

13th Fine weather, stiff breeze. We were scraping and scrubbing the pitch and tar off the quarter deck the greater part of the day, while the carpenter, and the old man, who has always got his fingers in somebody's mess, were at work planing off a spare topsail yard, and our long topgallant masts, previous to giving them a coat of paint and varnish. Tacked at sunset and stood to the Southward.

14th Fine weather, good breeze. We are taking advantage of the fine weather to look ship shape. As we cannot get any whales the old man is keeping us busy tarring, scraping and painting. We have taken down all the standing rigging, from the royal mast to the deck. Today we scraped the stanchions on the quarter deck and gave them a coat of varnish.

We sighted Jarvis Island about 5 P.M., and at sunset squared the yards and steered West.

15th Fine weather. Course W.S.W. We gave our spare spars a coat of varnish, and painted the luff-rail, plankshear, &c, on the quarter deck. After dinner we commenced to caulk the forecastle.

16th Fine weather and light winds. Steering W.S.W. The old man is about to cruise down the line through the King's

Mill Group, steering W.S.W. and W.N.W., and, if he does not see any whales, then we in for a cruise in the Japan seas. [Lat. 48 m. S., long. 161.24 W. - 150 m.]

17th Fine weather - light winds. Course W.S.W. Lat. 1.15 S., long. 162.57 W.

17th Fine weather - light wind. At work scraping, painting, and caulking. Finished caulking the forecastle, and scraped and varnished the jib and flying jib booms. Course W by S. Lat. 1.38 S., long. 164.24 W.

18th Fine weather - light wind. At work scraping, scrubbing, varnishing and painting. We scrubbed the rail and bulwarks on the main deck, and scraped the stanchions, and gave them a coat of varnish. Also commenced to paint the rail and bulwarks inside. Course W. by S. Lat. 1.46 S., long. 166.33 W.

19th Fine weather - light wind. Course W. by S. Painting the bulwarks, rail, plankshear, &c, on the main deck. At 9 A.M. raised a whale two points on the larboard bow. We approached him till we saw the fin on his back, when we kept off on our course, W. Lat. 2.00 S., long. 168.34 W.