

Oct 24 This day commences with strong breeze³⁰ from the N.W. and the smack lying on the beach with heavy breakers. I took afternoon at low tide boarded her and out most of the provisions. At 10 P.M. she struck adrift and we met about 40 rods to the S. Struck bow fore and clewed around and broke the end off close to the transom, and knocked keel out of her, and the sea breaking heavily upon her.

Oct 25 This day commences with light breeze^{eyes} from the N.E. Boarded the smack and cut the mainsail clear and got fast being rope in the breakers. The under current so strong we were obliged to leave it. At 11 A.M. Capt. Cook and I gone to look for water. At 12 M she lies head off and foundered with 1 plank gone. Sunset light breeze from S.E.

Oct 26 This day commences with light breeze^{eyes} from the S.E. Saw a steamer pass and every way to be noticed but in vain. Sunset light breeze from the S.E.

Oct 27 This day commences with light breeze^{eyes} from the E.N.E. Saw 2 steamers pass a distance of 2 miles. We tried in vain to be the second one blew her whistle but had a wrecked brig in tow she kept on. At 3 P.M. the smack broke in to and to pieces.

Oct 28 Weather very fine Still on the beach

Oct 29 This day commences with fresh breeze from the N.E. Saw 3 more steamers bound S. Took no notice of our signals. At 3 P.M. launched our boat and started for Key West. At sunset wind E. 50°
-5°

Oct 30 This day commences with fresh breeze from the N.E. At 8 A.M. Hillsborough Inlet bearing W 1 mile. At 9 A.M. spoke the steamship "More Castle" Capt. Richard Adams bound to Havana. He refused to take us on board saying he could not stop. Fortunately there was another steamer bearing down which proved to be the "Fring Thuber" Capt. Hildreth bound to New Orleans. He very kindly took us on board and towed our boat as far as Grecian Shoal where we crossed the reef and went on board of the pilot boat "Champion" where she lay wrecking a large ship, having seen 8 wrecks.

Oct 31 This day commences with light breeze from the N.E. At 9 A.M. left the Champion for Key West. At sunset off Duck Key, having seen 3 wrecks.

Nov 1 This day commences with fresh breeze from the N.E. At 6 A.M. saw a schooner go for the Samba. At 9 A.M. arrived in Key West, having seen 5 wrecks. Went on board the schooner "Santaro" bound up the reef wrecking. So ends the cruise of the Minnie.