

Journal of A. Whaling Voyage. Sch. W^m A. Grogier. In the North Atlantic. 1908.

May 5th

Tuesday at 4.30 A.M. got underway from Clarks Point N. Bedford Mass. With a light breeze from the N. for a Whaling Voyage. Sch. Ellen A. Swift in sight all day. We bent the chains and stored them away. At 8 P.M. set the watch. Ends the day.

May 6. Wednesday. This day comes in with a light breeze from the N. Increased to a fresh breeze. At 10 A.M. took in the jibtop sail and gaff top sail. Sch. Ellen A. Swift in sight all day. At 5 P.M. took in the mainsail, and set the trisail. At 6 P.M. reef the foresail. Course S.W. by S. So ends this day. Lat 39.55. Long 71.08.

" 7. Thursday this day comes in with a fresh breeze and rain from the S. Ellen A. Swift in sight. At 7 A.M. hove to. At 8.30 A.M. hauled down the foresail and set the foretrisail at 6 P.M. Moderate. Saw two schools blackfish. so ends the days work.

" 8. Friday. This day comes in with a light breeze from the S. with thick fog. At 10 A.M. the fog cleared off. set all sails. Men on the lookout. Wind S.W. At 6.30 P.M. took in sails and set the trisails. So end the day. Lat 37.55. Long 72.50.

" 9. Saturday. This day comes in with a light breeze from the W. increased to a fresh breeze. Set the foresail. at 7.30 A.M. saw a school of Whales. Lowered the Starboard boat. the whales passed by. At 1.30 P.M. reef the foresail. At 7 P.M. took in the foresail set the foretrisail and reef the main trisail so end the day. Lat 37.31. Long 72.13.

" 10. Sunday. This day comes in with a Fresh breeze from the W. Laid to all day with fore trisail and main trisail reef. Moderate at 6 P.M. so end the day. Lat 38.00. Long 72.09.

" 11. Monday. This day comes in with a light breeze from the W. Set sail. Saw a school of Whales. Never lower they passed by. Wind increased to a fresh breeze. took in the mainsail and set the trisail. Saw another school of Whales. Lowered three boats. Never got any

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At 4.30 P.M. Saw two more schools of whales never lower. Starboard and Starboard boats bend new sails. At 7 P.M. took in the foresail and set the trisail. so end the day.

Lat 37.40. Long 71.08.

May 12. Tuesday. This day comes in with a light breeze from the W. Raised whales lowered 3 boats got 3 whales. Came alongside cut them in a fresh breeze sprang up; put the blubber below. Sch. E. A. Swift in sight with Whales. at 8 P.M. took in the mainsail and set the trisails. so end the day. Lat 38.20. Long 70.47.

" 13. Wednesday. This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the W. At 12.15 P.M. Moderate. Start the work. hailing. At 6 P.M. took blubber from below so end the day. (Antone Gasper off duty sick.) Lat 38.05. Long 70.43.

" 14. Thursday. This day comes in with a light breeze and thick fog from the W. at 8 A.M. fog cleared off. Set sail. At 12.30 P.M. Fresh breeze. took in the mainsail and set the trisail. At 6 P.M. raised a school of whales. Lowered the starboard boat struck one but lost it. (cheered the lines still boiling. so end the day. Lat 38.12. Long 70.47. (Antone Gasper off duty sick.)

" 15. Friday. This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the E. N. E. and rain. finish boiling at 6 A.M. Stowed down the oil and wash the deck. At 4 P.M. reef the main trisail and forestay sail. the foretrisail was already reef. Hove to so end the day. (Antone Gasper off duty sick.)

" 16. Saturday. This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the N. E. and fog. At 7.30 A.M. the fog cleared off. set the foresail. At 11.45 A.M. raised a school of whales. All sail set. never lower they passed by. At 6 P.M. hauled down the mainsail and set the trisail reef the foresail so end the day. Lat 38.10. Long 71.34. (Antone Gasper off duty sick.)

" 17. Sunday. This day comes in with a light breeze and fog from the N. At 10.30 A.M. the fog cleared off. set sail. Saw two vessels to the southward one a square rig and the other a schooner at 4 P.M. took in sails set trisails. so end the day.