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Log Book kept on board the barque  
"Sea Shell", of Warren, R.I., by George Whelden.

- Nov. 1. 1853. Weather cloudy with rain; proceeded to sea about  
10 o'clock in the forenoon, the wind blowing quite  
fresh.
- Nov. 2d. We lay to the whole of this day, the wind blowing  
a gale.
- Nov. 3d. Still lay to under bare poles, the gale unabated.
- Nov. 21st. Saw ship ~~Garland~~ Bald Eagle, from New York  
for San Francisco, and kept her in company 36  
hours. Pretty good for a whaler!
- Dec. 1st. Crossed the Equator. Weather intensely warm.  
Saw black fish, and bowered the boats, but  
did not succeed in taking any.
- Dec. 10th. Saw and boarded ship Garland, of New  
Bedford, Capt. King, 21 months out, with  
only 130 barrels of oil. Heard luck that.
- Dec. 16th. About 9 P.M. the cheering cry of "There she  
blows," and "There she breaches" was heard from  
the mast-head. All hands sprung to the rig-  
ging. Whales were seen 3 points off the lee bow,  
distant about 10 miles. After running as  
near as practicable with the ship, the