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The vessel was anchored, at station, off San Francisco from November of 1849 to December of 1850 and then again through much of 1851. The day by day occurrences in the "forest of masts" and the cutter's involvement in famous incidents make the log particularly interesting. Of note are problems with desertion between November 5 and 18, 1849; the cutter's assist in the Statehood celebration; rescuing survivors from the explosion of the steamer SAGAMORE on October 29, 1850; work on the storeship THOMAS BENNETT between February 24 and 28, 1850; a cruise to Santa Catalina Island and San Diego between December 26 1850 to February 11 1851; the cutter's involvement in the famous CHALLENGE affair;
problems with violent boarding house runners; and the possibility of a fight with filibusters suspected of planning to attach Hawaii between October 15 and November 15 1851.

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