

18 Remarks On Board the Clipper Ship *Wm. Hunt*

Wednesday Dec. 21st 1853

First part fresh breezes from S. W. by W. and pleasant steering by the wind to N. E. saw nothing the watch employ in ships duties. Middle and latter parts strong wind from S. W. by W. and pleasant steering by the wind on the S. E. & tack saw nothing the watch employ in ships duties. Lat. by Obs. 44. 11 N. Long. by Chron. 55. 48 W.

Thursday Dec. 22nd 1853

First part fresh breeze from W. S. W. and good weather steering by the wind to S. W. the light sails in saw a fine back. Middle and latter parts light air - S. W. by W. and pleasant steering by the wind to S. W. at sail out saw nothing the watch employ in ships duties. Thus Ends this day. Lat. by Obs. 45. 09 S. Long. by Chron. 56. 52 W.

Friday Dec. 23rd

First part fresh wind from W. by S. and good weather steering by S. W. at 1 P.M. top sails as usual. Middle and latter parts light breeze from S. E. S. and pleasant weather steering by the wind to S. W. All sail down nothing. Thus Ends this day. Lat. by Obs. 45. 58 S. Long. by Chron. 58. 05 W. Long. by Lunar

Saturday Dec. 24th 1853

First part light baffling air from S. E. and good weather steering by the wind to S. W. at 1 P.M. I. top sail. Middle part light breeze from S. W. ship on the S. W. tack, under short sail. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from S. E. and pleasant steering S. S. W. all sail out at 10 A.M. saw a ship at a Lunar. Lat. by Obs. 46. 57 S. Long. by Chron. 58. 58 W. Long. by Lunar

Sunday Dec. 25th 1853

First part brisky breezes at S. by E. and pleasant steering S. W. by S. at 2 P.M. spoke the ship *St. George* Capt. Dias, 3 masts, from home home & 3000. Spoke at 7 P.M. spoke ship *Hibernia* Capt. Horepawell, 6 masts from home and 7000. Spoke saw the *Adeline* Sells at 8 P.M. broke off the gam. Middle part fresh breeze from S. W. the ship under short sail head S. E. W. latter part strong wind from S. W. and a heavy swell ship on the S. E. tack saw 2 ships to windward. So Ends our Merry Christmas. Lat. by Obs. 47. 40 S. Long. by Chron. 59. 50 W.

19 of *N. H.* while cruising on the River Platte Dec. 1853

Monday Dec. 26th A. D. 1853

First part fresh breeze from S. W. by S. and pleasant the ship and whole top sail on the W. end tack saw 2 sail nothing saw. Middle part strong breeze from S. W. ship on the W. end tack saw 2 sail. Latter part fresh gales from S. E. W. and chilly damp weather ship on the S. E. tack under whole top sails saw 2 sail to windward. So Ends this day. Lat. by Obs. 47. 25 S. Long. by Chron. 60. 00 W.

Tuesday Dec. 27th 1853

First part strong breeze from S. W. by S. and good weather the ship under S. E. fore and mizzen and single reefed main top sail saw 2 sail at 5 P.M. the wind freshens land after 5. Sweeping the main top sail while hoisting it carried away the yard in the jaws sent the sail down and unrolled the yard and got it down and prepared to send up another middle and latter part fresh gales from S. W. and wild squally weather had a hail storm the ship under fore sail mizzen top sail and stay sail held W. S. W. got the spare top sail yard fitted to go aloft saw a fine back. Lat. by Obs. 46. 40 S. Long. by Chron. 61. 24 W.

Wednesday Dec. 28th 1853

First part of three 24 hour brisk wind from S. W. by W. and pleasant steering by the wind to W. sent up the main top sail yard and at 4 P.M. sent the main top sail found the new yard fitted it well ready all sail and stood W. S. W. and saw fine back. Middle part light breeze from S. W. by S. and good weather steering S. E. W. the lightest sail in latter part strong wind from S. W. and pleasant ship under S. E. top sail fore and main sail steering S. W. saw nothing. So Ends this day. Lat. by Obs. 47. 30 S. Long. by Chron. 62. 34 W.

Thursday Dec. 29th 1853

First part strong winds from S. E. W. and pleasant steering S. E. W. under S. E. top sails saw nothing at 5 P.M. kept off to S. by E. and set whole top sail and main top sail. Middle part wind fresh to S. W. ship under S. E. top sail and again from sail held W. S. W. Latter part fresh breeze at S. W. by S. and pleasant steering on the S. E. tack saw nothing. Lat. by Obs. 48. 49 S. Long. by Chron. 63. 57 W.

Friday Dec. 30th 1853

First part light air at S. W. by S. and pleasant steering S. all sail out sounded gut bottom at 6 P.M. saw a whale called it a fine back. Middle part wind light variable to S. W. by W. some rain at 8 P.M. came back to S. E. W. steering with latter part wind holds to S. E. W. and fine and weather steering steering South. Lat. by Obs. 50. 50 S. Long. by Chron. 64. 28 W.