of the Levi Starbuck, Capt Chester of the Majestic, Capt Booker of the Hibernia, Capt Hathaway of the L. C. Richmond and Capt Lawrence wife and one child of the Addison made 10 Captains, 4 Ladies, and 7 children, we could hardly realize that we were whaling, had a nice chowder, coffee cold ham, cake bread crackers and cookies, we also received plenty of oysters.

25th As Capt. Hucks expected to go to sea Monday I invited him with his family to pass the day with us, and as I thought it would be very pleasant even though I had small accommodations I invited all the ladies with their husbands and children to pass the day with us likewise which invitation they cordially accepted I should have been pleased to have invited all the Captains in port, but our table could not be enlarged sufficiently to seat them all. We had for dinner oyster soup, boiled ham, and stewed rabbit with dumplings, a gooseberry puddding and tarts made of bottled fruit, for tea we had fried ham fish balls, warm biscuit preserves, pies, plum cake and plain cake, we had a very pleasant time, the children particularly.

26th Capt. Hucks and family passed the night with us, as they were smoking ship, Mrs Hucks Leslie and myself took the bed made a bed up on the flor in the state-room for Mary and Minnie, Capt. Hucks took Minnie's berth, and Samuel took the sofa, after dinner Capt. Hucks felt as if he wished to give his children one more run so we all went ashore stopped two or three hours, then we went with them to tea on board the Scotland.

27th Samuel went on board the Scotland this morning took Minnie with him he also went on board the L. C. Richmond they both went out in the forenoon also the Hibernia, our boats are all engaged in getting wood, we keep a gang ashore cutting all the time, and we find it very good wooding. We had a call from several of the Captains today Capt. Hathaway sent me a bag of oranges. The Fortuna Capt. Lessler arrive today.

28th Another fine nice today ~~band~~ had a tent put up on a large scale today with several American flags waving in the breze which made it look very pleasant. The Steward of the Levi Starbuck and our Steward were to make the

chowders, the Steward of the Rambler was there also to superintend the tables, before the first two mentioned Stewards went ashore, they went on board the Dromo where they were treated to liquor by the Steward of the Dromo, our Steward liked it, and took a pretty good supply, but the Levi Starbuck did not care for much, they did very well in the forenoon but as soon as the chowder was served, they asked and obtained liberty to go on board one of the Ships to get more pork and potatoes for another chowder. They came directly on board the Addison our Steward broke into our State room helped himself to liquor and when he got back again, he was about drunk enough. He came to Samuel soon after that telling him, he was tired of being Steward and wanted he should let him go. Samuel asked him where he got the liquor, he answered as independently as you please "I got it from your wife's room", Samuel looked around for some of his crew that they might take him above but as he could find none he told him to go, and not to show his face until he was sober. So he bid them all good bye asked for a "chaw of tobacco" and off he went. We had a very pleasant time with the exception of that, it made them all feel badly but it mortified me very much. We considered that he was the best Steward among all the Ships and so had depended upon him, we had chowder ham coffee bun cake of all kinds pies bread crackers cookies preserves &c &c. It was dark when we left. but no Steward was to be found. March 1st I felt very badly about our Steward last night he must suffer greatly for the want of water after going off in the condition that he was in, we have no one on deck that can act as Steward, and I dont know what we shall do if he does not come. I do not believe he could possibly live to get up where the Spanish settlements are with nothing to eat or drink. I hope he may live to get back. We were invited to pass the day on board the Rambler today so I made some cake for the cabin before leaving had a very pleasant time there were eight Captains there to tea. I carried Mrs Willis some colored yarn to knit for her children which she needed very much, and she gave me a pair of cotton stockings and a pair of thick shoes for Minnie which were equally acceptable.