

ing along the horizon, like a thin mist, on either bow. There was no wind, and our sails flapped lazily against the masts. The Amazon lay two miles off our weather beam, while away in our lee bow lay a long, rakish-looking barque, with long slender masts, and a hull as black as coal tar, and told us, at one glance, that she was, like ourselves, a regular-built yankee clipper. She was standing out from the land, and was probably a whaler bound on a cruise.

Off our starboard quarter a large ship was standing out to sea. At seven o'clock, we set our colors at the main peak to exchange signals with the stranger on our weather bow, when Capt. Barber, thinking we meant him, lowered his boat and came aboard. His lookouts at the mast-heads could not see the barque's signal, although they were two miles nearer than us.

The watch turned to, after breakfast, and got up the cables out of the chain lockers and made them fast to the anchors. Capt. Barber went aboard of his own ship about one P.M., with half a boat load of shoes he

had bought of our captain. About 4 P.M. we saw a sail standing out from the land. Thinking it was a pilot, we lowered away a boat and pulled for him; but, on arriving on board of him, we found that he was an agent for the recruiting of whalers and others, and, instead of being at Mongonnu, we were in the Bay of Islands, and that our port of destination lay 25 miles to the northward. On receiving this short item of news, our captain was taken all aback, and tacked ship and stood to the northward, though all of us would a deal rather have made the ~~made~~ Bay of Islands for a port. However, we were becalmed the greater part of the night in the bay, when a light breeze from the land struck us fair, and we shaped our course for Mongonnu. We learned from the agent that the two strange sail we had seen in the morning were the ships Sea Bull (clipper) and James Arnold, of New Bedford, the former 10 months out with 250 sperm, and the latter seven months out with 400 sperm.

Feb 1st Very light wind, but fair. An affair took