

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Tuesday July the 30th Commences calm and foggy, at 5 P.M. saw a Whale. The fog clearing off lowered two boats and chased him three hours without success, at 12 M. a breeze from the East, the ship with all sail set heading in shore to the S.E., twenty ships in sight, but two or three boiling, at 6 P.M. within three miles of the land and saw three Whales lowered four boats and chased them without success, at 8 M. increasing strong breeze, and cold rugged weather, at 9.30 commenced beaching out the fore boat to stow the oil, same time it began to rain, ends with a strong gale from the N.E., with rugged rainy weather ship by the wind heading N.E.W.

Wednesday July the 31st Commences with fresh gale from the N.E. at 10 M. with a cold rain, ship by the wind under top sail, jib & courses heading N.E.W., the barque Mary Denison in company, Capt. Hagar on board the board took all hands employed stowing away the oil, at 4 P.M. veered ship to the S.E., the middle part fresh gale from the North and foggy, the latter part wind from the N.W. with fog and rain & cold rugged weather, at 12 M. saw the land bearing per compass S.W. by S Dist 3 miles same time wore ship to the N.E., Lat by Oct 66.55, Long by Oct 171.00.

Thursday Aug. August the first 1850 Commences with a strong gale from the N.E.W., attended by cold rugged weather with fog & rain ship under top sail jib & courses heading off shore to the North, at 4 P.M. wore ship heading to the S.W. at 8 P.M. Double reefed the top sails and hauled up the courses and at 8 P.M. wore ship off shore to the North, same time veered saw drift ice to the westward, at 11 M. veered ship to the S.W., with fine wind from the West, and at 3 A.M. saw the ice near the ship, it being very foggy veered ship to the N.E.W., at 6.30 A.M. veered ship to the S.W., and set the fore sail, at 11 A.M. came up with the ice & the fog clearing off pushed through it and stood on within two miles of the shore and wore ship heading N.E.W. No Whales in sight, Lat & Long, as yesterday

Friday August the 2nd Commences with a strong breeze from the West with cold rugged weather, ship under Double reef, top sail, heading N.E.W. all hands employed stowing down oil, at 7 P.M. finished stowing and saw Whales and chased them two hours without success, the middle part light and from the West & foggy, the latter part calm and hazy all hands employed chasing Whales, Whales plenty and very wild, light sail in sight the land to the South four miles off, Lat by Oct 66.50

Saturday August the 3rd these 24 hours begin calm and hazy the boats in chase of Whales, at 4 P.M. a light breeze from the Eastward the ship heading off shore with all sail set, at 8 P.M. took up the boats and got supper, the middle part a light breeze from the East and cloudy, the watch employed chasing wild Whales, the latter part calm and pleasant warm weather all hands employed chasing Whales, 20 sail in sight, four boiling the land to the South eight miles off, ship drifting along the O shore to the Eastward about two knots per hour

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Sunday August the 4th these four & twenty hours commence with a calm and pleasant warm weather, the middle & latter part light baffling breeze and pleasant weather, chased several Whales through the fog, the Whales very wild, twenty sail in sight, the land to the Southward 15 miles off Lat by Oct 66.36 North Long by Chron 169.20 West

Monday August the 5th the first part of these 24 hours light baffling air from the South & Westward, lowered for Whales several times without success, at 10 P.M. calm & set in a thick fog ship drifting in shore at 2 A.M. jiggering ourselves near the land, sounded in 18 fathoms, & got the harbor anchor off the bow and overhauled a range of chain at 3 A.M. sounded in 11 fathoms same time a breeze sprang up from the East and kept the ship N by E heading off shore, and at 7 A.M. the fog cleared off and kept the ship off N.W. several ships in sight at 9 saw a Whale and lowered three boats and at 11 struck him to the waist boat and turned him up at 12 M. ends with a fresh breeze from the East and pleasant weather, Lat by Oct 66.45 South the land 5 leagues off to the Southward

Tuesday August the 6th Commences with a brisk breeze from the East and pleasant weather at 1 P.M. took the Whale to the ship and got dinner and at 2.30 began to cut and at 7 P.M. finished cutting, how she rools 1700, the wind veering to the Southward with the appearance of a storm, at 9 P.M. began to hail at 12 M. strong breeze from the S.W., at 2 A.M. took a Squall from the N.E.W. and furled the fore & main top sails & jib & Double reefed the main top sail, and veered ship heading to the North, at 6 A.M. wore ship to the S.W. & at 11 A.M. wore ship to the North, the latter part strong gale from the W.N.W. with thick rugged weather the land in sight to the Southward 12 miles off Lat by Oct 66.30 North

Wednesday August the 7th Commences with a strong gale from the W.N.W., with cold rugged weather, ship with Double reef, main top sail & fore sail set heading to the North, the watch employed boiling, at 2 P.M. more moderate and set the fore & main top sails, Double reefed & set the jib, at 3 P.M. wore ship to the S.W., and at 7 P.M. wore ship to the North, several ships in sight at 4 A.M. more moderate and let the reefs out of the top sails, and at 8 set the main top gallant sail, plenty gray Whales in sight, ends with a strong breeze from the West and fair weather, Lat by Oct 66.40 North, No Polar Whales in sight, Thursday August the 8th Commences with strong breezes from the West with fair weather ship by the wind heading N.E.W., the watch employed boiling at 11.12 M. increasing breeze, took in the main top gallant sail & Double reefed the fore & main top sails, same time finished boiling, at 8 A.M. let the reefs out of the top sails, and spoke the Ship Caravan of Tell River 800 kils the latter part a light breeze inclining to a calm with cloudy weather 10 ships in sight, No Whales