

the wind, down boats and after them. Chased them three hours and gave it up for a lost job. Tacked E. & S. At work on charts and fore rigging. 4 P.M. squared the yards and ran down to speak the stranger. A nearer approach showed her to be the *Soriana*. They had taken two 30 lb. whales the previous Sunday. Capt. Martin went aboard and took supper. Capt. Norton had flogged two of his crew since he left port, one for leaving the ship, the other for striking a Portuguese, the 2d mate. When we left her our ship lay nearly three miles off her lee quarter. They were bragging about their sailing, and we told them by way of a comforter that we would be on their weather bow at sunrise. We came aboard and braced up sharp on a taught bowline, took a pull at tacks, sheets and halyards and started for a race. *Mon. 11th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 8th.* - Stiff breeze E. & S. At sunrise we looked for the *Soriana*, and, as we predicted, saw her off our lee quarter head down. After breakfast went to mending the old main topsail. 10 P.M. saw fin backs. *Mon. 12th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 9th.* - Light wind, S. & E. 7 A.M. tacked, S. & E. W. Mending old main topsail. Calm at noon. 2 P.M. sent down fore topsail and bent the one we had mended. Set it and sent down fore topgallant sail, and went to work on it. Calm through the night. *Mon. 13th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 10th.* - Sunrise, light breeze, S. by E. Mending fore topgallant sail. 10 A.M. sent up fore topgallant sail. Calm. 4 P.M. light breeze, S. & E. Cast starboard anchor. *Mon. 14th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 11th.* - Light wind, S. & E. Broke out both sides of fore hold for a cask of bread, and a new sparker. Unshipped after starboard davit and fitted in a new one. Wet hold. 2 P.M. S. & E. by N. *Mon. 15th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 12th.* - Stiff breeze, S. & E. by E. Tacked at sunset. S. by W. Heavy squalls through the night.

*Nov. 13th.* - Parted fore topmast staysail sheet about 2 o'clock this morning in a squall, and before the sail could be hauled down the best part of it was blown to rags. At 8 A.M. furled fore topsail, as a large ripple began to appear. Course S. W. 3 P.M. close hauled, S. by W. Rain through the night. *Mon. 16th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 14th.* - Stiff breeze. Ruffed topsails, founils, jib and spanker out. Heading S. & W. Bent new sparker. *Mon. 17th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 15th.* - Fine weather, light wind. Took the starboard boat on deck and repaired it. Painted the starboard boat. Course S. & W.

*Nov. 16th.* - Light breeze, S. by W. While eating breakfast this morning, whales were raised breaching right ahead. Discovers them to be of the sperm species, and chased away the boats. We lowered after breakfast and the starboard boat succeeded in striking a small calf. He was an angry customer, and in killing him he gave me a severe blow on the chin and shoulder which rendered my arm useless for the time. We commenced to cut him in after dinner, and had him on deck in 45 minutes. Made sail steering to the southward and eastward. Started the try works. *Mon. 18th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 17th.* - Fine weather. Tacked, S. by W. Finished trying out at noon. Cleared up the decks. Washed decks at 4 P.M. *Mon. 19th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 18th.* - Fine weather. Saw fin backs. Tacked, S. & E. Mending fore topmast staysail. Wet hold. *Mon. 20th, 11 P.M.*

*Nov. 19th.* - Fine weather, light wind. S. & E. by E. Full calm at noon, which continued till one o'clock next morning when a light wind sprang up, steering S. by W. *Mon. 21st, 11 P.M.*