

Cruising in the South Atlantic

Monday Jan 26th 1880
 This day comes in with a strong breeze from North. Weather raised a right Whale. Lowered 2 Boats. Mate and second mate the latter struck and killed him got the whale along and commenced cutting. Middle and latter parts all hands employed in cutting. So ends the day getting ready for cutting.

Tuesday Jan 27th
 This day comes in with a strong breeze from North. Ship carrying two with whale along side and hands employed in cutting. Middle part the same. Latter part more moderate but some rain. At about 4 o'clock lost a man over board from cutting stage. Lowered a boat but off the wire. So ends the day.

Wednesday Jan 28th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from North. Ship steering by the wind on starboard tack. The watch employed cutting blubber down in the blubber room. Middle part winds change to North. Ship steering North under short sail. Nothing in sight. Latter part winds the same and ship steering the same. 4th Mate and two hands off duty. So ends the day.

Thursday Jan 29th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from SW. Ship steering by the wind the watch cutting blubber in the blubber room and commenced boiling. Middle part light air from the same quarter and very clear. Latter part a calm still a boiling. Only two men off duty. So ends the day.

Friday Jan 30th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from NE. Ship steering by the wind to Eastward. Nothing in sight. Middle part winds the same. The watch employed in boiling. Some killing in sight. Wire ship and started to Westward. Latter part winds from the same quarter but quite strong. Finished boiling and the watch employed in cleaning up. Nothing more in sight. Two off duty. Sick. So ends the day.

Saturday Jan 31st
 This day comes in with a moderate gale from NW. Ship lying too under a close reefed main top sail and fore sail. The watch employed in putting away the gear. Middle part winds the same but cloudy. The watch employed in pumping oil into the tank out of casks on deck. Latter part winds the same all hands employed in stowing down oil in the main hatch. Nothing in sight to day. The cooper and one man off duty. Sick. So ends the day.

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Sunday Feb 1st
 This day comes in with a light breeze from North quite clear. Ship steering by the wind on port tack. The watch employed in breaking out flour. Between decks. Stowed back. Middle part winds from the same quarter plenty of feed. Latter part winds more strong. Ship steering NE. A watch employed in sending down the cutting tackle. Saw a large pod of whales to windward. So ends the day.

Monday Feb 2nd
 This day comes in with a strong breeze from North with foggy weather. Ship steering by the wind. Nothing in sight. North employed in splitting bone. Middle part winds the same and ship steering South. The watch employed in breaking out Mollases. Latter part winds the same and ship steering the same. Employed in stowing some down in the fore hold. Nothing in sight to day. So ends the day.

Tuesday Feb 3rd
 This day comes in with a strong breeze from North. Ship steering by the wind. Weather very thick and rainy. Nothing doing on board. Middle part winds change to South and ship steering NE by East. Nothing in sight. Latter part comes to wind. Winds to South. Ship under short sail. So ends the day.

Wednesday Feb 4th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from NE. Very clear weather. Ship steering by the wind on starboard tack. Cooper employed in making ladders for main hatch. Middle part winds the same. Ship steering NE by East. Plenty of fin backs in sight. The watch employed in mending the spanker. Latter part winds the same and ship steering by the wind to Eastward. Some fin backs in sight. So ends the day.

Thursday Feb 5th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from NE. Ship steering by the wind. Very clear weather. Plenty of fin backs in sight. Middle part winds the same. Shooked ship and stood to Eastward. Large pods of fin backs in all directions. Latter part the same but no whales. So ends the day.

Friday Feb 6th
 This day comes in with a moderate breeze from North. Ship steering NE. With all sail out. The watch employed in splitting and shaping bone. Middle part winds the same and ship steering the same. Mate put on a new shoot of line on his big tub. Latter part the same. Nothing in sight to day and is well. So ends the day.