

32 coming from the South to me who
has never before been out of the N. E. Gulf zone,
but at any rate our southerly gale brought
us a smell of Cape Horn ~~the sea~~ and
a good fresh snuff it was.

Shoes and stockings had been for many
weeks out of fashion but last Sunday
night ~~found the starboard~~ ~~whose~~
~~were~~ ~~on deck~~ brought them both into use
again. With a thick sea jacket buttoned
to the chin a stout son western knotted
~~round my ears~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~the~~ ~~good~~ ~~pair~~
of shoes & stockings I ~~got on~~ ^{did} pretty well
and ~~the~~ rest my companions complaining
less than I. The sound of the relief
bell was a sweet sound. I assure you
so sweet as none can know but those who
make the venture of ~~whaling~~ ^{common} ~~a~~ ~~seaman's~~ life before
the mast.

I have had the pleasure of seeing several
Albatrosses, and other birds that were new to me.

The ~~re~~ ~~the~~ ~~blows~~ ~~is~~ the
cry we are now awaiting: the least sound
from the masthead ~~will~~ make all hands spring
to their feet from Cabin to Cabin boy.

It must come soon or we shall be a little
discouraged.

Tuesday Nov^r 21th 1856

Sunday 9th inst Capt raised large sp wh
3 boats chased without success.

This afternoon a very fine porpoise
struck ~~and~~ ^{killed} ~~and~~ ^{broke} a board.

The Capt ~~thinks~~ says we are now
nearly on the ground, and bets are made
that we take a whale before Sunday.

The oil which oozes from the whale
is seen ~~on~~ ^{it} floating on the surface, a
large dolphin was caught on ~~Saturday~~ ^{Sunday} with
porpoise or whale feet in his stomach, whale
sharks have been noticed from aloft and
a piece of fat and lean or dead whale
had been seen floating: all good signs.

The whale raised on Sunday was
thought to be a 100 barrel; he was so shy
that with the best efforts of the boats they
could not approach him.

Friday 14th Nov 1856

On the 12th inst we spoke two whalers
the Bark Sunbeam Capt ~~Trumbull~~ ^{Trumbull} of N. E.
and the Brig ~~Annawan~~ ^{Annawan} of Mattapoisett -
~~They both passed under us~~ ^{Captain came aboard} and yesterday
afternoon the 13th our Capt ^{lowered} his boat
and returned the visit.