

began putting things in order so that in an hour or two we began to look quite respectable

When the ship had got about ten miles down the bay the Captain took his departure and the mate brought the ship to anchor for the night. After everything was snug and work over the cook sent out "supper, boys" and came forward bringing a small tub of potatoes and another of salt beef but supper was a thing out of the question for me as excitement had taken away all thoughts of appetite.

After supper and while enjoying a quiet smoke I had leisure to look around me. The evening being very warm we were all gathered together on deck and numbered about sixteen men representing about the same number of nations or less. There were English, Irish and Scotch, Dutchmen, Portuguese, Norwies and Danes. I thought to myself this is the beginning of my three years cruise what will be the end. We shall see.

The next morning we were aroused at daybreak by one of the officers and we turned out and dressed ourselves and went on deck and worked till breakfast time when we were ordered to "get breakfast" and then we remained idle till about ten o'clock when upon the arrival of the Captain we were ordered to "get under weigh." While part of the crew were heaving on the anchor the rest were busy loosing and heaving the topsails. The wind being ahead we were forced to beat out through the passage leading to the ocean and after a succession of short tacks I found myself for the first time in the open sea rolling upon the long regular swell.

As soon as the ropes were coiled up and order restored the crew were called aft and watches chosen. I was chosen in the mate's watch who told us that

we formed the first watch and the second mate the starboard watch and then all hands were set to work with the mate as bos at calling and faking the anchors and so the day passed off without anything worth relating.

When we came to go down below at night we found everything in confusion in the fore-castle. The chests not being properly secured were sliding about the deck every time the ship gave a roll and the bilge water in the hold having been stirred up by the motion of the vessel created a disgusting smell and added to this some of the crew began to show incipient signs of being attacked by that dread monster sea-sickness you may believe our supper was not much relished.

Being very tired I turned in to my bunk as soon as possible and went to sleep. It did not seem to me as if I had been asleep more than ten minutes before I was awakened by a tremendous pounding on the fore-castle scuttle followed by the cry "port watch ahoy, run out there!" We turned out and dressed ourselves as well as we could in the dark and went on deck and the other watch went below. I soon found that nearly all hands were decidedly seasick and were paying Nephthys toll quite freely. As yet I had felt no signs of being sick and began to think I should be let off this time and with one of the crew named Dennis who also had escaped for the time being were laughing at the rueful faces and disconsolate expressions which we heard around us. The next day we were called aft and boat crews were chosen. I was picked for the Captain's boat which was managed by the fourth mate, Toward's.

Towards night the wind changed to the N.E. and began to freshen but as we were right before it we did not feel it till it increased so as to make it necessary to shorten sail. About this time I began to feel the first qualms of sea-sickness but tried to please myself with the idea that as I had resisted it so long I should not be troubled with it. But we shall soon see. For gallant trials