

A JOURNAL OF A WHALING VOYAGE  
IN THE  
BARQUE N. D. CHASE OF BEVERLY STEPHEN A RYDER MASTER  
KEPT BY  
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Journal of a whaling voyage from Provincetown to the Atlantic and Indian Ocean in the Bark N. D. Chase of Beverly S. A. Ryder, Commander.

1. Provincetown June the 8th 1857

We went on board in company with numerous friends at 1/2 past 9 A. M. our Anchor was soon hove to our bow and we were braced forward with larboard tacks on board when part of our Company left us for their homes four of them Concluding to go as far as the race point the wind being light and baffling we did not get out by long point untill 3 o'clock P. M. Mr. Snow and wife and daughter came on board and wished us a great deal of Happiness and success at 1/2 past 5 the rest of our company left us and we bid adieu to Provincetown for eighteen months. Then came the dividing of the crew into watches. I looked on with great interest it being the first time I had witnessed anything of the kind. We had a present of a dozen or fifteen lobsters sent to us from the race which were gratefully accepted by the crew. The children seem to be well contented.\*

2. Tuesday June the 9th Latt 41.40 Long 68.40

Spoke the Schr Water Spirit on Georges Bank fishing also the Herm Brig Lady Yule (?) of Arichot from Pictou. In the afternoon we (?) took the crew out in the boats to practice on whaling principles. Rough weather Children sea sick.

3. June Wednesday 10th Latt 40.43 Long 68.40

Thick fog and rough weather. All hands employed in ships duty.

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\* Captain Ryder was 28 at the time; his wife 26. Their children, who sailed with them, were Elijah Thomas Ryder, then four years, 10 months old, and Frank Bunchina Ryder, then one year, 9 months old. Elijah is often referred to, in this journal, as "Bub," and Frank is often called "Bunny."

4. June Thursday 11th 39.40 Long 67.40

Lowered for Humpback a cow and calf but did not fasten. All hands employed in fitting the boats and getting ready for whale.

5. June Friday 12th Latt 39. Lon 67

All hands employed in fitting the craft. Children all over their sickness.

6. June Saturday 13th Latt 38.50 Long 65.30

Wind South West all hands employed in ships duty so ends this week.

7. June Sunday 14th no observation

Wind S.S.W. course S.E. moderate gale. at 6 P.M. saw a barque standing E.N.E. So ends our first sunday at sea.

8. June Monday 15th no observation

Fresh breeze and squally from the W.N.W. course East P.M. at 5 A.M. wind hauled to the N.N.W. course E.S.E.

9. June Tuesday 16 Latt 38.54 Lon 54.44.15.

Fresh breeze from the N.N.W. course E.S.E. at 5 P.M. took the waist boat on deck to repair.

10. June Wednesday 17th Latt 38.44, no observation for Lon

Fresh breeze and squally from the N.W. course E at 6 P.M. course E. by S. at 2 A.M. the wind veered to the S.W. at 4 o'clock A.M. saw a ship to the southard. Employed in repairing waist boat.

11. June. Thursday 18th Latt 38.20 Lon 48

Fresh breeze and squally from the S.W. course E.S.E. at 6 P.M. saw a Finback. Washed in the first part of the day and cleaned my room in afternoon.

12. June Friday 19th Latt 37.53 Lon 46.28.

Fresh breeze from the North Course E.S.E. All hands employed in ships duty at 11 o'clock saw a shoal of Porpoises. At 3 P.M. saw a sail steering West.

13. June Saturday 20th Latt 38.15 N. Lon 44.37W

Wind N.N.E. course E. by S. Fresh breeze and squally. At 6 P.M. close reefed the topsails and furled the courses.

14. June Sunday 21st Latt 38.7 N. Long no observation.

Course East Wind N blowing fresh from the N. Latter part veered to the N.N.W. and freshened with squalls saw a ship to the N.N.W.

15. June Monday 22nd Latt 38.20 N. Long 43.10.45 W.

Course E.N.E. Wind N.N.W. Fresh gale from the N.N.W. close reefed the topsails. Latter wind veered N.E. moderate and pleasant all hands doing ships duty.

16. Tuesday 23rd Latt 38.10 Long 41.00 W.

Wind W.N.W. course E by South. Saw Finbacks. Moderate and pleasant all hands employed in ships duty. I knit all day long with the exception of taking care of the Children.

17. June Wednesday 24th no observation on account of the clock being too slow.

Course E. Wind W.N.W. very pleasant. All hands employed in breaking out and stowing the hold and setting up the riging I assisted the steward in making bread washing dishes etc.

18. June Thursday 25 no observation.

Lowered for blackfish at 1/2 past seven A.M. Whilst chasing them saw sperm whales at 9 o'clock and started in pursuit but a ship on the windward had startled them and the boats could not get near enough to fasten to them. Came on board at 2 o'clock had dinner. Soon after saw blackfish off the weather bow bearing N.W. Lowered two boats but the fish soon disappearing gave up the chase and returned to the vessel. I made five mince pies and three loaves of cake and the pudding sauce. Knitting and taking care of the children I made up the day. After supper the crew assembled on deck and sang the song called Sir Franklin and his bold crew. At seven P.M. close reefed the topsails and furled the mainsail.

19. June Friday 26th Latt 38.16 N. Long

Wind S.W. Course East. At 9 o'clock saw Porpoises. Lowered the boat and went after them but did not get near enough to strike them. After chasing them sometime came on board. At twelve saw a sunfish lowered for him but he gave them the slip. At 6 P.M. saw a Finback the Capt fired a rifle ball at him but did not take effect. I sewed on my dress and read walking the deck with Bunny in the meantime. At 1/2 past eleven saw a sail steering N.N.W. supposed to be a whaler. The weather lowery all day. At seven P.M. close reefed the topsails and furled the mainsail.

20. June Saturday 27th Latt 38.48 N

Course East Moderate breeze from the West. At 1/2 past six saw a Herm brig off the weather beam steering N.W. saw also a ship off the Lee bow steering N.W. with loss of foretop gallant mast weather damp and foggy in the morning but cleared away about 9 o'clock. All hands employed in fitting craft and cleaning pantry. I washed in the forenoon and sewed in the Afternoon. Children seem to enjoy themselves.

21. June Sunday 28th Latt 39.11 N. Long 34.40 West

Course East Wind West. Weather foggy in the morning cleared away about noon but lowery in the afternoon with some rain. concluded not to have a loft it being dull weather most of the crews employed in arrangeing their person working ship reading etc. Saw a ship to the eastward.

22. Monday 29th Latt. 39.42 Long no observation.

Course East, N.W. and E.S.E. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and foggy all hands employed in doing ships duty. At 6 P.M. took one Porpoise on deck. The children were much pleased with him. Bunny called him Pops. I finished my stocking and commenced another.

23. Tuesday 30th Latt no observation.

Course S.E. by E. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and cloudy at eight A.M. saw

Corvo (?) bearing E.S.E. distance 20 miles and Flores bearing S.E. by E. distance 25 miles.

24. Wednesday July 1st no observation.

Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and squally. Lying off and on Santa Cruze at six P.M. spoke the sch John Adams, Capt. Doyle of Provincetown and the sch Silver Cloud of New London, Capt. Fish. In the evening the mate and David Stearns came on board. At 7 A.M. took another Porpoise.

25. <sup>July</sup> June Thurs 2nd

Wind S.W. fresh breeze. Lying off and on at 10 A.M. went on shore to trade and have a good time. The Children were much pleased to get on shore. They were presented with a couple canary birds and two rabbits at 6 P.M. came on board with Potatoes, Onions, Cloves (?), Oranges, Eggs, Turkeys etc. Almost tired to death.

26 July Friday 3rd

Lying off and on Santa Cruze Wind from West to North East and squally. Captain got ready to go on shore with Elijah Thomas to take him to the english Physician his face being swollen very bad, supposed to be caused by an ulcerated tooth but a heavy squall coming on he went on board the John Adams and stoped awhile and brought Capt Doyle on board with him when he came back. He stoped with us all night at 8 A.M. took a Porpoise. It has taken all my time to take care of the Children.

27. Saturday 4th July the memorable 4th.

Captain and boats crew went on shore at 9 A.M. I stopped on board and assisted the steward in getting dinner stuffing turkey etc. at 4 P.M. they came on board. Capts Flintheart and Doyle came on board and took tea with us. Had Turkey green peas boiled Onions Potatoes Turnips Apple sauce Cake Cheese Bread Putter Pie Tea and Coffee Milk etc. At 9 in the evening had Wine and Oranges. At quarter to eleven Capt Flintheart returned to his Barque the Grayhound of Westport. Capt. Doyle remained all night. At 1/2 past Eleven

retired for the night as well satisfied as if I had been at home with the exception of the society of my friends and thus ends our 4th of July we of the Barque N.D. Chase.

28. July Sunday the 5th

Hove to under short sail off Florez. Wind S.S.W. moderate and very pleasant. Capt. Doyle spent the day with us. Took a sunfish at 11 o'clock A.M. and Bub had a fine time making balls. At 7 P.M. Mr. Howser went on board the John Adams and stoped the night. Capt. Doyle remaining on board with us at 10 retired for the night.

29. July Monday 6th

Moderate breeze from the S.W. Flores bearing E.N.E. fifteen miles. At 9 A.M. saw a large school of Blackfish lowered two boats and went after them. At 1/2 past eleven returned with two fish. Eat their dinner in a hurry and started again but the fish being quite cunning did not get near enough to fasten. A quarter to two returned to the ship. Striped the two fish of their blubber cleaned decks etc. I washed took care of the children and watched the boats. When eight o'clock came felt quite fatigued and retired at an early hour, hoping to have a good nights rest although it being quite rough.

30. Tuesday 7th

Flores bearing E. by S. fifty miles. At daylight saw the John Adams. At 10 A.M. Capt. Doyle came on board and remained the day. Mr. Howser went on board the Adams and stoped untill the Capt returned. All hands employed in leaning and mincing blackfish blubber. I knit and done a little of everything.

31. July Wednesday 8th Laying off and on Flores.

Wind West, at 1/2 past eight, tryworks agoing Stephen and Elijah got ready to go on shore to carry some oil. At 1/2 past three returned and we put off for the southern part of Pico at 7 P.M. saw a large clipper ship steering East. All hands employed in ships duty. I ironed in the first part of the day and

knit in the afternoon had some strawberries for dinner.

32. July Thursday 9th Latt 38.15 N. Long 39.W

Wind S.W. Course E. by S. All hands employed in ships duty. I sewed. The children have as many oranges as they can eat.

33. July Friday 10th

Laying off and on Pico. Sent the maintop gallant yard down to fish. Very calm and pleasant the top of Pico very distinctly seen. I sewed, knit and read a little the children playing around the deck.

34. July Saturday 11th

Laying off and on Pico the Captain and Elijah Thomas went to the shore for they were not allowed to land to see Mr. Williams but he went to Fayall the day before in the P.M. saw a boat coming from Fayall and thinking it might be him lowered a boat and went to it but it proved to be passenger boat wrote letters home and sent them to Fayall Capt. Doyle came on board and took tea with us our second officer and crew going on board the John Adams.

35. July Sunday 12th

Lying off and on Pico a gentle breeze from the N.W. very warm the boat went on shore in the A.M. and saw Mr. Williams but he could not leave home for two weeks therefore we shall be obliged to do without him. Bought a peck of Apricots of which the children are very fond. Capt. Doyle came on board and took tea with us.

36. July Monday 13th

Calm and very warm. Drifting towards St. George where we intend to get some Potatoes and Onions. At two o'clock P.M. Stephen went on shore to shoot some fowl. All hands employed in ships duty. I washed and cleaned my room.

37. July Tuesday 14th

This day calm and pleasant. In the forenoon bent a new foretopsail last point of Pico bearing E.N.E. distance five miles. I sewed on Elijah Thomas's pants.



38. July Wednesday 15th

Calm. At seven A.M. lowered the boats and towed ship untill eleven. Saw a Cow fish and went after it shot three but did not save either one. I spent the day as usual knitting sewing and reading. Latter part of the day fresh breeze and squally. Steering for St. Georges.

39. July Thursday 16th

Fresh breeze from S.S.E. At eight A.M. went on shore at St. George to trade blackfish oil for produce. Capt. Doyle went in company with us we cruised around and traded and came on board at 4 P.M.

40. July Friday 17th

Fresh breeze Capt. went on shore to trade with Capt. Doyle as they did not get as many potatoes as they wanted but the Portuguese wanted just as much again as they did the day before and the Captain getting vexed would not trade with them and came on board at ten and bore away for Terceira (Terceira). I feeling quite fatigued with my ramble the day before did not do much of anything. The Children seem well. At 4 P.M. passed Angra harbor and hauled up for Praza.

41. July Saturday 18th

Light breeze and calm at 9 A.M. got ready and went on shore at Praza and every attention that could be bestowed upon strangers was shed upon us. We had plenty to eat in the shape of sweetmeats fruit green vegetables cake and a nice cup of tea. Came on board at six feeling quite tired. Recd on board fifty bushels Potatoes three thousand Onions ninety four Pumpkins one hundred Cabbages and some green Corn and three bushels Apricots and some Eggs. We then started Angra.

42. July Sunday 19th

Light breeze and pleasant. The day was spent in reading, talking and doing ships duty. Angra bearing N.N.W. 10 miles.

[In the numbering of the entries in the journal, my great-grandmother skipped a day here. I will number the entries correctly, but explain this for people who may compare the original journal with this copy.]

43. Monday 20th (not numbered in the original)

Light breeze and very warm. I washed and when I was about half done the Custom house Officers and some others came on board and they would not go away without we went on shore with them. I left my washing and went on shore and had a fine time for I found some Ladies who could talk good English. I was entreated to stay but could not on account of the vessel leaving the Island that night after some rambling around for some time we came down to the boat and there we found two of our crew missing. After waiting an hour and a half we were obliged to leave without them leaving orders to have them locked up and taken care of for the night. We came on board at eight in the eve with both children sound asleep. I was glad to get on board.

44. July Tuesday 21st

Light breeze and pleasant. At nine o'clock A.M. went on shore and brought off the two men that ran away the day before came off at eleven and stood to sea. Capt. Doyle spent the day with us. I finished my washing. So ends this day.

45. July Wednesday 22nd

Light breeze and passing clouds. I preserved Appricots all day. At two o'clock P.M. Capt. Doyle came on board to get some firearms as his crew undertook to take the schr the day before. he took tea with us. At five P.M. he started to go on board his vessel our mate lowered his boat and started with him for they supposed by the schr standing off that something had happened on board. but when about half way to her they found it was sperm whales they were after but the whales were going so fast could not get near enough to fasten came on board at nine set the watch and retired for the night.

46. July Thursday 23rd

Light breeze all around the compass. All hands employed in fitting boats.

I cut up some Apricots and tried to dry them in the sun but they would not dry and I stewed them they made a beautiful sauce. I knit some and read the life and beauties of Fanny Fern loaned me by Capt. Doyle. At 5 A.M. the Captain went on board the John Adams returned at nine.

47. July Friday 24th

Light airs from W.N.W. Most of the hands employed in making and roping sails. I ironed in the forenoon and knit in the afternoon. At six P.M. Capt. Doyle came on board and spent the evening.

48. July Saturday 25

Wind S.W. course S.E. All hands employed in making a potato pen and ships duty. I finished a pair of pants for Elijah Thomas. Bunny does not seem very well. Capt. Doyle and Mr. Leach spent the evening with us.

49. July Sunday 26

Fresh breeze from the W.S.W. At 10 A.M. saw St. Michiael<sup>?</sup>. At 1/2 past eleven sent a boat on board the John Adams and brought Capt. Doyle on board to take dinner with us. Had stuffed Turkey green corn etc.

50. July Monday 27

Strong breeze from the N.W. Standing to the N.E. All hands employed in Ships duty I did not wash it being rather cloudy.

51. July Tuesday 28

Fresh breeze and Cloudy. I washed in the forenoon and knit in the afternoon. St. Michiaels ten miles distant. All hands doing ships duty.

52. July Wednesday 29

Course N.E. Wind N.N.W. Light breeze and Cloudy. At two o'clock stood off shore. Saw a Sloop to the North. I made bub a pair of pants. The Children are both well.

53. July Thursday 30

Course E. Wind N.N.E. Light breeze and pleasant. All hand employed in ships duty some one reconed it beat the worlds fair. I made bub a Jacket with Stephens help. At 4 o'clock saw Gramppuss. Bunny talks about Bishy (?) Josh Than Thonas and so on he is quite at home.

54. July Friday 31

Course N.W. Wind S.E. Light breeze with passing clouds. All hands employed in ships duty. I made bub a pair of pants.

55. Saturday August 1st

Course N.W. Wind S.E. Light breeze with rain saw Spirm Grampuses breaching I made bub another Jacket I have now got him dressed in his sailor clothes.

56. August Sunday 2nd

Course N.W. Wind S.E. Gentle breeze with passing clouds. All hands employed in ships duty I made another pair of pants for bub. Saw Grampuses.

57. August Monday 3rd

Course N. by E. Wind W.N.W. Pleasant breeze Saw four sails Terciria [Terceira] bearing West distance thirty miles. All hands employed in ships duty. I sewed in the forenoon and knit in the afternoon.

58. August Tues 4th

Course S.W. Wind W.N.W. Light breeze and rainy nothing of note occured I knit and read.

59. August Wednesday 5

Course W. Wind W.N.W. Light breeze with passing clouds. At six P.M. Angra point bearing N.W. distance ten miles. I sewed.

60. August Thursday 6

Course W.S.W. Wind S.E. light breeze. Lying aback off Angra At eight A.M. Stephen went on shore came on board at eleven. No observation.

61. Aug. Friday 7

Course S.W. Wind S.E. light breeze and clear. Pico bearing N. distance fifty miles saw plenty Grampuses no observation.

62. Aug Saturday 8

Course N. Wind W.N.W. Light breeze and clear. All hands employed in ships duty. I ironed and done up starched Clothes in the forenoon and sewed in the afternoon so ends this day two months from home.

63. Aug. Sunday 9

Course N. Wind W.N.W. This day fresh breeze and Cloudy. Sent a boat on board a brig to get some papers.

64. Aug. Monday 10

Course S.W. Wind W.N.W. At eight A.M. picked up the Mainmast of a Schr with the crosstrees attached to it by the appearance of it had been in the water two months or more it being cloudy did not wash. No observation.

65. August Tuesday 11

Course N.W. Calm Saw a sail but did not speak her. I washed in the forenoon towards night saw three sails.

66. August Wednesday 12

Course N. Wind W.N.W. off Flores. At ten A.M. Stephen Bub and Mr. Howser went on board the Barque Tropic bird and took dinner at 1/2 past one P.M. returned bringing Capt. King with them. He took tea with us. At 1/2 past five went on board the ship Majestic 17 days from New bedford Capt. Macomber at 1/2 past seven returned brought some papers. Capt. King then went on board his own barque the Tropic bird of New bedford. I finished a dress for Franky.

67. Aug. Thursday 13th

Course N.W. Wind S.E. Light breeze and squally Saw Flores in the forenoon. At noon spoke the silver Cloud Capt. Fish of New London also the Richard Clark of Bath Maine. I sewed on my berage (?) dress. No observation

Bubs birth day.

68. August Friday 14

Course N.W. Wind S.E. Fresh breeze and rain quite unpleasant to be on deck. However I managed to get along nicely The Children are catching water in their little bucket and act like two young ducks. No observation.

69. Aug. Saturday 15

Course E.S.E. Wind W.S.W. Pleasant breeze with passing clouds. Spoke the Barque Grayhound of Westport Capt. King one hundred and fifty bbls sperm oil. Capt. King came on board and took tea with us. I wrote a letter to Caroline and sent it by him to Fayal. He was going directly there. Latt 41.30N. ✓

70. August Sunday 16

Course E.N.E. Wind W.S.W. Pleasant and moderate. The Capt asked Aaron to go aloft but objected again and no more was said about it. Latt 41.56N.

71. Aug. Monday 17

Calm with some fog all hands employed in ships duty. I finished my dress and the day passed as usual. I did not wash as it was cloudy. Latt 42.46N. Long 28.53.30 West.

72. August Tuesday 18th

Course E.N.E. Wind W.S.W. Gentle breeze with some clouds. All hands employed in ships duty and wishing for whales. I knit on bubs stocking. Latt. 43.25, N. Long 29.18.30 West.

73. August Wednesday 19

Course S. by E. Wind W.S.W. This day light breeze. Saw Grampuses the Capt lowered his boat and went after them he fired at them but did not take any All hands employed in ships duty. Latt 43.13 N.

74. August Thursday 20th

Course W.S.W. Wind N.W. Fresh breeze and squally quite an uncomfortable

day. No observation.

75. Aug. Friday 21st

Course S. by E. Wind N. Strong gale and squally with heavy swell under Close reefed topsails. Wind still increasing Latt 43.03 N. Long 28.29 West.

76. Aug Saturday 22nd

Course S. Wind N. Strong gale and squally. At 4 P.M. took in the Waist boat for fear of her getting stove Gale increasing untill dark. At nine in the evening moderate. No observation. Saw blackfish.

77. Aug Sunday 23rd

Course W.S.W. Wind North. Fresh gale and squally. Close reefed the topsails. At noon increased to a heavy gale. lyeing under fore Main and Mizzen staysails at six kept her away. Everything in great confusion. All moveable things have to be lashed to keep them in their places. It was almost impossible for me and the Children to keep in our beds but they behaved themselves like men they seemed to enjoy it. I was a little seasick. No observation.

78. August Monday 24th

Course W. Wind S.W. Moderated some but still blowing quite fresh with a heavy swell. Impossible for me or the Children to go around the deck without help. Stephen went to work and made a good mess of gruel and after partaking of that felt better by night was quite myself again. Latt 40.45 N. Long 33.33.45 West.

79. August Tuesday 25th

Course S.S.W. Wind N.E. Strong breeze with heavy swell but much better than it was yesterday. All hands employed in ships duty. Nothing of note occurred. Latt 38.52N Long 34.36:15 W.

80 . August Wednesday 26th

Course S.W. by S. Wind N.E. Fresh breeze but pleasant. All hands

employed in ships duty. I ironed in the forenoon and knit in the afternoon  
Latt 38:00 N.

81. August Thursday 27th

Course S.W. by W. Wind W. Gentle breeze and a beautiful day. at 1/2  
past 7 took a Porpoise. Had some fried for my breakfast which was a good  
substitute for beef steak. I washed in the forenoon.

82. August Friday 28

Course S. Wind W. Light breeze and passing Clouds. I washed Saw a  
French ship but did not speak her. All hands employed in ships duty.

Latt 35.10 N

Long 34:46:15W

83. Aug Saturday 29th

Course N. Wind W.N.W. Fresh breeze. Saw several sails but did not speak  
any. I sewed and knit and took care of the babies. The day passed as usual, no  
sperm whales yet. Latt 35..49N. Long 35:02..30W

84. August Sunday 30th

Course N.W. by W. Wind N.E. Fresh breeze but pleasant. At 10 A.M. the  
watch was called to go aloft when they refused to go. They were accordingly  
forced to go. Nelson Whiting who shipped as third mate not being capable of  
doing his duty and not fitting for Boatsteerer was broke and placed forward  
as seaman. Latt 36:37 N. Long 38.16 W.

85 Aug. Monday 31st

Course W. by N. Wind N.E. Heavy breeze and squally with some rain. Two  
sails in sight it being so damp I could not sew or knit and so I read the  
book called the (English barons a gothic tale). All hands employed in ships  
duty. No observation. Saw blackfish.



86. Tuesday September 1st

Course W.N.W. wind N.E. Light breeze with passing Clouds. I cut out bub a velvet Jacket and sewed some on it. In the afternoon spoke Bark Cherokee of Greenock Capt Cowans. forty four days from Bahia bound to Liverpool. Capt and mate went on board of her at 1/2 past seven returned bringing Capt Cowans with them. He took tea with us. He brought me one dozen bottles Claret wine and some books. Latt 37:33 N.

87. Sept Wednesday 2nd.

Course E.S.E. Calm. I washed in A.M. Capt took the Children and went on board the Cherokee. Capt Cowans came back with them to dinner. We had Stuffed Turkey mince pie etc. In the afternoon I went on board the Cherokee leaving Franky with Mr. Howser. After tea I returned and found him contented but yet he was glad to see me. Capt Cowans gave me a bottle of preserved Damsons and gave the Children a box of sweetmeats. Latt 37:33 N. no observation for longitude.

88. Thursday 3d

Course N.E. Wind S.W., very moderate. Sent down fore top gallant mast to fit cross trees and maintopsail yard to fish. I sewed on bubs white pants. Latt 37:59 N.

89. Sept Friday 4th

Course N.E. Wind S.E. Light breze and pleasant. The Mate from aloft said he saw a spar on the water about a mile and a half off. They lowered the waist boat and went after it taking me and the Children along with them. It proved to be the main boom of a Schr. We got one Turtle and a dolphin from around it. took it in tow and brought it on board. in the afternoon I sewed on Franky's white apron. No observation.

90. Sept Saturday 5th

Course E.N.E. Wind N.W. Light breeze with passing clouds. All hands employed in doing ships duty. I finished Franks apron. No observation.

91. Sept Sunday 6th

Course E. Wind N.W. Strong breeze and squally several sails in sight. read the name of one the Sattelite of Liverpool. Latt 39..02 N. Long. 34..39:15..W

92. Monday 7th

Course S.E. Wind N.W. Strong breeze and squally. Spoke the Herm brig Altamaha of Lippican (?) fifty five bbls spirm. Capt Fisher one month from home Capt F. came on board and spent the afternoon and took tea with us our first officer and boats crew went on board the Altamaha. Latt 37..33 N. Long 34..52:15.

93. Sept Tuesday 8th

Course W.S.W. Wind N.W. light breeze and pleasant. I washed in the A.M. All hands employed in ships duty. Nothing of note occurred. Latt 37.41 N.

94. Wednesday 9th

Course W.S.W. Wind N.N.E. Light breeze. Spoke Schr Victoria of Calias from Havana bound to Carthage with fruit how I did want some but it was of no use I could not get any. Latt 37..41 N. Long. 36..57..30.

95. Thursday 10th

Course W. Wind S.W. Strong breeze and squally four sails in sight. I commenced to embroider Franky a skirt. All hands doing ships duty. No observation.

96. Friday 11th

Course S. Wind West Fresh breeze and squally with Thunder and lightening and much rain. All hands were called in the night to close reef the topsails and get her under snug sail. At 2 P.M. saw blackfish lowered the boats and went after them but did not get near enough to fasten. Latt 37..10. Long 38..36..30..

97. Sept Saturday 12th

Course S.W. Wind N.W. Fresh breeze. This day is Franky's birthday two years old today. All hands employed in ships duty. I worked a little on bubs shirt. Latt 36.. no observation for Longitude.

98. Sept Sunday 13th

Course S. Wind West Strong breeze and Cloudy. This day was spent in doing ships duty and reading. Latt 34..59.. no observation for Longitude.

99. Sept Monday 14th

Course E.N.E. Wind West. Heavy wind rough and rainy. I could do nothing but hold on to the Children and keep myself from falling down all hands doing ships duty. No observation.

100. Sept. Tuesday 15th

Course S.E. Wind W. Fresh breeze and heavy swell with but a very little sunshine. Bent a new maintopsail and a new Jib. I embroidered a little and knit some. Latt 37..34..Long 35..53.

101 Sept Wednesday 16th

Course E.N.E. Wind N.N.W. A whole sail breeze. Two sails in sight. I ironed in the forenoon and sewed in the afternoon. Latt 35.10 N. Long 31..45 W.

102 Sept Thursday 17th

Course E.N.E. Wind N. Fresh breeze. Nothing to be seen but our own Bark as she sails through the ruffled sea and now and then fetching a heavy lurch. But it avails us nothing to murmur for all in good time a spouter will come along and then hurrah boys we will soon have him alongside strip him of his choisest portion put it into oily operation and then stow it away in the hold. So three cheers for the Bark N. D. Chase and her jolly crew. Latt. 36..65 N. Long. 30..16 W.

103. Sept Friday 18th

Course E. by N. Wind N. by E. Strong breeze with heavy swell. This

day passed like the precedeing one nothing seen and all hands employed in ships duty but me I done a little of several things. Latt. 35..23 North No observation for Longitude.

104. Sept Sat 19th

Calm and pleasant. All hands employed in washing and painting ship. any one would think to look over the rail that our crew consisted of West ✓Indie darkies for it seems as if one tried to out do the other in bedaubing himself with black paint. They lowered the boat and took me and the Children with them and went off a short distance from the ship too see if they had made her look any better we all concluded she looked much better and that painting was a great improvement to her. Latt 36..25 N Long 29..24 E

105. Sept Sunday 20th

Course N.N.E. Wind W.N.W. Light breeze with squalls. This sabbath was spent in reading and doing ships duty. Latt 37..32 N Long 29..32..15 W(?)

106. Sept Monday 21st

Course N.N.E. Wind West strong breeze and squally beating up for Fayal one sail in sight steering for Fayal. I spent the day in preparing to go ashore.

107. Sept Tuesday 22nd

Wind N. This day fresh breeze. The Capt told me that we should go on shore after dinner I accordingly got myself and Children ready. There was quite a number of ships lying at anchor in the harbor and some three or four lying off and on amongst them was the Varnum H. Hill Capt N. Freeman and the F. Bunchina Capt Tuck of Provincetown. We signalized the Bunchina and her boat was soon lowered away and Capt Tuck came on board and after delivering him his letters that were sent by us and having a sociable chat for an hour or so we went on shore to Silvas hotel and there we found quite a number of Captains four of whom had their wives with them all belonging to whaling vessels. The children

were highly pleased to get on shore for they found two little boys to play with and they had a fine garden to run in. We amused ourselves in looking around the place and walking in the garden untill the bell rang for tea at seven o'clock after tea we assembled in the parlor and spent the evening socially and retired at ten o'clock quite fatigued.

108. Sept Wednesday 23rd

Ashore at Fayal and a beautiful morning my window overlooks the harbor and as I look out I have a full view of all the ships some leaving for a cruise some getting underweigh to leave some lying off and on and others lying at their anchors as much as to say we dont intend to leave quite yet. There are also a great number of boats sailing in all directions they look like Gondolas beside of our American fairy like boats which you can behold here and there shining oer the almost unruffled sea like a bird as she is propelled by the arms of our American seaman. and last but not least stands Pico with its sugar loaf top towering far above everything else it is estimated according to the geometrical operations of the French to be eleven hundred french toises about 1172 English fathoms above the level of the sea and in clear weather it can be seen 24 or 25 leagues off but it is generally so covered with clouds as not to be visible it is said to be a burning volcano and to emit smoke and cinders sometimes at a great distance. We were summonsed to breakfast at eight o'clock. After breakfast I took a walk in the garden with the little folks and the rest of the day I spent in reading talking and looking after the children and retired at night at eleven o'clock, hoping that little unmerciful animal called the flea will let me have a good nights rest.

109. Sept Thursday 24th

At Silvas Hotel Fayal. The first two hours after rising was spent in dressing myself and children. Went down to breakfast at eight then took a

walk in the garden and amused myself as best I could untill dinner time which was at two P.M. I then went out to look around the City. After we had rambled around untill we were tired we returned to the Hotel. Soon after Capt Tuck came in and asked me to go out and look at the presents he had bought to send home. I took bub and went out a short time and it being near night I stoped in the parlor untill I retired for the night. Expect to go on board tomorrow. Barque lying off and on.

110. Sept Friday 25th

Shore at Fayal. This morning passed as the precedeing ones not being well I kept to my room what time I was able too on account of Franky he cried for his father a great part of the time as his father was obliged to go to the Office. At ten Stephen told me we should go on board after dinner and I accordingly made preparations but not being able and the Physician thinking it unsafe for me to go on board for three or four days, Stephen ordered the vessel out without us with instructions to return in a few days. From my bed I could see her as she left the harbor without us which made me feel verry bad for she seems most like home.

111. 112. 113. Ashore sick at Fayal

114. Sept Tuesday 29

Feel much better at about ten o'clock the Bark came into the harbor. Mr. Houser came on shore to know if we were ready to go on board, the Captain told him to send the boat on board and get a bed and some quilts and then we could go. They were brought on shore and placed in a Portague launch. I was carried to the pier in a sedan chair borne on the shoulders of two Portagues and laid on the bed and at six P.M. was safely on board the Bark once more I immediately retired and the ship was put to sea.

115. Sept Wednesday 30th

Course S.S.E. Wind N.E. light breeze and pleasant feeling myself able I

arose and dressed myself and sat up awhile in my arm chair. Ate some baked apples and drank a cup of tea. The children are both well.

116. October Thursday 1st

Wind N.E. Light breeze and pleasant. Beating for Angra where we intend to get some recruits. I feel almost well. Think I shall get along nicely if I do not take cold.

117. Oct Friday 2nd

Wind N.E. Strong breeze and somewhat cloudy. I sewed some today. All hands doing ships duty. At four P.M. passed the town of Angra bound to Praya (?)

118. Oct Sat 3rd

Wind N.E. Fresh breeze. At seven A.M. spoke the F. Bunchina Capt Tuck came on board and spent the day with us. At three P.M. the Captain Children and I went on board the Bunchina and took tea and spent the evening. Had singing music danceing etc. Capt Tuck returned with us and spent the night leaveing Mr. Houser on board of his Bark.

119. Oct Sunday 4th

Wind N.E. Strong breeze and cloudy lying off and on Praya. Spoke the Bark Tropic bird at ten A.M. Capt King came on board did not stop but a few minutes as he was bound to Angra to get his recruits and our Capt concluded to go there with him as it is but a short distance from Praya we were soon there. and at two P.M. Capt went on shore got his recruits and returned at four. When on shore William Perkins, the shipkeeper ran away and we were all glad to let him go. Capt Tuck spent this day with us and at six we went on board his vessel and spent the evening and at nine parted company with them they for the Tristenes and we for Fayal as the Capt left his shipping papers there and was obliged to go back after them. Thus we leave Tercera the Capital of the Western Islands.

120. Oct Monday 5th

Light breeze with a few clouds. In the passage between Pico and St. George

wishing for a fair wind to get to Fayal.

121. Oct. Tuesday 6th

Wind S. West Still lying between Pico and St. George. St. George is a long Island but narrow and as viewed from the water looks inferior to most of the other Islands. It is said however to be productive.

122. Oct. Wednesday 7th

Wind S. West Strong breeze and foggy. At six P.M. saw Fayal bearing N. by W. distance fifteen miles. All hands doing ships duty.

123. Oct Thursday 8th

Wind S. West Lying off and on Fayal. At nine A.M. Capt went on shore to get his papers and returned at four P.M. and stood to sea.

124. Oct Friday 9th

Wind W.N.W. Fresh gale with heavy swell Nothing of note occurred. All hands doing ships duty. I sewed some.

125. Oct Sat 10th

Course E. by S. Wind S. West. Strong breeze and quite rough. At ten A.M. saw Graciosa bearing S. distance fifteen miles did not pass near enough to get a correct view of it.

126. Oct Sunday 11th

Course E. by S. Wind S.W. Strong breeze and squally and damp, cold disagreeable weather. But we are quite comfortable however.

127. Oct Monday 12th

Course E.S.E. Wind S. West fresh breeze sent down main top gallant yard to condemn. I washed. Lat 38.12 N. No observation for Longitude.

128. Oct Tuesday 13th

Course E.S.E. Wind N. Fresh breeze and squally. Saw three sails. Picked up a peice of timber should think it had been in the water some months supposed



to be a portion of some vessels deckload. I cleared away in the afternoon and hung my clothes out to dry. Latt 37.14 N. Long 22..13..15 W.

129. Oct Wednesday 14th

Course E. by N. Wind South Fresh breeze and Cloudy. Saw three sails I made bub a shirt. The Capt finished the maintop gallant yard and sent it up. Latt 37..08.

130. Oct Thursday 15th

Course S.E. Wind S.W. Moderate breeze but Cloudy with some rain. Saw one sail painted the yard. Exchanged the Cook for Steward. I made tape trimming. No observation.

131. Oct. Friday 16th

Course S. by E. Wind N.E. Fresh breeze and rainy. I Ironed in the P.M. All hands doing ships duty. About dark a little bird flew on board of us which Mr. Burchin caught the children were much pleased with him. I hope he will bring us good luck. Latt 35..32 Long 21..25

132. Oct Saturday 17th

Course S.S.W. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and rather rugged. All hands doing ships duty I made tape trimming. Latt 35.05 Long 20.25. In the afternoon picked up a stick of timber part of a vessels deck frame and passed a spanish war vessel.

133. Oct Sunday 18th

Course S.E. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and cloudy. All hands employed in ships duty. Nothing of note occured I spent the day in reading. Latt 34..13 N. Long 18..19..30W.

134. Oct Monday 19th

Course S.E. by E. Wind W.S.W. Pleasant breeze with a heavy swell I washed and having a very large wash and it being late before I commenced it took me nearly all day. No observation.

135. Oct Tuesday 20th

Course S.E. Wind N.N.W. Moderate breeze but cloudy at 6 A.M. saw Maderia bearing S. by E. distance fifteen miles. In the afternoon runing between Maderia and Porto Santo Desertas bearing W.S.W. distance twelve miles Latt 30.45 Long 5.55.30

136. Oct Wednesday 21st

Course S.E. Wind N.N.E. Fresh breeze and cloudy. At seven A.M. saw one of the Canary isles called Fortventura bearing S.E. distance thirty miles. All hands doing ships duty Latt 29..24..North

137. Oct Thursday 22nd

Course S.E. Wind N.N.E. Pleasant breeze and a lovely morning. I ironed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went on shore at San Tarote (?) on the south side where there were no inhabitants and no vegetation except Orchilla a plant used in dyeing cloth and the natives use it to wash with. After burning it the ashes serve the same purpose that our hard wood ashes do with us. After rambling around for a while and picking up a few shells we got into the boat and caught some fish. The children enjoyed it much.

138. Oct Friday 23rd

Wind N.N.E. Pleasant morning. The boats went on shore to boat-off ballast. I went on shore and picked up shells and amused myself in catching fish and gathering some of the Orchilla. Came on board to get our dinner. after dinner went on shore again and went up on a mountain about three thousand feet. The mountain and finally the whole of the Islands seem to be formed by some volcanic convulsions. In some places we found burnt cinders and peices of rock melted and run together. Bub picked up some quite pretty shells on the top of the mountain and he seemed to enjoy it as much as any of us. In the centre of the top is a Crater we judged to be an eighth of a mile in depth. After coming down off the mountain we caught a few fish and then returned on board weighed our anchor and stood to the Southward.

139. Oct Saturday 24th

Wind N.W. Light breeze and pleasant. All hands employed in ships duty. I finished a stocking for Frankey. The children seem to feel quite tired and out of humor.

140. Oct Sunday 25th

Course S. by E. Wind N.E. Light breeze and pleasant. This sabbath passed as usual. The town of Grass Tarajal on the Island of Fortaventura bearing W.N.W. distance ten miles.

141. Oct Monday 26th

Wind N.E. Moderate and Clear. Lying between Fortaventura and Grand Canary. All hands fitting water casks and getting ready to fill water.

142. Oct. Tuesday 27th

Wind N.E. At nine A.M. came to anchor off the town of Palmas on the Island of Grand Canary. We went on shore and walked around the city untill twelve o'clock. we then came on board to get our dinner for we found no one who could speak english. The city did not look as well as I had fancied it did and as for the people the majority of them are rather a rough savage looking race. But it is a capital place for fruit. But upon the whole I was rather dissatisfied with the place.

143. Oct Wednesday 28th

Capt went on shore but I remained on board. All hands employed in filling water and stowing down. Daniel Sullivan deserts whilst on shore after water which obliges us to stop here another night.

144. Oct Thursday 29th

Still getting off water. Whilst trying to get our anchor at four P.M. the chain parted twenty fathoms from the Anchor. The Captain went immediately on shore to get a launch to raise it but it being rough and squall coming on about the time they got to it they gave up the Job and came on board determined to try it the next day Lying off and on.

145. Oct Friday 30th

Capt and two boats crew went to the anchor and tried to raise it but the wind comeing round very quick and blowing a moderate gale they were again

obliged to give up their work. Lying off and on.

146. days from home. Oct Saturday 31st

Capt and two boats crew went again to the anchor. They succeeded in getting a ropeseveral times around it. They then went to it with the ship and soon had it to the bow and right glad was I when it was once more in its place. The Captain then went on shore to see if the police had caught the deserter. At half past five returned without him. Concluded to go out and cruise awhile and then come in after him as they think the police will have him in a few days. I am glad to get to sea once more.

147. Sun November 1st.

Light breeze. Standing off shore. In the forenoon spoke the Schr Watchman of Nantucket. Capt Hussey He came on board and spent the day with us. Told us he had seen the Lewis Bruce and that she had letters for us.

148. Monday November 2nd

Light breeze and pleasant. Saw blackfish but did not lower for them for they were going to the windward very fast. All hands employed in ships duty. Stephen is fitting up my room. I knit on bubs stocking.

149. Tuesday November 3rd

Wind N.N.W. Strong breeze and squally. Nothing of note occured and as for seeing whales that is out of the question.

150. Wednesday Nov 4th

Wind N.N.W. Strong breeze and squally. Saw the Schr Watchman runing along the last of Grand Canary. Capt Hussey came on board and spent the day with us. Our mate went on board of him. Everything goes along as usual.

151. Thursday Nov 5th

Wind N.N.E. Fresh breeze. Heading to the North West in hopes to get in to Palmas (?) tomorrow to get the deserter. All hands employed in ships duty took a large loggerhead Turtle.

152. Friday Nov 6th

Wind N.N.E. Fresh breeze beating up for Palmas. At ten A.M. Capt went on shore and sent Daniel Sullivan the deserter on board having been absent eight days. At six P.M. Capt came on board and we put to sea.

153. Sat November 7th

Wind N.N.E. Pleasant Saw three sails supposed them to be the Schr Watchman, Varnum H. Hill and the Rienzi at 2 P.M. Capt and bub started to go on board of the one they called the Varnum H. Hill but when almost to her they found her to be the Schr William Marion Capt Martin with his wife on board. At about nine in the evening she came very near us when Stephen called to me and told me that Mrs. Martin was there. I was quite surprised I told him when he came on board to bring Capt Martin and his wife with him. He did so. I was very glad to see her. Although she was a stranger to me but we were soon acquainted and it was past two at night before we retired. I had four letters from home.

154. Sunday Nov 8th

Wind S. West Calm and pleasant. Capt Martin and his wife still on board and it seems very much like home. Their little boy and my Children have fine times. At nine P.M. they went on board their vessel.

155. Monday Nov 9th

Wind S.W. light breeze. in company with the Wm. Martin (Marion ?) At nine A.M. We went on board of her and a fine time we had. They set a light in the riging for our boat to come after us, but they did not notice it from our vessel and we were obliged to stop the night.

156. Tuesday Nov 10th

Calm and very warm We spent the day on board the schr At 9 in the evening went on board our own Barque.

157. Wednesday Nov 11th

Light breeze from the South East and hazy. The Schr still in sight all hands doing ships duty.

158. Thursday Nov 12th

Light breeze from the E.N.E. Water begins to look a milky green which warns us that we are near the coast of Africa. At 2 P.M. we went on board the Schr and stoped a few hours. So ends this day.

159. Friday Nov 13th

Course S. Wind N.E. Light airs and hazy. Missed the schr this morning having parted company during the night. felt quite lonesome but am in hopes to see them in a few days. Still trying to get to Centra bay. Latt 24.02 No observation for Longitude.

160. Saturday Nov 14th

Course S. by E. Wind E.N.E. very moderate. At two P.M. saw the land. Finding fish quite plenty we put the ship under short sail. part of our crew commenced fishing. Met with good success. caught quite a number of very good fish. No observation.

161. Sunday Nov 15th

Course S.S.E. Wind N.E. Light breeze and very foggy and few of our crew fished part of the day in twenty fathoms water. Saw several sails at Anchor in Centra bay. No observation.

162. Monday Nov 16th

Light breeze and very foggy in the morning; but cleared away about noon. At five P.M. came to anchor in Centra Bay. There we found the Brk Messenger Capt Holmes, the Barque Huntress, Capt Allen and a Portague Brig the Water Witch. Each Captain had his wife with him. Soon after we came to anchor Capt Allen and Capt Holmes came on board and spent the evening with us and said their wifes were to meet on board the Messenger the next day and that I

must meet with them. I gave them my promise that I would.

163. Tuesday Nov 17th

In Centra bay At half past ten went on board the Messenger and spent the day and had a very good time; with Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Allen. At ten in the evening returned to our own Bark. The boats were sent out early in the morning to cruise the coast to raise the whales as it is the custom for the whales to be in the surf very near the shore. They returned without seeing anything.

164. Wednesday Nov. 18th

In the bay. At ten in the morning went on board the Huntress and spent the day with Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Holmes. At half past nine the Herm brig, Eschol Capt Miller came into the bay. At two P.M. Capt Allen, Capt Holmes and Stephen went on board the Eschol, leaving us women folks on board the Huntress. Soon after they had gone the man from the mast head sung out there she blows. It was a large wright whale. The boats from the Huntress were soon lowered away and one went to the Eschol to inform the Captains of his arrival. Their boats were soon on the water leaving Capt Allen and Elijah Thomas on board the Eschol. Boats from all the ships were soon in pursuit and signals were set to attract the attention of the boats that were out fishing. They saw the signals and were soon after the whale. There were fifteen boats after her and they were trying to outdo each other. But she knew too much for them for after chasing her for some time most of the boats gave up the chase and returned to their vessels. Stephen and the chief officer of the Brk Huntress followed her sometime after dark but did not get her. A boat was sent for Capt Allen and bub and brought them on board the Huntress. At nine in the evening came on board our own Brk expecting to have them all on board the N. D. Chase tomorrow. At five P.M. the schr Wm. Martin Capt Martin came to anchor in the bay with his wife on board which makes five women all told in the fleet.

165. Thursday Nov 19th

I assisted the steward in getting ready for company in the morning Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Martin came on board but Mrs. Allen being sick could not come Had a very good time. At nine in the eve we sepperated after promising to go on board the Wm. Martin the next day. The boats were sent out in the morning as usual.

166. Friday Nov 20th

At nine A.M. went on board the Wm. Martin and spent the day. Had a fine time. I wish some of our Friends at home could look in upon us and see how we enjoy ourselves I guess they would think that we took some comfort sometimes at sea as well as on the land.

167. Saturday Nov 21st

The boats were out very early cruising the coast but did not see anything and the day passed without anything of the whale kind showing itself. The fleet seem to enjoy gamming very much.

168. Sunday Nov 22nd

A pleasant day but very warm. At two P.M. Capt Miller came on board and I enjoyed his company very much. At half past two Capt Martin and his wife came on board and took tea with us. At nine returned to their own vessels.

169. Monday Nov 23

At nine A.M. Mrs. Martin came on board to get me to show her how to make a pair of pants. Capt Holmes sent for us to come on board the Messenger but I thought I would not go as my Children were troublesome Mrs. Martin went after dinner and after I got my Children asleep for the night we went on board and spent the evening returned at nine. A canary bird flew on board which Stephen caught and put in the cage.

170. Tuesday Nov 24th

At five A.M. the boats went to cruise the coast. At half past nine



Mrs. Allen Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Martin came on board and spent the day. Their Husbands came after dinner and a grand good time we had. At nine we sepperated expecting to go down the coast tomorrow as there are too many vessels lying here to do anything.

171. Wednesday Nov 25th

At daylight we were all stir and at seven we were underweigh and standing out of the bay in company with the Wm. Martin Messenger and Eschol the boats were sent to cruise At about nine a large Wright whale came up alongside our starboard boat was soon after her but the whale disappeared soon after and the boats were obliged to give it up. At noon our boats returned from cruising and we stood along down the coast untill nine in the evening and then came to anchor. Our boat went to the F. Bunchina and accertained that she had taken a large wright whale which would make them one hundred and thirty barreles. Had seventy stowed down. Capt Tuck sent his compliments and wished to see us on board.

172. Thursday Nov 26th

Orders were given to the watch last night to call all hands at three o'clock but the getting æleep no one was called untill some time after. The Larboard and Waist boats crew had their breakfast and went to cruise whilst the Starboard boats crew got the ship underweigh. It is extremely warm and the atmosphere oppressive. I washed. At five P.M. saw a large sunfish lying on the water lowered a boat and took him. He gave part of the crew quite a ducking. Brought him alongside took his liver which contains all the oil and saved a peice of his flesh to make the children some balls and threw the rest overboard. He is the most unlikely looking object that I ever saw. I should think he was the last one made of the fish species.

173. Friday Nov 27th

All hands were called at three o'clock and boats sent to cruise. Our ship

was got underweigh and followed the boats down the coast. At two P.M. the boats returned without seeing any whale. They had the blubber of a blackfish that they had found in the morning. Still in sight of the brk Messenger the brig Eschol the schr Varnum H. Hill and the Wm. Martin. At half past five dropped our Anchor and furled our sails. The watch was set at seven and the rest retired.

174. Saturday Nov 28th

A foggy morning. Ship rolling very bad. All hands were called at three o'clock as usual. All three boats went to cruise, the ship still lying at anchor. At half past seven the starboard boat returned took some lines and went a fishing but not finding fish very plenty soon came on board. Parted company with the Messenger Eschol and Varnum H. Hill. The Wm. Martin being still near us. I ironed and had a very large ironing. At twelve o'clock the Waist boat returned and at two the Larboard boat. We lay at anchor all day.

175. Sunday November 29th

Had breakfast at half past four in the morning and two boats went to cruise. The Captains boat did not lower. At half past eight signals were set to call them on board and the ship was got underweigh and stood off into bolder water. Capt Martin and his wife came on board and spent the sabbath with us. We thought of our friends at home and of the many sabbath privelleges we had enjoyed but were now deprived of them. Thus are we apt to neglect and undervalue our privelleges and comforts untill we are deprived of them. How often do I look back upon the past and see with my minds eye where I might have enjoyed myself far better than what I have done. And yet I enjoy the present Although I am deprived of the society of my friends and of the world, yet I am with those whom I hold dearer than anything else on the earth, for my chief treasures are ever near me, and I am almost constantly engaged in looking after their comfort and welfare.

176. days from home. Monday November 30

All hands were called at three o'clock and the boats lowered as usual. but at ten returned without any whale. Still in company with the Wm. Martin The day passed without anything of note. I sewed.

177. In St. Cyprian (?) bay

Tuesday December 1st and can this be the first day of winter and can six months have passed away since we set sail from our New England home. Alas it is so and yet I can scarcely realize it. The questions at once arise in my mind what changes has that home undergone since we left it? Are our friends all alive and enjoying the blessing of health? Is kind Heavens propitious smile over them? or are they bowed down with grief care or sorrow? Do they think of the absent and wish their return? I almost wait for an answer but alas I can have none. I must be patient until I can have them answered. But now for what transpired with us during the day. All hands were called at four o'clock. Before day Captain Martin and his wife came on board to bid us good morning as they were going down to the bay of Corie (?) to be gone a few days. I washed had a large washing of bedclothes. In the afternoon Stephen went to the shore and shot quite a number of Cycle billed Plover. All the rest employed in ships duty.

178. In St. Cyprian bay twenty five mile from Centra bay. Wednesday December 2nd. At five o'clock had breakfast. The Larboard and Waist boat went to cruise. At about seven saw something floating on the water the starboard boat went to it found it to be a whale carcass that the Eschol had taken a day or two before. I cleaned my room in the forenoon. The afternoon passed as usual came to anchor at five o'clock.

179. Thursday December 3rd

Blowing very fresh. Boats did not lower it being very rough. I cut out a thick Jacket for bub. All hands doing ships duty. Did not get underweigh.

180. Friday December 4th

Still blowing heavy and ship rolling badly it is what I call very rough. Boats did not lower. I finished bubs Jacket he feels very proud of it. Another day gone and no whale yet and how long it will be thus no one can tell.

181. Saturday December 5th

Off Cape Barbas. One hundred and eighty days from home. Saturday December 5th Very rough and hazy. Boats did lower. Still lying at anchor. All hands employed in ships duty.

182. Sunday December 6th

Moderated some but still a heavy swell. Am in hopes to see better weather for I am tired of this rolling and tumbling about. This sabbath passed as our precedeing ones.

183. Monday December 7th

Pleasant and quite moderate. Boats lowered but returned without seeing anything of the whale kind. I washed. Nothing of note occured. One sail in sight.

184. Tuesday December 8th

Pleasant with some swell. All hands were called at four in the morning. Had breakfast at five o'clock. Soon after breakfast the man at the mast head discovered a large whale. The Larboard and Waist boats went after him but by some mismanagement they did not get him. We thought he was ours sure enough. We all felt quite disappointed. But I am in hopes that the next time a whale shows himself we shall be more successful.

185. Wednesday December 9th

Pleasant but quite rough . Began to get underweigh but gave it up for fear of loseing an anchor as the ship fetched some heavy lurches. Boats did not lower. and all hands were set to work mending sails and scraping ship. At twelve o'clock a sail was seen approaching us. It proved to be the Mountain King Capt Farewell of Provincetown forty five days from home. With twenty five

barrels Spirm. Had letters for part of our crew and one for me from Mrs. Joseph Tuck. He came on board and stopped a short time. He then returned to his vessel and we parted company. He bound for Cape Blanco. Expect the Wm. Martin down here tomorrow. All well and quite good spirits.

186. Thursday December 10th

Pleasant but with a heavy swell. Began to get underweigh and just as the chain was heaving short it parted in fifteen fathoms water. There was a buoy on it and they think to get it without much trouble. They grappled for it sometime but it being very rough could not get hold of the chain and they were obliged to give it up for today.

187. Friday December 11th

Fresh breeze and pleasant. All hands were called early and after breakfast went to work trying to get the anchor but the buoy rope parted and they were obliged to rake all day without getting it. At three P.M. the Wm. Martin came to anchor near us and Capt Martin and his wife came on board and spent the night. Mr. Houser went on board the Schr.

188. Saturday December 12th

Still trying for the anchor. Capt Martin took a boat and went out to help them. At about 1/2 past eleven they caught the chain and at three o'clock had the anchor to our bow and all ready to eat out dinner, felt very glad that we were lucky enough to get it. At nine in the evening Capt Martin and his wife returned to their vessel after getting us to promise that we would go on board of them tomorrow.

189. Sunday December 13th

The boats went to cruise. Stephen took me on board the Schr and then went to look after whales. At noon he returned. We spent the day with Mrs. Martin and returned at nine in the evening.

190. Monday December 14th

Pleasant with a strong wind boats went to cruise as usual and returned without seeing any whale. The day passed as usual. At four P.M. spoke the Schr Watchman. Capt Hussey came on board and took tea with us and he and Capt Martin spent the evening with us. The Watchman has taken fifty bbls whale oil since we saw her last.

191. Tuesday December 15th

More Moderate but hazy. The boats went to cruise in the morning and returned at ten o'clock. At about two P.M. saw a whale. The Larboard and Waist boats lowered and went after him but they were obliged to return without him for he had no idea of giving up the ghost yet. The day passed with me as usual. Capt Martin and his wife came on board and spent the night.

In St. Cyprian bay

192. days from home Wednesday 15th of December.

The boats went to cruise. Soon after they had gone the loft sung out there she blows. The Starboard boat was soon in the water and after the whale when they got near her they found the waist boat fast. The Capt went up to her and gave her a bomb lance and she was dead in a few minutes. The Capt came on board and got the Ship underweigh and ran down to the whale and took her alongside and commenced to strip her of her blubber. They worked on her untill two o'clock at night and then let her be untill the next morning. The Wm. Wartin went up the coast leaving Mrs. Martin on board of us as they think the whales that were in company with the one they killed may be up there tomorrow.

193. Thursday December 17th

Very rough with considerable wind. All hands were called at five o'clock and recommenced cutting in the whale. They found that someone in the morning watch had cut out the head strap and it took them a great while to get the head and bone cut in. They succeeded however in getting her cut in before dark.

At about four in the afternoon Mr. Houser started to come from the Martin, but before he got on board whales were seen from the masthead; he started in pursuit and soon our other boats were after her but she was going to the windward very quick and after chaseing her sometime they gave her up and came on board. In the evening Capt Martin came on board thinking to spend the night but his Schr struck adrift at about seven in the evening and he was obliged to go on board, leaving his wife on board of us. Mr. Houser lowered his boat and went to his vessel but found that he needed no assistance and soon returned. We stood on deck and watched her untill they had her under ranging sail then we came below and retired for the night leaving a watch on deck as usual.

194. Friday December 18th

Had breakfast at half past four and started the works and commenced boiling out the bluber. The children were much pleased to see the menauvers. At about half past four a whale was seen from the schr the signal was run to the mast head and four boats were quickly pulling for her. Stephen was at the mast-head and finding that the whale was likely to get away he came down and lowered his boat and went after her but he soon found that the whale had been startled and that it was quite impossible to strike her. They chased her untill dark and then gave her up and came on board feeling very much disappointed for they thought she would have made one hundred and fifty bbls if not more but she is gone and who can help it.

195. Saturday December 19th

Fresh breeze with a heavy swell. Had breakfast at five o'clock and as soon as it was light two boats went to cruise Stephen stopped on board and tended to the oil. The boats returned without seeing any whales. Capt Martin came on board after his wife. I felt very lonesome after she went away. After dinner Stephen took his boat and went to cruise. He saw a whale but after she had spouted three times she disappeared and they saw no more of her. They thought if she had come up once more they could have fastened to her, but

the (?) is gone how provoking. He made signals for the vessel but they did not see them. The Wm. Martin has gone up the coast a short distance. We are still boiling and I begin to experience something of a whalemans life for everything is daubed with oil and smoke. But luckily I do not have any of it in my room only as the children go out and in for they both look as if they belonged to the race of wool heads. But by a hard washing with soap and water they were made to look quite respectable and when they were put to bed at night they really looked like themselves. Of my own condition I say nothing and as for Stephen he is as black and greasy as he well can be.

196. Sunday December 20th

Moderate but Hazy Had Breakfast at five in the morning and all the boats went to cruise. At about eleven A.M. the larboard and waist boats returned and at two P.M. the starboard boat returned without seeing any whales. Finished boiling. The whale made forty bbls. Still lying at anchor.

197. Monday December 21st

Fresh breeze rough and chilly. Stowed down the oil and commenced cleaning ship. We are all ready for another whale how I wish we could get one. Well I suppose one will come along all in good time.

198. Tuesday December 22nd

After breakfast Stephen went aloft and he soon saw a large whale and the Wm. Martins boats chaseing her. He sent our mates in pursuit. In a few minutes he sung out fast boat. The question was asked which boat was fast? Capt Martin was fast and Mr. Houser was close by thought he would fasten in a few minutes and Stephen came down from aloft and got the ship underweigh to run down to the boats but they soon saw that the whale was lose. Mr. Houser took hold of the warp to haul himself up to the whale and Capt Martins Iron broke and came out and the whale started off leaving her pursuers far behind. Stephen lowered his boat and followed her getting almost near enough to fasten a number of times. But she came off the conqueror after being chased ten hours carrying



with her four bomb lances and part of one Iron. They thought if they could have had daylight enough they would have got her; but they were out of sight of the ships and it being head wind the ships could not get to them before dark, they concluded to give her up and returned to their vessels fatigued and disappointed. I washed.

199. Wednesday December 23rd

Strong breeze, rough and very chilly. All hands were called at five o'clock and the ship left in the care of the shipkeeper whilst the boats went out to chase killers. Mr. Houser fastened to one and killed him and put a short warp through his flukes took a turn around the loggerhead and gave the warp to his boatsteerer to hold, whilst he cleared his line and the boatsteerer let him go. The Captain fastened to one with both Irons and as he was taking his death flurry both Irons came out and he sank immediately. He lanced three others but it being so rough did not save either. In the afternoon we went on board the Martin and stopped a short time.

200. Thursday December 24th

Had breakfast at five o'clock and the larboard and waist boats sent to cruise. Stephen stopped on board to fix his windlass. About three o'clock they saw a whale from the schr and soon made it known to us four boats went after her but she was going so quick they could not get near enough to fasten to her and as it being nearly dark they were obliged to give her up. It seems as if the fates were against us. Stephen completed the windlass and then we retired for the night hoping for better luck next time.

201. Friday December 25th

And this is mery Christmas. How many familiar associations do the words recall to mind. My mind reverts back to the days of my youth and in fancy I hear the well known voices of my beloved friends as each one tries to be the first wishing me mery Christmas. I can even see the stockings as they hang

in the chimney corner waiting for that mysterious being called Santa Claus to pop down the chimney and fill them with sugar plums and candy. Even bub wishes to know if Santa Claus wont come to the coast of Africa and bring him some presents and on being told that we had no chimney for him to come down in said he should think he could come down the stove pipe into the galley. But I am of the opinion that Santa Claus never visits the West coast of Africa unless he comes in the shape of an Arab for we see a plenty of them every day and by all their artful means try to get us near the shore but as the old saying is a burnt child dreads the fire, therefore we dread them enough to keep out of their reach. And now for the maner in which we spent the day our vessel was underweigh early in the morning. Standing along the coast near the shore looking out for whales but did not see any. All hands employed in ships duty as usual. I sewed and looked after the children. The weather is quite chilly nights and mornings and we have any quantity of dust that blows from the shore. It is a great annoyance to the men aloft as it blows in their faces and hurts their eyes.

202. Saturday December 26th

Had breakfast at half past five and got our vessel underweigh. It is very rough and we roll around quite as much as we wish to. did not see any whale today. All hands employed in ships duty. Saw two sails supposed them to be the Watchman and a spanish fisherman. Stephen went on board the Martin to bring Mrs. Martin on board but it grew so rough that she did not come. Whilst he was there he was taken with the tooth ache and after he came on board he extracted the tooth and it was much better but the jaw is very sore.

203. Sunday December 27th

Very rough and Hazy got underweigh at six o'clock in the morning stood along the shore but did not see anything of the whale kind. The day was spent in reading and doing ships duty. At three P.M. came to anchor Capt Martin and

his wife came on board and took tea with us. At dark returned to their vessel and we retired at an early hour.

204. Monday December 28th

Still rough. At ten A.M. I and the children went on board the Martin and stoped untill in the afternoon when it grew rough and he came after me as he thought it best to get on board before night. No whale today. The day passed as usual.

205. Tuesday December 28th

A beautiful day. Our ship was underweigh early in the morning and two boats went to cruise. Soon after they had gone the schr set her signal for whales. Stephen set his signal for the boats and Mr. Houser came but Mr. Burchin was too far from the ship to see them. Stephen lowered his boat and they pulled for the whale but did not see her after they lowered. When he came back he found that Mr. Burchin was out of sight. It being calm he could not follow him with the vessel and it was dark before Mr. Burchin returned. He had been fast to a large whale five hours and his warp had parted twice. The whale took french leave carrying with him four Irons and one spade and quite a quantity of line. It was a disappointment to us all but there is no one to blame. Better luck next time.

206. Wednesday December 30th

Our ship was underweigh early in the morning and ran down to the leward untill noon and then tacked and stood to the windward. and came to anchor about three o'clock P.M. Capt Freeman in the Varnum H. Hill came down the coast and anchored near us Stephen went on board the Martin and spent the evening. Capt Freeman has not taken any whale on the coast.

207. Thursday December 31st

Did not get our vessel underweigh. The boats went to cruise in the morning and returned at noon without seeing any whale. Sent a boat to the schr and

he returned to his vessel it was so rough he could not take his wife and she stoped the night with us.

208. Friday January the first eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

New Years Day. Still lying at anchor. the boats went to cruise as usual, but no new years present for us today in the shape of a whale. Mrs. Martin spent the day with me. In the morning Capt Miller in the brig Eschol came down the coast and after cruiseing awhile came to anchor near us. Capt Miller came on board and took tea with us and spent the evening. At nine he returned to their own vessel and after we had regulated things for the night we retired.

209. Saturday January 2nd

Quite pleasant to me for it is a rainy day as it is the first rain I have seen on the coast. It seldom rains here but we have heavy dews at night. So heavy that sometimes the water will run off the riging in quite large drops. Boats went to cruise in the morning and returned at ten o'clock. Sent the Schrs oil on board of her and the Captain set the men to work cleaning ship with lye and ashes. The Eschol and Varnum H. Hill have left us to cruise father down the coast.

210. Sunday January 3rd

Did not get underweigh but the boats were sent to cruise. The sabbath was passed like our precedeing ones. In reading, writing etc. I wrote a letter to Hiram in the forenoon and in the afternoon Capt Martin came after us and we went on board and took tea with them.

211. Monday January 4th

Lying at anchor. I commenced writing early in the morning as the William Martin is to leave here for the West Indies and I think it will be a good chance to send letters home. In the afternoon went on board of her and carried our letters and brought Capt Martin and his wife on board with us to get some Muscle soup. They are a very good substitute for Oysters. At nine they returned to their vessel and we bid each other good bye. For she leaves for the West Indies

tomorrow if nothing prevents.

212. Tuesday January 5th

Still lying at anchor. The boats went to cruise as usual. The Martin was underweigh early bound off the coast. We shall be very lonely when she is gone. At four o'clock the schr Watchman came to anchor near us and Capt Hussey came on board and took tea and spent the evening with us. The Watchman has taken one hundred bbls oil since we saw her last which makes her one hundred and fifty all told.

213. Wednesday January 6th

Did not get underweigh as the Captain wished to do some Blacksmith work. He borrowed Capt Husseys forge and wishes to improve the time in making and mending articles that are needed on board the ship. At eight in the evening all hands were called to make sail as the ship had parted the chain and we were all adrift. I felt almost discouraged for this is the third time it has parted since we left home. Very rough ship rolling and tossing about so that I can hardly stand.

214. Thursday January 7th

Blowing fresh with a heavy swell. Saw the buoy to our chain but did not attempt to get it, it being so rough. Kept under sail all night. Standing off shore untill one o'clock and then tacked ship.

215. Friday January 8th

Came to anchor a short distance from our buoy. Went to it and secured it as well as they could it being so rough it was impossible to get it. After working on it some three or four hours they came on board wet and cold. Got their supper set the watch and the rest retired The Captain taking the first watch.

216. Saturday January 9th

All hands were called at five o'clock in the morning. Had breakfast and

then went with all three boats to the anchor. They raised the chain bent more ropes on it and got it all ready to weigh and then came on board and hove the chain to the ship and shackled it on letting the anchor remain and after working from 6 o'clock in the morning untill three in the afternoon had it all right and we all felt greatly releived.

217. Sunday January 10th

Still lying at anchor, it being so rough that we cannot get underweigh. All hands employed in ships duty and reading etc.

218. Monday 11th of January

Still blowing fresh and very rough. Commenced getting underweigh but had to give up the idea of getting our anchor on the bow for today unless it moderates for it seems as if it would take the windlass out. Our anchor being very heavy it is impossible to heave it up when it is so rough without doing some damage. I washed. At three P.M. the Barque Rothschild came to anchor near us. Capt Holman came on board and took tea with us. Returned to his barque at nine in the evening. He had been out twelve months and has taken twenty-five bbls sperm. Has not seen any chance to take oil.

219. Tuesday January 12th

More moderate and quite pleasant. At about eight o'clock in the morning saw a whale and went after him but he did not give them a chance to fasten to him. We were mated with the Rothschild and six boats were chasing him for some hours, but were obliged to give him up at last. Capt Holman and his brother came on board and spent the evening with us.

220. Wednesday, January 13th

A pleasant morning. Soon after breakfast they discovered the same whale that they chased the day before but she did not show any better play than she did the day before. So after chasing her for sometime they gave up the chase and came on board. The Rothschild got underweigh and left the coast. At five in the afternoon the schr Watchman came to anchor near us. Capt Hussey took

tea and spent the evening with us.

221. Thursday January 14th

Pleasant with a gentle breeze. The boats went to cruise for whales. After they had been out a short time we thought the larboard boat saw something. The starboard boat lowered and went to her. They found it to be Killers. One of the boatsteerers had two good chances to fasten to them, but missed both times. They then came on board but soon after saw the Killers again and taking another Boatsteerer, in the boat, went out and took three. Brought them alongside and striped them of their blubber.

222. Friday January 15th

The boats went to cruise in the morning as usual, but without success. At eleven o'clock the schr Varnum H. Hill came to anchor near us. Capt Freeman came on board and spent the afternoon and evening with us. Capt Freeman has not taken any oil since he has been on the coast. He is in quite good spirits. In the afternoon hove our large anchor to our bow.

223. Saturday January 10th

All hands were called at four o'clock and got the ship underweigh. Stood along up the coast toward Gorie. Nothing of note occurred with us excepting that one of the boatsteerers got a dose of emetics in a bowl of Tamarins last night and they have a plenty of fun with him today.

224. Sunday January 17th

A pleasant morning. We got underweigh early in the morning and stood along the shore. It being so smooth on the shore that Mr. Houser thought he would take his boats crew and go on shore and get some Muscles. He had not gone but a few minuets before the man at the masthead cried out there she blows. It was a large right whale. Signals were set for the boat to come from the shore and the starboard boat was lowered and went after the whale. After chasing her for an hour or so the starboard boat fastened to her. The larboard boat then came up and threw the irons into her and gave her three Bomb lances and she

soon gave up conquered. She sank to the bottom and it took some time to raise her. They got her alongside and well secured however by dark. The watch was set and the rest retired as soon as they pleased. The Captain taking the first watch.

225. Monday January 18th

All hands were called at daylight and commenced getting underweigh and to cut in the whale. Stood off into bolder water and then came to anchor again. The windlass being out of repair they made slow progress in cutting in. At half past eleven spoke the schr Varnum H. Hill as they were cruising down the coast. At dark they came to anchor near us and Capt Forsyth came on board and spent the evening with us. He is now master of the Silver Cloud as Capt Fisher has gone to the Canaries in the F. Bunchinia to get provisions. At nine in the evening they left off cutting untill the next day as it looked likely to be good weather.

226. Tuesday January 19th

All hands were called at half past four in the morning and after breakfast began to cut in the remainder of the whale. After they had cut her all in they started the tryworks and boiled out the Killer oil and then commenced on the whale. At five o'clock P.M. the brig Eschol and schr Varnum H. Hill came to anchor near us. Capt Miller and Mr. Coulliard from the brig came on board and spent the eve with us.

227. Wednesday January 20th

All the ships company engaged in boiling and takeing care of the oil. The boats went to cruise in the morning but did not see any whale. We have a plenty of smoke and dirt but all seem to enjoy it. At five o'clock the brig Eschol and schr Varnum H. Hill came to anchor near us.

228. Thursday January 21st

Still boiling and stowing down the oil. The boats went to cruise as usual and as usual saw nothing. Whales are very scarce and shy this season,



owing I suppose to their being chased so much the seasons before. I am in hopes however that we shall get another before we leave the coast. At five P.M. the schr Watchman came to anchor near us. Capt Hussey came on board and took tea and spent the evening with us. I caught four fish.

229. Friday January 22nd

All hands called at four in the morning and after breakfast the boats went to cruise. Returned at half past nine without seeing any whales. Almost done boiling.

230. Saturday January 23rd

Pleasant and quite smooth for the coast of Africa Finished boiling and stowing down and commenced cleaning ship. Stowed down one hundred and four bbls whale oil and three bbls killer oil. I sewed and knit some but everything is so black and dirty that I cannot do much but wash the children for they are a blue black most of the time. But I do not mind the dirt if we can only get the oil. I caught seventeen quite large fish.

231. Sunday January 24th

All hands employed in cleaning ship. I caught twenty-one fish in the morning. I spent the rest of the day in reading. In the afternoon hove up our anchor and put down our small one.

232. Monday January 25th

Still engaged in cleaning and scrubbing ship. She now looks quite decent. I cleaned my room in the forenoon. At five o'clock P.M. the schr Watchman came to anchor near and Capt Hussey spent the evening with us. He brought a basket of Oranges, Figs and Nuts that Capt Tuck sent to the children. I consider it quite a present.

233. Tuesday January 26th

All hands were called at four o'clock and got underweigh. Had breakfast and two boats went to cruise. Returned at ten without seeing anything. All

hands employed in ships duty. I washed and had a large washing for I have not washed before for two weeks.

234. Wednesday January 27th

Commenced getting underweigh but found our anchor had caught under a rock and were obliged to let it be for awhile in hopes it would clear itself. At ten o'clock commenced heaving again and hove the anchor to the bow with the loss of one fluke. We cruised along the shore untill dark and then anchored.

235. Thursday January 28th

Got underweigh after trying some time to get our anchor for it caught again but got it this time without breaking it. At two o'clock the bark F. Bunchinia spoke with us. Capt Tuck came on board and took tea and spent the evening with us. He is much better than he was when I saw him before.

236. Friday January 29th

Did not get underweigh it being very rough. It was rough all night. We dragged our anchor nearly an half a mile. All hands were called at one o'clock to get the sheet anchor ready to let go, but luckily we did not have to use it for she soon after stopped drifting. The Bunchinia set a signal for us to come on board this morning and we took both children and went. Spent the day on board of her and returned at six bringing her musicians with us and they gave us quite an entertainment on board of our own vessel.

237. Saturday January 30th

All hands were called at four o'clock and got underweigh sailing along the coast for a whale but did not see any. It being very calm and a heavy swell heaving on the shore we were obliged to anchor to keep from going ashore. At eleven o'clock a breeze springing up we got underweigh again and stood up the coast untill dark and then anchored. The Bunchinia in sight.

238. Sunday January 31st

Got underweigh early in the morning. Stood along the shore looking for

whales . But did not see anything of the kind. The day passed like many of our precedeing ones. Came to anchor at five o'clock in the evening.

239. Monday February 1st

All hands were called at half past four in the morning and got underweigh. A fresh breeze and quite rough. cruising for whales, but they seem to have deserted the coast altogether. Five sails in sight. Came to anchor at dark.

240. Tuesday February 2nd

At five A.M. took our anchor and stood to the N.E. Intending to go as far as Cintra bay and stop a few days. As we all need a little rest, for we have had some very rough weather outside. At half past five came to anchor for the night.

241. Wednesday February 3rd

All hands were called at half past four. and at five took our anchor and stood to the N.E. Pleasant with a fresh breeze. At four P.M. dropped our anchor in Cintra bay in five fathoms water. The Brks Huntress and Richmond of New Bedford and the Brig Water Witch of Boston were lying in there.

242. Thursday February 4th

Very pleasant and smooth. At five A.M. sent two boats in to the shore to cruise for whales. At ten returned without seeing any. Capt Allen and his wife came on board and took dinner with us. After dinner Capt Silva and his wife from the Water Witch and Capt Hussey from the Richmond came on board and stopped awhile.

243. Friday February 5th

Still pleasant and moderate but somewhat hazy. Cruising in the boats along the shore for whales saw nothing. The Brk Huntress left the bay to go out on a cruise.

244. Saturday February 6th

Pleasant and warm. The Larboard and Waist boats went to cruise in the

morning but did not see any whales. After the boats returned we went on shore to have a walk. After cruising around for two or three hours and picking up what curiosities we could find among which was the skull of the Arab that Stephen shot two years before, we returned to our vessel. We found Mr. Scales (?) and his boats crew on board having come from Gorie this morning.

245. Sunday February 7th

Pleasant with a light breeze. At six A.M. took our anchor and stood down the land. At three P.M. came to anchor in Gorie bay. The Bark F. Bunchinia and the schrs. Watchman and Varnum H. Hill were lying in the bay. Capt Freeman and Capt Hussey came on board after us to go on board the Bunchinia as Capt Tuck had a roast pig and wanted us to help him eat it. We went and took tea with Capt Tuck and in the evening they came on board of our vessel and had a sing.

246. Monday February 8th

Got underweigh and came out of Gorie in company with the schr Watchman stood down to the S. West thirty miles and came to anchor for the night. The Watchman came to anchor near us and Capt Hussey came on board and spent the evening with us.

247. Tuesday February 9th

Light breeze and pleasant over head but rather disagreeable on board ship on account of a heavy swell. Went to cruise in the morning with the boats but did not see anything. Stephen extracted a tooth for me it ached all the night before very bad.

248. Wednesday February 10th

At six A.M. took our anchor and stood to the N.N.W. Did not see any whales and the day passed very quiet with us. Not being very well I kept my room most of the day.

249. Thursday February 11th

Light breeze, pleasant, with a heavy swell which makes me feel almost seasick. The children do not seem to mind it they are both very well. I commenced to make a pair of thick pants for bub. I wish we could get another whale but they are very scarce and shy and seem to think it is not very good fun to be killed.

250. Friday February 12th

Light breeze with a heavy swell. Still on the lookout for whales cruising in the boats etc. But they elude the strictest watch. All hands employed in ships duty and I done what I had a mind to. Came to anchor at five o'clock.

251. Saturday February 13th

Light breeze but a heavy swell makes it quite rough. Nothing of note occurred with us. The day passed as usual. Came to anchor at five o'clock.

252. Sunday February 14th

Quite pleasant but if we could get a whale it would be more so. for whales are the one thing needful on a whaleing voyage. Went to cruise in the forenoon in the boats without success in capturing the monster of the deep. I spent the day in reading.

253. Monday February 15

Still continues pleasant. Took our anchor at five o'clock in the morning as usual and stood along the shore sent two boats to cruise. They returned at half past ten without seeing any whales. At five o'clock P.M. came to anchor. The brk F. Bunchinia and schr Watchman came to anchor near us. Capt Tuck and Capt Hussey came on board and spent the evening with us. Capt Tuck sent for his band. They came on board and entertained us with music singing and dancing.

254. Tuesday February 16th

All hands were called at half past four. Sent one boat to cruise and the rest got the ship underweigh and stood up the coast. Stephen went on board the

Bunchinia and brought a rat in a trap that Capt Tuck had caught the night before. The children and Charley had a fine time with him. The Bunchinia and Watchman left us this morning for the Cape de Verdes and they think they can do better there. Did not anchor tonight.

255. Wednesday February 17th

Pleasant with a moderate breeze. Standing up the coast towards Gorie. All hands employed in ships duty. At half past five came to anchor in seven fathoms water in Gorie bay. The schr Varnum H. Hill was lying there but we did not communicate with her.

256. Thursday, February 18th

Took our anchor early in the morning and stood up the coast to Cintra bay. All hands employed in ships duty. At eight o'clock in the evening came to anchor in Cintra bay. The brks Huntress and Richmond were lying there.

257. Friday February 19th

Lying at anchor in Cintra bay. Capt Allen came on board and asked us to come on board of them and spend the afternoon. We took the children and went and had a very pleasant time. All hands employed in filling salt water and sitting up the rigging.

258. Saturday February 20th

Lying at anchor in Cintra bay. Cruising for whales in the boats. Did not see anything of the big fish. All hands employed in ships duty getting ready to leave the coast unless we see whales soon here.

259. Sunday February 21st

At anchor in Cintra bay. Early in the morning whales were discovered in the bay lowered the boats and went after them, but did not see them after the boats lowered. Came on board, took our anchor and stood down the bay and raised them again. After chasing them for sometime the Waist boat went on to the whale. The boatsteerer did not dart his iron when told too and thus we lost her. Gave up the chase and came on board with heavy hearts for she was

a large whale. We beat up into the head of the bay and at about seven o'clock dropped our anchor.

260. Monday February 22nd

Took our anchor early in the morning and stood down the bay sending the boats to cruise for whales. Did not see any. We beat up the bay in the afternoon and came to anchor at seven o'clock. So ends etc.

261. Tuesday February 23rd

Strong breeze and rough. Sent down the maintopgallant mast it being sprung under the eye of the rigging. Cruised the shore in the boats for whales but did not see any.

262. Wednesday February 24th

At six A.M. took our anchor and stood down the bay. At eight saw whales going very quick to the windward, lowered two boats but did not get near enough to fasten. Employed in making top-gallant-mast and cruising in the boats for whales.

263. Thursday February 25

Got underweigh at six in the morning and ran down the bay, cruising in the boats. At two P.M. came to anchor in the head of the bay. All hands employed in ships duty. I made a shirt for Bunny.

264. Friday February 26

Strong breeze and hazy. Took our anchor at five o'clock and ran down the bay, cruising for whales. At three o'clock P.M. came to anchor in the head of the bay for the night. All hands employed in ships duty.

265. Saturday February 27th

Took our anchor at six in the morning and stood down the bay. At seven saw whales a Cow and calf the boats were soon after them and the Huntress boats being the nearest fastened to the cow a short time before our Capt fastened to the calf. Therefore according to the old rules, I do not know about

the laws, the Huntress had them both. At five o'clock came to anchor in the head of the bay for the night. Saw a whale spout twice in the afternoon but did not see her afterwards.

266. Sunday February 28th

Took our anchor early in the morning and came out of Cintra bay and stood down the coast as far as Gorie bay. Came to anchor in Gorie at nine o'clock A.M. The Schr Varnum H. Hill we found lying at anchor here. In the afternoon we went on shore and took a walk.

267. Monday March 1st

All hands were called at half past four in the morning and after breakfast the Larboard and Waist boats went to cruise. At nine the Larboard boat returned. Soon after, they discovered the Waist boat had a waif set. The boats were lowered and went to her and found her chasing an Humpback. They all followed in pursuit, but were at last obliged to let her go. They came on board and had dinner and soon after saw a right whale. Lowered the boats and went after him but soon lost sight of him. The Capt came on board and raised him again and went after him and the vent rising he went on to him and had a first rate chance to fasten to him but the boatsteerer would not dart his iron and let him go without trying to get him. They chased him after that untill night, but could not get near enough to fasten to him again. How much is depending upon boatsteerers for by them we have lost a great-deal of Oil.

#### Home

Homes not merely four square walls,  
Though with pictures hung and gilded;  
Home is where affection calls  
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded,  
Home! go watch the faithful dove  
Sailing 'neath the Heaven above us;  
Home is where ther's one to love!  
Home is where there's some to love us!

Home's not merely roof and room  
It needs something to endear it;  
Home is where the heart can bloom,  
Where ther's some kind lip to cheer it!  
What is home with none to meet?  
None to welcome, none to greet us, --



Home is sweet, and only sweet,  
When there's one we love, to meet us!

268. Tuesday March 2nd

A lovely morning. At six o'clock we were underweigh . and standing out of the bay of Gorie, intending to go down the coast as far as ragged head as it is called by the whalemen, as our Captain thinks it is a better chance for getting whales. We had been out of the bay but a short time before we heard that ever welcome sound to those who cruise for the monsters of the deep, there she blows! -- The boats were lowered and pulled for the whale and in ten minuets the Larboard boat was fast and going through the water at a great rate and in a short time they had her dead. The capt. came on board and got ready to take her alongside. They soon had her secured and commenced cutting. They took off her lips and then let her be untill the next day. She was within a short distance of the ship all the time they were killing her. I could see every manaeuvre and hear what was said in the boats. It seemed to me to be almost a pity to kill so noble a creature, one that will struggle so hard and long for dear life. But man, the weakest of God's creatures, overpowers all other animals no matter how great and powerful. and yet how neccessary to the comforts of man is the whale. The words of the poet are,

Ho, whales, that sail the briny deep  
Repine not at your fate.--  
Your flesh illuminates the world,  
Your bones, make women, great.

269. Wednesday, March 3rd

Did not get underweigh today. Finished cutting in the whale but did not get her cut in so soon as they expected on account of one of the block straps parting. They got her cut in however in season to start the tryworks at night. Capt Freeman came on board and stopped a short time. Fish are very plenty around us, both large and small. Bub has fine times catching them. They are a species of Mackerel. Did not see any whale today.

270. Thursday, March 4th

At seven this morning took our anchor and stood down the coast. At eight saw a small whale. Our boats were lowered for her but before they could get to her the Varnum H. Hill's boats which had followed us down the bay fastened to her and killed her. At five o'clock came to anchor. Still boiling.

271. Friday March 5th

Lying at anchor off ragged head. Finished boiling and commenced stowing down. Pleasant and quite smooth for ragged head. I sewed on Bunny's apron.

272. Saturday March 6th

At seven A.M. took our anchor and stood up the coast intending to go as far as Cintra bay. Finished stowing down and cleaned the decks of the loose dirt. The whale stowed us down fifty bbls which makes us one hundred and eighty.

273. Sunday March 7th

Commenced early this morning to clean ship. At noon came to anchor in Cintra bay. In the afternoon saw a whale, chased him in company with the brks Huntress and Richmond's boats, but he escaped uninjured. The boats came on board at two and finished cleaning ship.

274. Monday March 8th

At anchor in Cintra bay. At six in the morning saw a whale and chased her for sometime in company with the Brks Huntress and Richmond and schr Varnum H. Hill's boats, but did not fasten. At nine A.M. the Varnum H. Hill left the bay for Gorie. At eleven A.M. the boats returned to the ship and the rest of the day was spent in doing ships duty.

275. Tuesday March 9th

Light breeze and hazy. At ten A.M. saw a whale; lowered all the boats and pulled for her but did not fasten. I made Bunny an apron.

276. Wednesday March 10th

Strong breeze and hazy. At six A.M. saw a whale. The boats went in

pursuit but did not fasten. As the vessels are not mated, and they all seem to say if I cannot get him you shant. But I wish we could get one hundred bbls more we would then bid the coast adieu for this season. However I am quite contented for we have done second best since we came on the coast.

277. Thursday March 11th

Strong breeze and hazy. It is so rough that it would be almost impossible to go after a whale if one should show himself. But I suppose if one should pop up the state of the weather would not be thought of. The day passed however without seeing any. All hands doing ships duty.

278. Friday March 12th

In Cintra bay. Blowing a perfect gale which makes me feel very lonesome and almost homesick. Did not see any whales today. Employed in ships duty etc. I washed.

279. Saturday March 13th

Fresh gale with a great quantity of dust which blows from the shore. Nothing of importance transpired with us.

280. Sunday, March 14

Strong breeze and hazy. At ten this morning saw a whale, went in chase but did not fasten. I do not think that any one will get a whale unless the vessels are mated for they are all so eager, that they drive the whale away. I spent the day in reading etc.

281. Monday, March 15th

The wind has now moderated and the sea is somewhat smoother but we have now quite a heavy swell. The boats went to cruise in the morning but did not see any whales. Returned at noon the rest of the day was spent in doing ships duty. I mended the childrens clothes.

282. Tuesday March 10th

Light breeze and a great deal of dust. At ten this morning saw a whale.

The Starboard and waist boats went after him but did not fasten. The Larboard boat being so far down the coast she did not get to the whale. I commenced to make a fine shirt.

283. Wednesday March 17th

At anchor in Cintra bay. Light breeze and hazy. At ten A.M. saw a whale went after him but did not fasten. As the Huntress and Richmond boats were chasing him also. Saw ten Arabs a fishing on the shore. I spent the day in sewing etc.

284. Thursday March 18th

Light breeze from the north. The boats went to cruise in the morning, did not see any whales. Returned at noon. The rest of the day was spent in doing ships duty.

285. Friday March 19th

In Cintra bay. Wind N.N.E. Light breeze. Had breakfast at half past four and the boats went to cruise. Returned at noon without seeing any whale. I am in hopes we shall get one soon. I spent the day as usual in reading sewing knitting etc.

286. Saturday March 20th

Strong breeze from the N.E. and hazy. The boats went to cruise in the morning did not see any whales. Returned at ten o'clock. Saw a plenty of Arabs on the shore.

287. Sunday 21st

Had breakfast at half past four and the boats went to cruise. Did not see any whales. Returned at noon. The rest of the day was spent in doing ships duty, reading etc.

288. Monday March 22nd

Wind N.E. Strong breeze and hazy with dust. At three P.M. saw a whale went in chase but did not fasten and thus another one has gone. I commenced a fine

shirt but it is a great task for me to sew as my eyes trouble me badly.

289. Tuesday March 23rd

Wind N.E. Fresh breeze. At seven A.M. saw a whale but did not get her. The boats came on board at ten o'clock. All hands employed in doing ships duty, the remainder of the day, I washed.

290. Wednesday, March 24th

Fresh breeze and quite a sea. Nothing of note occurred with us. Bunny is not very well I think he is troubled with worms and has some cold. The rest of us are as well as usual.

291. Thursday, March 25th

Fresh breeze from the N.E. At eleven A.M. the Starboard boat fastened to a Killer and killed him. Cut him in and the other boats went and helped take him on board. Bunny is quite sick today.

292. Friday March 26th

Wind N.E. Fresh breeze. The boats went to cruise in the morning did not see any whale. Returned at noon. Employed the rest of the day in doing ships duty.

293. Saturday March 27th

Fresh breeze from the N.E. Boats went to cruise in the morning, did not see any whale returned at ten o'clock. At two P.M. hove our anchor clear of the ground dropped astern of the Huntress and let it go again. Bunny is better today.

294. Sunday, March 28th

At seven A.M. saw a whale. Our starboard boat chased her for sometime and if she had spouted twice before she went down they would have fastened to her. But one of the Richmonds boats came up from the leeward and the whale came up under the head of the boat. They fastened to her and killed her. Our boats came on board feeling rather disappointed but no one is to blame.

295. Monday March 29th

Fresh breeze from the N.E. Boats went to cruise in the morning did not see any whale. All hands employed in ships duty. I commenced to stitch a pair of pillow cases.

296. Tuesday March 30th

At eight A.M. took our anchor and stood to the N.N.W. intending to go to the Canaries to get some few recruits. At one P.M. tacked ship to E.S.E. At five P.M. tacked to N.N.W. the land being three miles distant.

297. Wednesday March 31st

Wind N.E. Fresh breeze. The water begins to look a sea blue. Much different to what it looks on the coast of Africa. Heading N. by W. Saw Finbacks and Porpoises. Latt 24..12.N.

298. Thursday April 1st

Wind E. by N. All sail on, heading N. by E. Saw a plenty Porpoises took one. Saw two sails to the westward. The weather grows much warmer and the children seem to enjoy themselves much. Latt 25::59N Long 20::58::15 W.

299. Friday April 2nd

Heading N.E. with light breeze. At 5 P.M. Calm. Nothing of note occurred with us. All hands employed in ships duty. Saw two sails to the S.W. did not pass within hail. Latt 27::52 N. Long 21::01::30:: W

300. Saturday April 3d

Calm and warm. six sails in sight. At nine A.M. spoke the ship Mallard of Liverpool, England Capt Spear. Twenty-three days from London for Calcutta East Indies. Had two Lady passengers on board. They sent us some newspapers and some potatoes which were very acceptable.

301. Sunday April 4th

Course E. Wind West. Moderate breeze. At five A.M. saw the isle of

Palma one of the Canary isles bearing E.S.E. distance sixty miles. Hauled up to N.E. by E. Saw several sail. Signalized the English brk Robuste.

302. Monday April 5

Fresh breeze with heavy S.W. swell. The north point of Palma bearing S. by compass distance fifteen miles. Have not had a single hour fair wind since leaving the coast of Africa. Latt 28::41 North

303. Tuesday April 6th

Wind N.E. light breeze and cloudy. At twelve A.M. passed Palma heading to S.W. Saw two sails.

304. Wednesday April 7th

Light breeze and cloudy. At three P.M. saw Teneriffe bearing S. distance thirty miles.

305. Thursday April 8th

Wind N.E. light breeze. Beating up the N.E. side of Teneriffe distance twelve. The snow capped top of Teneriffe is truly a magnificent sight. It seems as if I could gaze upon it forever and never weary. Below the peak the cultivated land was green with growing fruit and vegetables, intermixed with fields of grain about ready for harvest. Whilst the ice covered mountain towers far above it, as if placed there as a sentinal. The peak is said to be an active volcano, whose crater is at the summit. It is called by its present inhabitants the peak of Teydo.

306. Friday April 9th

Wind N.E. Light breeze and some of the time perfectly calm beating up the North East side of Teneriffe. East point bearing E.S.E. distance twenty miles.

307. Saturday April 10th

Wind N.E. Light breeze. Still beating to get by Teneriffe. At five P.M. the east point of Teneriffe bearing S.E. by E. distance twelve miles. In hopes to pass it during the night.

308. Sunday April 11th

Wind N.E. Light breeze. Passed Teneriffe in the morning at two o'clock. Heading for Grand Canary. At two P.M. came to anchor off the town of Palmas in sixteen fathoms water. At four was visited by the health boat and permitted to go on shore. We found one American ship lying here, the Bombay of Boston from Portland with lumber for the Grand canary, commanded by Capt Chase. We were very glad to meet him here. He came on board and took dinner with us, brought us some late papers and told us the news.

309. Monday 12th

At anchor in Grand canary. At seven A.M. Captain went on shore to transact business. The rest employed in filling and stowing down water. A gentleman from the shore came off and took dinner with us.

310. Tuesday 13th

Capt went on shore in the morning came on board at twelve and took me and the children ashore in the afternoon. All hands employed in filling water.

311. Wednesday April 14th

Capt went on shore in the morning returned at twelve. Went on shore again at two o'clock with me and the children. Spent the afternoon in rambling around the city. All hands employed in filling and stowing down water and receiving supplies on board.

312. Thursday April 15th

A pleasant day. At eight A.M. Starboard watch went on shore on liberty. The rest employed in filling water. I did not go on shore on account of Bunny being somewhat unwell and out of humor. The Capt brought us a quantity of Oranges when he came on board.

313. Friday April 16th

At eight A.M. Starboard watch came on board and at nine A.M. Larboard watch went on shore on liberty. The Starboard watch employed in filling and



getting water on board. Bunny is not any better. I did not go on shore. Had a plenty of fruit to eat on board.

314. Saturday April 17th

At eight A.M. Larboard watch came on board. All hands employed in stowing water and trimming ship. Capt went on shore at ten o'clock came on board at two. Bunny is some better.

315. Sunday April 18

Stephen the children and I went on shore to go on a ride in the country. When we arrived on the pier there were four Donkeys waiting for us. The children were placed, one each side of the Donkey in a kind of basket made for that purpose. They looked very snug and happy. Stephen mounted one Donkey and I another and Capt Chase a third. We went four miles back into the country and went into a beautiful garden where there were a plenty of flowers of all kinds and a great many different kinds of fruit a growing. After rambling around until we were tired, we ate our lunch and then mounted our Donkeys and rode into the City. We had a splendid time. The children enjoyed it much. We stopped for a short time in the City and then came on board feeling in much better spirits than I did before I went on shore. Capt Chase came on board and took tea with us. We bid him good bye as we expect to leave this place tomorrow morning if nothing prevents.

316. Sunday April 19th

Intended to have gone to sea today but found that the chain which had been carried on shore for repairs was not done and we should be obliged to stop another day. All hands employed in getting ready for sea. Took the waist boat on deck for repairs.

317. Tuesday 20th

All hands were called at half past four. At six took out anchor and stood to sea steering S.S.W. by compass. Strong breeze and quite rough.

Latt 25..01 N. Long 15..45 W.

318. Wednesday 21st

This morning the water looks green. Strong breeze from the N.E. and the N.D. Chase is fast pushing her way for the coast of Africa. At four P.M. saw the land bearing S.S.E. distance twenty miles.

319. Thursday April 22nd

At five A.M. steering South by compass. At ten A.M. passed the mouth of the Golden river and at three P.M. came to anchor in Cintra Bay. Found all the vessels had left the coast during our absence. I washed.

320. Friday April 23rd

At six A.M. took our anchor and stood down the coast. At ten A.M. saw Right whales. Lowered the Starboard and Larboard boats. It proved to be a cow and a calf. The Starboard boat fastened to the calf and the Larboard boat to the cow. They killed them both, and anchored them untill they could come to anchor in Goree and take them alongside. We had but just dropped our anchor when the Capt called out there she blows! another large whale. They went after her and had not been chaseing but a short time when the Starboard boat fastened to her. They had her dead in a short time and took her alongside. They think that all three will make nearly two-hundred bbls.

321. Saturday April 24th

Took the other two whales alongside and commenced cutting in, but having a poor windlass it makes slow work. They cut untill dark and left off untill tomorrow. I made two aprons for myself.

322. Sunday April 25

All hands were called at daylight and commenced cutting again. Finished one whale and at eight A.M. commenced on another. Had all three whales cut in by dark and commenced boiling.

323. Monday April 26

Gentle wind and beautiful weather. Still boiling and everything moves on in the same routine that they generally do when whalers are boiling stowing down etc.

324. Tuesday April 27

The weather still continues good which is very favorable for us as the decks are much lumbered up with Casks, Oil etc. Boiling and stowing down. I commenced to embroider myself a skirt.

325. Wednesday April 28

Light breeze and foggy. All hands engaged in boiling and stowing down. We have a plenty of dirt and smoke.

326. Thursday April 29.

A gentle wind from the N.E. Still boiling etc.

327. Friday April 30th

Strong breeze from the N.E. At six P.M. finished boiling and stowing down one hundred and twenty-five bbls. Which makes three hundred and twenty-five bbls all told and four thousand lbs bone.

328. Saturday May 1st

Strong breeze and hazy. Finished clearing the decks and commenced cleaning ship.

329. Sunday May 2nd.

Strong breeze. All hands engaged in cleaning ship. Saw one sail supposed to be a spanish fisherman.

330. Monday May 3rd

Fresh breeze and hazy. Took our anchor to beat up to Cintra Bay; at four P.M. cast our anchor in Cintra bay. It seems quite lonely there being no other vessel besides ourselves.

331. Tuesday May 4th

Fresh breeze and rough. All hands engaged in scraping and cleaning ship and getting ready for another whale. I washed in the forenoon and sewed in the afternoon.

332. Wednesday May 5th

The wind seems determined to blow to its utmost. and it is very rough which makes it quite disagreeable. All hands engaged in doing ships duty. Saw Killers first supposed they were whales.

333. Thursday May 6th

Still continues windy and rough and I suppose will continue so until the moon changes for the weather is generally better on the full and change than it is at other times. All hands doing ships duty and wishing for whales.

334. Friday May 7th

Moderate this morning but the wind increased in the afternoon. All three boats went on shore to get wood as there is a plenty about three quarters of a mile from the shore. they came on board with a considerable quantity. They all looked as if they had had a pretty good ducking.

335. Saturday May 8th

Fresh breeze but the sun shines warm and pleasant. All hands engaged in cleaning bone and doing ships duty. I am still at work on my skirt.

336. Sunday May 9th

Pleasant, but still the wind blows quite fresh. All hands spent the day in reading etc.

337. Monday May 10th

Strong wind but warm. Whales do not seem to show themselves. All hands cleaning bone and doing ships duty.

338. Tuesday May 11th

Still lying at anchor in Cintra bay. All hands were called at four o'clock

and the Larboard and waist boats went to cruise. Returned at ten, without seeing any whale. All hands employed in doing ships duty. I made two pairs of pants for the foremast hands.

339. Wednesday May 12

Wind N.E. Strong breeze. This day was spent like many of our preceding ones. All hands doing ships duty and keeping a lookout for whales. I made two more prs of pants.

340. Thursday May 13th

Still blowing fresh from the N.E. In the afternoon the Starboard and waist boats went to the shore to shoot some Cycle billed Plover and to get some fish of the Arabs. Returned at five, bringing quite a number of birds and a few fish. Traded some old rope and a Jackknife for one of the Arabs fishing nets.

341. Friday May 14th

The boats were going on shore to get some sand to clean Ship with. The Captain asked me if I would not like to go and see the Arabs. I told him I should and all three boats started for the shore. We had not been gone from the ship but a short time when the signals were set for whales. We turned back and I and the children were put on board in a hurry. and the boats went after the whales. It was a cow and calf they were close to the ship. The Starboard boat went on and the boatsteerer darted one iron and thought he was fast and threw his second iron overboard but in a short time he found he was not fast and the whale was completely out of reach. It was considered a good chance to fasten and that the whale was missed. They then chased her for sometime and would have got her had not the Officers rushed onto her with their oars and drove her away. It was a great disappointment to us. I made one pr of pants.

342. Saturday May 16

All hands were called at four o'clock and the Larboard and waist boats went to cruise. Returned at noon without seeing any whale. All hands doing ships duty. I made two prs pants. So ends.

343. Sunday May 16

Still lying in Cintra bay. Strong breeze from the N.E. and somewhat hazy with dust and fog. The day was spent in doing ships duty, reading etc.

344. Monday May 17th

The Larboard and Waist boats went to cruise in the morning. The Starboard boats crew stoped on board and got the ship ready for painting. At noon the boats returned without seeing any whales. I washed in the forenoon and sewed in the afternoon.

345. Tuesday May 18th

All hands employed in painting ship and looking out for whales. Nothing worthy of note occured with us. I made two prs of pants for Stephen.

346. Wednesday May 19

Still painting ship and doing ships duty. No whales to be seen and I suppose there will not be untill the moon fulls; For they come into the bay best on the full. It is rather lonesome lying here alone, but if we could have a plenty of whales, we should not think of being lonesome.

347. Thursday May 20th

At anchor in Cintra bay yet. All hands engaged in scraping and painting ship spars yards etc. etc. It blows quite fresh at night and it is quite disagreeable to lie awake and hear the wind whistle through the riging and to know that if we were to go ashore we should be thrown upon the tender mercies of the Arabs. But I am assured that there is no danger and so I am contented. I hope we shall get some more whales before long. I made a frock for Stephen.

348. Friday May 21st

Still painting and cleaning ship and keeping a lookout for whales. But there is nothing to be seen but now and then a Porpoise or a school of fish as they cut their gambols and rush through the water. But we must have patience and I think that is one thing that whalemens need a great quantity of. I made

one pair of pants for the Cook.

349. Saturday May 22nd

Strong breeze from the N.E. very rough, ship reeling badly. All hands engaged in doing ships duty and painting a little. I mended for the children.

350. Sunday May 23rd

Quite calm this morning but somewhat foggy. It cleared away by ten o'clock and by noon it was very pleasant and the sun very warm. This sabbath was spent as usual doing ships duty, reading etc. Saw one sail supposed it to be a Spanish fisherman. It is quite reviving to see a sail, for it has been some time since we saw one.

351. Monday May 24th

Finished painting. The Larboard and waist boats went to cruise in the morning. Returned at ten. Did not see any whales. It is very damp and foggy. I sewed for the children.

352. Tuesday May 25th

All hands were called at four o'clock and the Larboard and waist boats went to cruise. At ten the Larboard boat returned but the waist boat did not return until three P.M. Did not see any whales. Nothing of note occurred with us. I sewed.

353. Wednesday May 26th

As the boats were going to the shore to get some sand to clean ship with and to shoot some birds, I thought I would go and see the Arabs. The boats were ready and the captain taking me and the children, they pulled for the shore. As we neared the shore we saw the Arabs coming to meet us. We rowed close to the beach, and the Arabs waded into the water to the boat and shook hands with us, talking all the time in their wild, gibberish, way, and begging us for bread, water etc. Some of the other boats crew stepped out of the boat and made quite free with them, but we kept at a respectable distance from them. We rowed into

a creek and tried to catch some fish but were unsuccessful and returned to the vessel. The Arabs are a black, large, savage looking, race with their heads shaved close on the sides with a strip of long hair on the middle, which they braid and then fasten on shells, buttons and every little fanciful thing they can get and let it hang down on each side of their head. They live on raw fish, and their clothing is the skins of animals which they kill. They live in huts made by digging a hole in the sand and covering it with seaweed. I washed in the morning.

354. Thursday May 27th

All hands were called as usual this morning and the Starboard and waist boats went to cruise. The waist boat returned at noon. The Larboard boat returned at three o'clock bringing a large porpoise. No whales today.

355. Friday May 28th

Still at anchor in Cintra bay. Wind North-East blowing heavy and very rough. All hands engaged in doing ships duty and watching for whales. Do not think to stop here much longer unless we see whales. I sewed and knit as usual.

356. Saturday May 29th

Took our anchor and stood to sea, steering southwest. I therefore bade adieu to the coast of Africa as I do not expect to ever behold it again. All hands engaged in ships duty etc.

357. Sunday May 30th

Wind N.W. Pleasant breeze but with a heavy swell which makes it rather uncomfortable. At six P.M. saw Cape Barbas bearing S. West distance twenty miles hauled to the wind heading North North West. Latt 22:35 North.

358. Monday May 31st

Course W. by North Wind North East. Fresh breeze and very rough which



makes me seasick, but the children do not seem to mind it. All hands in doing ships duty. Saw two sails. Latt 23::00 N.

359. Tuesday June 1st

Course W. by N. Wind N. East. Still blowing fresh and rough. Nothing of note occurred with us. All hands engaged in ships duty. I sewed.

360. Wednesday June 2nd

Course W.N.W. Wind N.E. Strong breeze with passing clouds. Saw two sails supposed them to be Merchantmen. Latt 25::14 N. Long 25::00 30 W.

361. Thursday June 3rd

Course N.W. by W. Wind E.N.E. Strong breeze with a heavy swell. I am in hopes we shall soon be in good weather for I am quite tired of this rolling and pitching about. Latt 27::14 North.

362. Friday June 4th

Course North West by North Wind East by North. Fresh breeze with passing clouds. All hands engaged in doing ships duty and looking for Sperm whales. I sewed on Stephens shirt. Latt 28::53 North Long 28::38 West

363. Saturday June 5th

Course North West Wind East. Strong breeze with a few showers of rain. The weather looks black and threatening. Latt 31::17 North

364. Sunday June 6th

Course N.W. Wind E. by S. Strong breeze and squally, disagreeable weather. Nothing of the whale kind shows itself. All hands engaged in ships duty. Stephen is making me a knife box. I do what I please and the children the same. Latt 32::12 North Long 34::30::15 West

365. Monday June 7th

Course N. West Wind East. Strong breeze with passing clouds in the morning but pleasant in the afternoon. Saw Finbacks Latt 34:01 North

366. Tuesday June the 8th

Course N. West. Wind N.E. Light breeze and clear. Nothing worthy of note occurred with us. I am quite anxious for something to cause an excitement. Latt 34::25 North. No observation for Longitude.

367. Wednesday June 9th

Course N.E. Wind N.N.W. Light breeze and squally with nothing to be seen on this vast expanse of water but our own barque. Latt 34::58 N. Long 34::19 W.

368. Thursday June 10th

Course N. by E. Wind N.W. by W. Pleasant breeze and warm. All hands engaged in doing ships duty etc. Latt 36::08 (?) N.

369. Friday June 11th

Course N.W. Wind N.N.W. Blowing quite fresh and somewhat cloudy. Saw Finbacks, also one sail. Took three Porpoises. Latt 37::42 North  
Long 33::17::30 West

370. Saturday June 12th

Course E.N.E. Wind West. Fresh breeze and cloudy. Saw two sails. Did not speak them supposed them to be merchantmen Latt 38::17 N. Long 30::57 W.

371. Sunday June 13th

Course E. by N. Wind West. Fresh breeze and cloudy with a heavy swell. This day passed like many of our precedeing ones in reading, walking deck looking out for whales etc. etc. Came to anchor in Fayal at three o'clock P.M.

372. Monday June 14th

In the morning I dressed myself and children and went on shore to Mr. Silvas hotel. The children were delighted to get on shore where they found some one to talk and play with. I enjoyed it much myself. At half past nine A.M. Stephen came in bringing five letters from home It was a great treat to us. I spent the day in rambling around the gardens and talking with the rest of the boarders. At eight o'clock the bell rang for tea. After tea I spent the rest of the

evening with Mr. Frost and his family an invalid Clergeyman from Concord who has been spending the winter at the hotel in Fayal. At half past eleven retired for the night.

373. Tuesday June 15th

Ashore at Fayal. After breakfast I took my sewing and went into the summer house and spent a few hours untill Stephen informed me it was time to begin my writing as I had a number of letters to write and but little time to write in. I spent the rest of the day in writing.

374. Wednesday June 16th

Ashore at Fayal. I spent this forenoon in writing to my friends. Received an invitation to dine with Mr. Dabney but Bunny being somewhat out of humor did not go but dined at the hotel. Stephen went in company with Capt Lakey. At six o'clock came on board of the Barque and went to sea.

375. Thursday June 17th

Light breeze and foggy. The children seem to miss the pleasures that they enjoyed on shore. Saw Finbacks. All hands engaged in ships duty and looking for sperm whales.

376. Friday June 18th

Fresh breeze and quite rough. Ship rolling bad. All hands engaged in fixing riging etc. etc. I am making shirts for Stephen, while he is at work on my Knifebox. Latt 36:: 47 North

377. Saturday June 19th

Light breeze from the W.S.W. with a heavy N.W. swell which makes it very rough and disagreeable. Still watching for sperm whales but they do not seem to show themselves. Picked up a maintop studding sail beam. Latt 36::42 North

378. Sunday June 20th

Course N.N.W. Wind S.W. gentle breeze and rather more pleasant than it has been for some days past. This day was spent in reading and looking out for whales. Latt 36.59 North

379. Monday June 21st

Course N.N.W. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and the air seems close and sultry. Saw Finbacks and a plenty of Porpoises. Took one Porpoise. All hands engaged in ships duty. I am still making shirts. Latt 37::07 North Long 31::49 West

380. Tuesday June 22nd

Course W. by S. Wind S. by W. Fresh breeze and heavy swell. At ten A.M. saw one sail. Latt 36::28 N. Long 33:36 W.

381. Wednesday June 23rd

Course W. by S. Wind S.S.E. Light breeze and cloudy. At half past six P.M. saw a school of sperm whales. Lowered all three boats and went in pursuit. The larboard boat could have fastened had they managed right. But instead of remaining quiet and letting the whales come up with the boat he set his sail and beat up into the school and galled them and drove them away. So much gone by mismanagement. Latt 36:15 N. Long 33:52 W.

382. Thursday June 24th

Wind East by South. Strong breeze and quite rough. It is what you can call a seasick day. Saw blackfish but they were going very quick and it being rough did not lower for them. All hands engaged in ships duty. I am still at work on shirts. No observation.

383. Friday June 25th

Wind East by South Heavy breeze with a heavy swell. Ship rolling and pitching badly. Saw blackfish but did not lower. All hands doing ships duty. Latt 36:46 N. No observation for Long.

384. Saturday June 26

Wind East. Strong breeze and Cloudy. Signalized the english Barque Sleepless (?). All hands engaged in doing ships duty and looking out for whales. I wish some would come along and give us a chance to get one or more. Latt 35:24 N. Long 33:25W.

385. Sunday June 27th

Course Southeast Wind East. Strong breeze and cloudy. Saw one sail supposed it to be a merchantman. The day passed as usual, doing ships duty reading etc. Latt 34:49N. Long 32:40 N.

386. Monday June 28th

Wind East. Fresh breeze and passing clouds with now and then a squall. Nothing to be seen on the water, but our own barque. No observation.

387. Tuesday June 29th

Wind South east. Fresh breeze and squally, in the forenoon but pleasant about noon. Saw Finbacks I washed. Had a large washing. Latt 36:28 N. Long 35:33:30 W.

388. Wednesday June 30th

Course West Wind South West. Fresh breeze and hazy. Saw one sail. All hands engaged in ships duty. One month of summer gone. Latt 36:26 N. Long 36:29 W.

389. Thursday July 1st

Course W. by N. Wind S.W. Fresh breeze and Hazy. No whale today. Three sails in sight. All hands engaged in ships duty. I am still making shirts. Signalized a french ship Latt 36::47 North Long 38:58 West.

390. Friday July 2nd

Course W. Wind South West. At eleven A.M. spoke the whale ship Sea Gull of New bedford Capt Nichols. Thirty-five days out with forty bbls sperm oil. Capt Nichols had his wife with him. Stephen and the children went on board and got some late newspapers. Latt 36::45 No observation for Long.

391. Saturday July 3rd

Course N. by E. Wind S.S.W. Fresh breeze. Two sails in sight supposed them to be merchantmen. No whales to be seen. All hands engaged in ships duty etc. Latt 37::44 North Long 38::50 West

392. Sunday July 4th

The great and memorable fourth of July. God bless the stripes wherever they fly; At seven A.M. spoke the whaleship Henry Kneeland of New bedford. Capt Kelley (?) twenty-five days out clean. Stephen and the children went on board and stopped a short time and then returned bringing Capt Kelley with them. He spent the day with us. He brought me two loaves of fruit cake and a couple bowls of Jelly. Mr. Manchester gave bub a nice fruit cake sealed in a tin box. No observation.

393. Monday July 5th

Course West 1/2 South. Wind South East. Stephen went on board the Henry Kneeland and got some articles that Capt Kelley promised him the day before such as five bbls bread, one bbl molasses, one box saleratus, one bag corn meal. Saw four sails, signalized one American barque bound for the States. Latt 37:43

394. Tuesday July 6th

Course West 1:2 South. Wind South East. Strong breeze and squally. Parted company with the ship H. Kneeland. All hands engaged in ships duty. No whales to be seen far nor near, It seems as they had entirely deserted the Western ground. I sewed. No observation.

395. Wednesday July 7th

Course West by South. Wind South. Fresh breeze and squally. At eleven A.M. spoke the Herm brig Panama of Provincetown Capt Birch with sixty bbls sperm. Capt Birch came on board and spent the day with us and brought us some late newspapers. At eight in the evening returned to his own vessel. Latt 35:49 Long 39:48

396. Thursday July 8th

Wind South. Fresh breeze with passing clouds. The Panama still in sight. Nothing else to be seen except one sail a long distance off. Latt 36:10 North.

397. Friday July 9th

Wind South. Strong breeze and quite rough. At two P.M. spoke the barque Spartan of Provincetown. Capt Cook. Thirty-six days from home clean. Recd by him a box of cake sent from home, to the children, three letters and a bundle of papers. At the time we spoke him it was raining and blowing very hard, so that we could have but a short time to talk with him. No observation.

398. Saturday July 10th

Squally with a strong breeze from the south. Saw one sail. The jib stay chafed off this morning sent it down to repair. All hands engaged in ships duty. I sewed. Latt 36:44 North Long 36::34 West

399. Sunday July 11th

Wind south course by the wind. Attempted to put the Barque in stays after sail was made she mistayed twice the third time she came round. Finding she was out of trim the Captain thought it was best to shift some fresh water and fill some casks with salt water to bring her down into the water more and ordered James Houser our first officer to do so. He said he would not do it. The captain then told him he could do nothing more whilst he was on board the

(The rest of this journal was lost. A baby son, Stephen Morse Ryder, was born to the writer of this journal a month later, August 12, 1858. The bark tried to get to Fayal, but winds were not favorable, and the baby was born at sea, the Captain assisting.)

Table showing returns of whaling-vessels

Name of vessel.	Class.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Managing owner or agent.
<b>1857.</b>				
<i>Mattapoisett, Mass.—Continued.</i>				
Union	Bark	124	David Dexter	R. L. Barstow
Willis	do	164	James King	do
<i>Nantucket, Mass.</i>				
Catawba	Ship	335	Israel Morey	McCleave & Macy
Constitution	do	400	Joseph Winslow	C. G. & H. Coffin
Eliza Jane	Schooner	130	William T. Swain	McCleave & Macy
Nautilus	Bark	220	Edwin M. Hardwick	Zenas L. Adams
<i>Edgartown, Mass.</i>				
American	Bark	329	Pease	John A. Baylies
E. A. Luce	Schooner	132	Ripley	Joseph Holley
Europa	Ship	400	Maunter	Abraham Osborn
Eureka	Bark	225	Thomas M. Pease	J. A. Baylies
Ocmulgee	Ship	458	Greene	A. Osborn
Omega	do	363	Sanborn	Benjamin Worth
<i>Provincetown, Mass.</i>				
Alloghany	Schooner	95	Nickerson	Daniel C. Cook
Alexander	do	75	Dyer	Johnson & Cook
Chanticleer	do	87	D. C. Cook	Samuel Cook
Emporium	do	80	John Pettengill	Samuel Soper
E. Nickerson	do	132	Miller	Robert M. Miller
Eschol	Brig	143	Chapman	J. E. & G. Bowley
Estella	Schooner	94	Chapman	T. & S. Hilliard
Montezuma	do	92	Connell	D. Connell
N. J. Knights	do	95	Baulster	E. S. Smith & Co
Oread	do	90	Genn	John Adams
Panama	Brig	127	Young	R. & E. Cook
R. E. Cook	Schooner	80	Milliken	Philip Cook
Richard	do	92	Small	J. E. & G. Bowley
Rietzi	do	108	Small	Samuel Soper
S. R. Soper	do	130	Jonathan Nickerson	S. Small
Thraver	do	95	Cook	H. & S. Cook & Co
Union	do	97	Freeman	J. E. & G. Bowley
V. Doane	do	99		
V. H. Hill	do	155		
<i>Orleans, Mass.</i>				
Lewis Bruce	Brig	135	Nickerson	Heman Smith
Rothschild	Bark	261	Holman	do
<i>Beverly, Mass.</i>				
Lady Suffolk	Bark	210	Robertson	F. W. Choate
N. D. Chase	do	242	Ryder	do
<i>Salem, Mass.</i>				
Messenger	Ship	216	Holmes	Benjamin Webb
<i>New London, Conn.</i>				
Amaret	Brig	91	Quayle	Perkins & Smith
Atlantic	Schooner	130	Rathbone	do
Architect	Bark	400	Fish	do

sailing from American ports—Continued.

Whaling-ground.	Date—		Result of voyage.			Remarks.
	Of sailing.	Of arrival.	Sperm-oil.	Whale-oil.	Whalebone.	
Atlantic	Nov. 4	Sept. 11, 1861	Bbls. 190	Bbls. 8	Lbs.	Sent home 56 sperm; bought from New Bedford 1857.
do	June 3	Sept. 21, 1858	293	19		Sent home 268 sperm.
South Atlantic.	Sept. 3	Apr. 19, 1859	24	2,927		Sold to New York.
Pacific Ocean	Sept. 18	July 1, 1863	1,600			Built at Mystic 1857; sold to New York 1863.
South Atlantic.	Aug. 15	Apr. 9, 1859		550		Added 1857; sold to New Bedford; tender to ship Catawba.
Indian Ocean	June 22					Bought from Boston 1857; sent home 80 sperm; lost at Port Dauphin.
Ind. and Pacific	Aug. 4	Apr. 17, 1861		335	4,900	Sent home 36 sperm, 390 whale, 366 bone; one of the "stone fleet," sunk off Charleston 1861.
Pacific Ocean	July 2					Added 1857; sent home 25 sperm, 11 whale; withdrawn 1860.
North Pacific	Sept. 17	July 27, 1862	563	1,845	1,200	Sent home 170 sperm, 6,562 bone.
Indian Ocean	Oct. 21	May 19, 1861		540		Formerly the Alfred Tyler; sold to Boston 1861.
North Pacific	Nov. 11	Apr. 18, 1861	276	2,622		Bought from Holmes's Hole 1857; sent home 62 sperm, 21,736 bone.
do	Oct. 14	Apr. 9, 1861		1,658	250	Sent home 1,039 whale, 43,864 bone; bought from Nantucket 1857; sold to Boston for freighting 1862.
North Atlantic.	May 1	Jan. 9, 1858		178		
do	Apr. 29	Sept. 6, 1857		225		
do	Apr. 29	Sept. 14, 1857		200		
do	Apr. 29	Aug. 27, 1857		80		Added 1857.
do	May 5	May 19, 1858	200	140	300	A missing vessel; captain had wife and two children with him.
Atlantic	May 6	Sept. 14, 1857		160		Sold to Beverly 1859.
do	May 6	Dec. 2, 1858		50		Added 1857.
do	May 6	Sept. 6, 1857		180		Do.
North Atlantic.	Dec. 19	Aug. 12, 1858		12	230	Added 1857; built at Essex 1853.
Atlantic	do	Nov. 17, 1857		415		Added 1857; sent home 107 sperm.
do	do	Sept. 5, 1857		130		Added 1856.
North Atlantic.	May 6	Aug. 27, 1857		210		
Atlantic	June 16	June 16, 1857		20		
do	do	Aug. 23, 1858		30		
do	do	July 25, 1857		200	130	
Atlantic	May 23	June 12, 1859		360		Added 1857.
do	May 22					Withdrawn 1859.
do	Dec. 22	July 23, 1858		140	100	
South Atlantic.	May 23	Sept. 15, 1858		230	120	Added 1857; sent home 98 sperm.
Atlantic	July 6	May 26, 1858		125		
do	Jan. 6	Sept. 16, 1858		46	64	
do	Dec. 23	June 4, 1859		250		Built 1851; sent home 90 sperm.
Indian Ocean	June 8	Oct. 13, 1859		140	5,500	Built 1848; sent home 280 barrels whale and 3,000 pounds bone.
Atlantic	Apr. 29	Aug. 25, 1859		362	114	Added 1857; sent home 35 sperm.
Davis's Strait	Sept. 7	Sept. 21, 1858		267	5,700	Frozen into the ice 8 months; took first whale July 1, and by July 22 was full.
Desolation Isd.	July 9	July 28, 1858		283		Withdrawn 1859.
North Pacific	Aug. 25					Bought from New York 1857; built at Rockland, Me., 1854; sent home 1,552 whale and 17,396 bone; withdrawn 1859.