

19th May 1864 Thursday.

About eight of this morning we had a slight breeze from ~~the~~ the East end of South, but about ten the sea was like glass, and the sails hung to the mast, after dinner we passed a log of wood about 10 feet long, and so completely covered with Barnacles and other shells and sea weed that it looked more like one large shell covered with others.

under it we could see numbers of fish of different sizes and shapes. The N & I were practicing with our revolvers at bottles. We put our 5 he broke 1, and I broke 2. after ~~dinner~~ ^{tea} Mr Campbell saw a shark but we did not succeed in catching it. it must have been following the school of fish about the log. early in the day we saw a Mother Carey's chicken.

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going 10 knots an hour for the first time in our right course S. S W half S. the wind coming more aft. through the day we have very little of canvas set. several times today we passed through schools of Porpoise and could sometimes see hundreds of them out of the water at the same time at 10 of P.M. we were going 11½ and passed many logs covered with sea weed and shells, some one saw a whale this morning the Capt. said we may expect to see many before we reach the line, which will be in about 15 days we passed several ships homeward bound but not near enough to signal.