

Bark *Mermaid*, Outwards Bound

Monday July 12th 1869.

Commenced this voyage Saturday July 3rd.
Had quite a good run off the Coast. The last
three days quite rough & fresh gale from the S.W.
This morning more moderate. We have had the
usual amount of sea sickness. One man nearly
died with Constipation of the Bowels he was
relieved by Hot baths, Enjections &c. another man
badly hurt, his leg bruised by the main hatch
another one laid up with a bad Cut in his
hands. This forenoon saw a dead whale too
bad to take alongside Miss Flora is quiet
at present having just finished a slice of bread
and butter her appetite good. Mother is employ
amusing herself & Flora reading Mother Goose,
I hope they have both recovered from their sea
sickness.
Lat 40.00° N Long 48.25° W

Saturday July 24th 1869.

The last two weeks has been most of the time rough weather
the last three days fine and pleasant. Last Sunday Spoke
the Sea Boy. Monday saw the Island of Flores, and went
Boat ashore too late to do any trading. Next day laying off
on, Bought 100 Bushels potatoes some pumpkins & Cabbages, onions
apples, Lemons, &c at 4 P.M. Steered off to the South. Saw
Several ships last week. Merchantmen. Mother & Flora go
well, and fast asleep on the sofa while I am writing. I have
or four men sick and Complaining one of them Antonio Boon
sick with the Venereal Complaint. I hope to see some things
that will pay for catching we have lowered several times for
grampus and Blackfish. More to practice the men than for
any other purpose taken nothing yet.
Lat 35.25° N Long 28.45° W

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Monday July 26th 1869

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze
from the N.E. Steering South, at 3 P.M. saw whale
going quick to windward lowered all four boats got nothing
no chance Took up the Boats and Steered South
Large School of Small Whales.
Lat 34.10° N Long 28.10° W

Sunday Sept 19th The last month has passed away
without anything of importance taking place. a week ago spoke
an English Merchantman bound to Shanghai. We have had
quite a good run since passing the Equator. Took ten variable
winds in lat 30°. Since then have had quite a good run
This morning quite a good westerly wind. Steering E.S.E.
Miss Flora and mother getting along bravely. Note over their
sea sickness. Miss F. just returned from a long walk on deck. when
she has been the last three hours. We have seen no chance for
a whale the last three weeks

Thursday Oct 7th This day comes in with good weather
and light winds this Bark Steering S.E. by E. This morning
saw Whales about 9 A.M. and lowered for them about
2 P.M. Main Boat struck and lost line Middle and
latter part fresh gale from S.E. the Bark laying too on
the port tack. at daylight wore ship to the S.E.W.
Last Friday a man by the name of Newell fell over board
off the Fly jib boom lowered away a boat and got to him just
in time to save him one sail in sight

Lat 32.30° N Long 40.00° E