

Thursday Aug 30th

Commenced with light winds & calms. Caught the Dolphin and had him cooked for dinner nothing remarkably improved this day. All hands employed setting up the rigging, backstays &c. Towards night we had a little breeze from the starboard which is increased in a short time as to render it necessary to take in the top-gall-sails & fly jib. The wind was still increasing when I turned in.

Lat 30.38 N Longitude 44.26 W.

Friday Aug 31

Blowing a gale of wind. The ship laying too under a close reefed main-top-sail & fore-top-mast-stay-sail, with a pretty heavy sea on. About all the passengers sea sick, and some of the officers nearly so. I have been rather home sick lately, and look forward to the time I shall probably be separated from my family as long in the extreme perhaps forever. But no I will not think so.

Lat 29.15 N Long 43.26 W

Saturday Sep 1st

Begins with strong gales, laying too under a close reefed main-top-sail & fore-top-mast-stay-sail round from S.W. course S.E. by S. 1/2 S. at 3 P.M. set main sail. Soon after set fore & main-top-sails & jibs. nearly all the passengers still remain sea sick - so we shall enjoy ourselves much till we have fairer weather.

Lat 28.52 N Long 42.53 W

Sunday Sep 2nd

Begins with strong winds & head beat sea turned out the tops & set the M.T.G. sail, soon after set the fore & main T.G. sails & 28 m Royals. The wind kept going down till towards night when we had a dead calm which continued through the night. I expect from the frequent occurrence of calms & light winds that we have got a Jonah on board. if such be the case I should suppose that we draw him, and feed him out & consign him to the sharks as we shall never see San Francisco at this rate.

Lat 27.40 Long 41.18

Monday Sep 3rd

Light winds & calms. about 9 o'clock A.M. saw a queer looking fish going by the side of the ship got the gins and after a while the jenny - one such succeeded in taking him we found him to be a sardine fish with his tail bit off probably by a shark, close up to his back fin so that half his length was gone. it had probably been gone sometime as the place was nearly healed up. soon after we caught a couple of fish called yellow tails which make us an excellent chowder for supper. After supper we had a squall which we took in Royals & clewed up T.G. sails, but its soon blew over and we again made sail on the ship.

Lat 27.15 N Long 41.10 W

Tuesday Sep 4th

Strong winds. Ship heads her course S.E. by S. 1/2 S. and goes along at the rate of 7 knots per hour. We have at last fallen in with the trades but they are not more N.E. as yet. (but however they are hauling fairer & fairer every moment. about 9, saw a sail which proved to be a Dutch Galliot. she was steering across our bow. about noon saw another sail a large Bark steering E. N.E. probably bound to Europe. Had a squall of heavy shower again at night.

Lat 25.53 N Long 40.48 W

Wednesday Sep 5th

Strong Breezes & pleasant weather. ship heading S.E. by E. Saw a sperm whale at 9 A.M. on our weather beam 3 miles off. Passengers still rather qualmsish but not fairly sick. Crew employed both watches in setting over potatoes, some of which had rotted since we came out. Nothing occurred worthy of note to day. Ship going along at the rate of 6 knots if we could only have the wind aft or on our quarter we should soon see the Gold Region, But we must take it as we can catch it any way is better than a calm.

Lat 24.01 N Long 40.06