

out with 250 sperm. 7 A. M. saw a sail off weather bow Cape Dennis in sight. After dinner ran down and gammed with the E. Swift.

Oct. 29th. - Fine. Wind S. E. Mending foresail. 9 A. M. raised the Swift 4 pts off lee bow, standing towards us. Noon Cape Dennis ahead. Raining and squally all night.

Oct. 30th. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Sunrise saw a strange barque off weather beam. At 4 P. M. she was off the lee beam. She showed American colors. Saw the Swift to windward of her.

Oct. 31st. - Fine weather. Fresh breeze S. E. 10 A. M. land off weather bow. Capped off starboard main rigging.

Nov. 1st. - Fine. Fresh breeze, S. E. Sail off lee bow. Spoke her at 4 P. M. It was the Gay Head. They had seen nothing, and would soon leave for home via New Zealand.

Nov. 2d. - Fine. Wind S. E. fresh. 7 A. M. kept off N. E. for Bouka Bay. Rattling down starboard main rigging. Broke out beef & pork.

Nov. 3d. - Fine. Fresh breeze S. E. Course N. by E. 9 P. M. raised Bouka island two pts off weather bow 4 P. M. set hold. Lay off and on through the night. Fresh breeze.

Nov. 4th. - Fine. Fresh breeze from S. E. W. Noon: off the south side of Bouka. Sun not cloudy; little rain.

Nov. 5th. - Fine. Wind S. & W. Cruising in Bouka Bay. Mending main topgallant sail. At 2 o'clock, an accident occurred, placing in jeopardy the lives of three of the crew. The topgallant sail had been sent up, and while bending it to the yard the strop connecting the lifts, which passes around the head of the mast, parted and the yard was turned <sup>weather</sup> ~~the~~ cockbill in an instant. Three men were on the yard arm at the time, but neither of them were thrown off. The end of the gallant yard fetched up against the topsail yard, giving them a chance to get off. Such an occurrence could not take place again but in nine cases out of ten some if not all on the yard would come down on deck. The cause of the accident is to be laid to the ~~ed~~ mate in overlooking such an important piece of rigging. Capt. M. gave him a sound rating.