June 21st

Got home about 4 in the afternoon
found all my little family well and ready to
welcome and almost worship an unworthy
member. The best part of whaling is getting
home and thank the Lord that is realized

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Parker the ear heard best
Saw 2 devils