

On the 23d, during a strong gale, we parted company with the Porpoise. On the 28th, found ourselves in longitude  $78^{\circ} 30' W.$ , latitude  $56^{\circ} 30' S.$ , when I kept away to the northward, it blowing violently from the southward and westward, with a heavy sea.

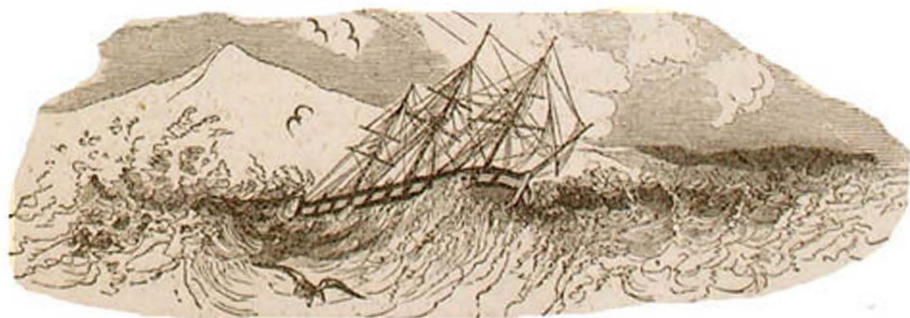
On the 30th, we had reached the latitude of  $43^{\circ} S.$ , longitude  $76^{\circ} W.$ , when the wind came out from the northward. It being a mild day, we caught with a small hook, several fine albatrosses, ten feet six inches from wing to wing. They were preserved as specimens.

Immediately after leaving Orange Harbour, dysentery made its appearance on board the Vincennes, and ran through the whole ship's company. Some of the officers were also affected. It proved of a very mild type, and readily yielded to medical treatment. Upon our arrival at Valparaiso, it had entirely disappeared. The medical officers were unable to account for it, the health of the ship's company having been very good during our stay at Orange Harbour. It was not thought to be owing to the water, as they had been using it for two months without any bad effect, but I think must be imputed to the cold and wet we experienced in the first part of the passage.

On the 10th, we made the island of Mocha. The northerly wind continued until the 11th of May, when we had a gale for several hours. The barometer indicated this gale by a fall of .300 in. This gale seemed to break up our adverse winds, and we were shortly afterwards enabled to lay our course. This was the first fair wind for nine days, the head winds having continued from the 2d till the 11th instant.

On the 13th, in latitude  $36^{\circ} S.$ , we took the trade-winds, Cape pigeons, and albatrosses still continuing with us.

On the 15th we made the land off Valparaiso, and before noon anchored in the bay, where we found the Peacock, and received tidings that the Relief had sailed with the store-ship Mariposa for Callao. The Porpoise arrived on the 16th, and the Flying-Fish reached Valparaiso on the 19th, after having experienced extremely boisterous weather.



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