Turkey for dinner, as we were sitting on deck, but had no appetite for any thing they had here. I delight to be on deck and watch the Ocean in its varying moods.
Truly "they that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep." "For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which liftetth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the Heaven and go down again into the depths." It sometimes seems impossible that we can live through it. But our gallant ship rides along fearlessly. It is grand beyond any thing I ever witnessed. Sublimity itself.
Dec 1st. The first day of Winter, seems not much like it with us. How I should enjoy a calm day. think I shall get accustomed to gales if this continues much longer.
5th. One year to day, since dear Brother Augustus left home and friends to embark on the ocean. In five short months he found a stranger's grave far away from wife, children and friends. Stranger hands bathed his brow and cooled his parched tongue. It is a satisfaction to surviving friends, that his remains could be brought home, and placed in a spot of his own selection.
7th Another Sabbath has dawned upon us. It seems somewhat different from other days even here. So one unnecessarily employed, most of the company engaged in reading, it seems like a day of rest. But no Sabbath bell greets our ear, no holy man of God proclaims to us the glad tidings of the Gospel. They may be found when diligently sought for, and a Sabbath well spent at sea, in communing with our own hearts, and reading God's holy word may be productive of ~~my~~ much good.
8th Moderates a little, well that is enough to be thankful for. We have had a long gale, and been tossed about enough to appreciate good weather, when it does make its appearance. Saw two birds flying about the ship which seemed much like home, they were tropic birds. 10th Had a very still night and to day it is delightful a pleasant breeze and just warm enough for comfort, went on deck immediately after breakfast, to view old Ocean in another aspect. Every thing is smiling and serene, one would



never suspect the treachery that lurks in his bosom. Every thing seems changed. this is one of the most delightful moments of my life. I do not wonder that so many choose a sailor's life, it is a life of hardships, but it is a life full of romance and interest. As I went on deck the first sight that greeted my eyes, was the pigs and chickens running about at large on deck. altogether made an appearance so homelike, that I could hardly realize that I was thousands of miles away from home.
21st For the last ten days nothing of interest has transpired during the most of our passage, the sea has been rather rough and the wind not very favorable. Occasionally we catch a glimpse of a distant vessel, and as we are going different directions they soon vanish, and we are left alone, a solitary speck on the Ocean. Several days ago, several dolphins were following the ship for sometime, but they did not succeed in catching any of them, to my disappointment. Flying fish are very plenty. one flew over the side of the ship, one day and the steward cooked him for my breakfast. was very nice, tasted some like a fresh herring. Have seen none of those "monsters of the deep" yet, although occasionally we hear from the mast-head, the cry of "there blows."
22nd We are now nearly to the line, it is very warm indeed, not much I imagine like the weather at home. Minnie enjoys herself very much, running about on deck and making new acquaintances. Her little heart swells sometimes when she thinks of her dear friends she left behind. Yesterday I broke a wish bone with her, she wished that "she could see Aunt Susan."
23rd Nothing of interest occurred except catching a few fish of the kind of called "Ship jack," not the nicest that we have caught, but very good in the absence of better. We live very well many on the land would be glad to have the luxuries which we enjoy. There is one luxury, a book I will note in my journal, for fear that I may forget it when I get home, and provide for the table myself. A pumpkin with a round piece cut out at the top, to take the seeds and