

Remarks off River Plate.

Wednesday Dec 17th
 Comm. with a fresh breeze from West. to clear weather. at 4 PM sent the fore sail. Making off the water. Sailed from. at 5 PM the water blue at 6 PM a shoal of sperm whales at 7 PM lowered the starboard. struck & got badly to one I got in to another boat. He killed the whale at 8 PM took the whale to the ship & closed down. at 10 PM. Moderate south in the water. wind WSW. at 11 PM the wind to the south. double reef top sails set.
 Lat. 43.50 N. Long 55.12 W

Thursday Dec 18th
 Comm. with moderate wind from NW. to pleasant weather. at 11 PM the wind to the south. Mid part fresh breeze. Lat. 44.17. Long 55.27

Friday Dec 19th
 begins with a moderate breeze from NW. to clear weather. at 11 PM the wind to the south. Mid part light wind. Lat. 43.51. Long 56.02

Saturday Dec 20th
 Comm. with light air & calm. see a ship. bottom. at 7 PM see a large shoal of sperm whales going off. lowered for them. it proved to be too late to get first. Mid part to latter fresh breeze at noon finished sailing 56 bls. the most water in the blubber. that I ever see.
 Lat. 44.08
 Long 55.47

Cruising off River Plate. Dec 1/53

Wednesday Dec 21st
 Comm. with strong breeze from NW. St. by the wind to the south. double reef. at 6 PM a shoal of sperm whales. Lat. 43.50 N. Long 55.30 W

Thursday Dec 22nd
 Comm. with strong wind from NW. St. by the wind to the south. double reef. see 2 ships. at 6 PM in blue water. Mid part the wind West. attended with rain. thunder & lightning. Lat. 44.02. Long 56.12

Friday Dec 23rd
 Comm. with light wind from NW. to fine weather. spoke ship. Louisiana 5 PM. Lat. 43.48. Long 56.40

Saturday Dec 24th
 Comm. with a fresh breeze from NW. to cloudy weather. the water green. see sail. in sight. Lat. 43.41. Long 56.27

Sunday Dec 25th
 Comm. with moderate breeze from NW. St. to the NW. Mid part very low. Lat. 43.41. Long 56.27

Monday 26th
 begins fresh breeze from NW. to cloudy weather. 4 ships in sight. Lat. 43.41. Long 55.19

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 72 days. 140 sp