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Life and adventures In foreign and
Distant lands, &c. Experienced by
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From the 20th of August, 1868. Till
the 18th of May, 1874.

With the consent of my father and
mother, I shipped on the 6th of July
1868, in the Barque Agate, Bound
from Boston to New Zealand. Leaving
Boston on the 20th of August with a
fair wind and fine clear weather. Calm
weather on the 6-7th and 8th of September.
On the 9th Spoke a Topsail Schooner,
called the Mercy Taylor, 3 years out
Bound into Holmes Hole. By her I
sent a letter home. Fine clear weather
as far as latitude 4 Degrees North
then nothing but continual gales of wind
and heavy rain. Crossing the Equator
in Longitude 26 Degrees West. Hence
through the South East Trades to the
Cape of good ^{hope} making the passage to
the Cape in 70 days. Heavy Gale of wind
from the westward the ^{ship} running with
Main Top Gallant Sail, out I F. Blowing
harder every day, and a tremendous
sea running all the time on the
15th of November a tremendous ^{sea} struck the
Ship heeling her over considerable