

- off our weather bow. At 11 A.M. rose a school of black fish and lowered the boats. The mate made fast to one of them, but the line parted from the iron, and he escaped.
- At two P.M. sent up the fore topgallant yard.
- April 21st Weather fine; wind S.E. trades, lat 13 S. At 6 A.M. rose a school of whales off the weather beam. Luffed and stood for them; proved to be humpbacks, and squared away on our course. A large ship in sight on our larboard quarter.
- " 21st Lowered the boats for black fish. Struck one; the iron drew and we lost him. Boats returned to the ship.
- " 22nd Wind fair; weather fine but warm. At 9 A.M. rose a sail two points beaft our larboard beam. We thought she was a whale and ran for her. She proved to be a large merchantman, and we squared away.
- " 24th Lowered the boats for black fish. Struck one and the iron drew as usual. Returned to the ship. Lat 9 S.
- " 25th Fair wind, Course E.S.W. The intense heat gives conclusive evidence that we are fast approaching the Equator. Saw black fish about 11 A.M. and lowered the boats. This time we struck two and succeeded in killing them. Besides treating one of the boats crew with a ride that would astonish some of the fast ones.

- 26th Dried out the blubber of the two black fish, taken on the 25th. They yielded a trifle over two barrels.
- 30th This day was given to the crew for the purpose of washing out the forecabin, washing clothes, &c, and right well they made use of it. Numerous coats, shirts, pants, etc., that had not beheld the light of day since they were deposited in our well-packed chests on shore, rapidly made their appearance and in an incredible short time the forward part of the ship was enshrouded with a dense foliage of coats, pants, shirts, drawers, &c, with the cool trade wind forcing its way gently through them, presented an appearance often seen in an outworn bound whale, but, I have good reason to believe, seldom witnessed on the return home.
- At 4 P.M. rose a school of sperm whales from the must head; we followed them with the ship till sunset when we gave up the chase.