

Sept 1851
How tedious & dull
Living here a lone

Saturday
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This morning I went over to Fair Haven to see the old ship that is to be my prison for the next 3 years but I hope to be better contented than I am here for I always was contented there and all ways expect to be until I get a home which I find will be some time yet

Sunday
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commenced with fine weather till sundown then commenced raining with a fair prospect of a long spell of wet weather. This fore noon I attended church at the beach the discourse was very good and the singing beautiful the after noon was spent as the slots would always spend his part of the time I read novels and rest I spent I sleep my God and my bible was neglected but not forgotten this evening I called on an acquaintance and enjoyed my very much visit very much the whole family seems like my own relatives so ends this Sabbath I have harmed no body but my own soul

Monday
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weather rather cool for comfort with a strong wind from the N. E. & the hot summer weather so gone for this season but I shall be in the course of 2 months where we have perpetual summer and with favourable gales we shall soon be in the frozen regions of the north and from thence direct to the other pole or so to it as we can get. Afternoon the weather cool and breezy so breezy that I have kept in my room most of the time part of the time employed at reading and the rest in sleep which was not very profitable spent oh I wish my ship was ready for sea for I am ready and want to go for it seems to me that the quicker I get off the quicker I shall return and I look to the day of my return with the greatest of pleasure time and money shall not be thrown away as I have done in the last 3 months I have earned the best part of dollars and have nothing to show for it more than few boots and cloths which are very scarce comforts in this world

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Tuesday
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this morning the air is thick and cloudy with a fair prospect of a storm which is expected this time a year last evening I called on an old shipmate but he was shot at home but his wife could talk enough for them both she appeared to be a very fine woman after noon fell in with an old shipmate went home and took dinner with him then hired a horse and cart and went out to a place called Long Plain where we saw another of the young that was in the same ship he has give up the big water and settled down for life on a small farm he has all the comforts and pleasures of life at his hand and why should he shot be contented and happy I have been of over to Fair Haven and had a look at the old ship that is to be my home for the next 3 years or longer the day appointed for her sailing is the first of November but I have hopes of getting there before she starts there before that time what

Wednesday
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this quite cold I been down on the wharves to take a view of a new ship that has been bought here for whaling

Thursday
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this day has been clear and pleasant the best part of it I have been in the bowling alley 24¢ has been what I lost which would be as much as I could earn in 3 days I shall have to sweat off from going there or I shall be ruined

Friday
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The day commenced cold and cloudy at 9 o'clock the clouds gave way and the sun made us think of old times when the shade felt pleasant and show the shade of a good fire felt pleasant as the shade of a tree does 6 weeks past 5 weeks more to live in this cold climate I purchased me an acedon this morning price 2/5 I think I shall soon get sick of the paragon evening this is the last sparrows to south the swags broke but I fear my shoes would shot here that affect