

they do not mind being disturbed by some of the careless and in other respects more fortunate ones nor will they change until compelled any position they may chance to take. Poor fellows! While thus far I am remarkably free from this terrible affliction I feel for them but sympathy is all I can offer.

To the inexperienced all was now bustle and confusion. In obedience to commands ~~therefore~~ as the sails were being trimmed some were hurrying this way and some that scarcely knowing where to take hold for a light pull here and a good pull there. In short every one endeavored to contribute as far as confusion of ideas would permit to the general fund of labor whilst from head quarters orders were issued in rapid succession.

This is the Java's first cruise and as usual on board of all such for the first two or three months there is considerable labor to be performed. Many articles to make which are not usually furnished at home such as water bags boat and tea buckets meat kids &c trifles in themselves get in the aggregate amounting to considerable. Then there is the putting of boats and whale craft in order for immediate use tacking down and setting up rigging and a host of other things too numerous to mention. All of these are

indispensably necessary to the comfort and convenience of a voyage and were it not for the fact that seasickness comes just in the height of labor of this kind such things would form an agreeable pastime when thoughts of home press heavily on the mind.

I had flattered myself that I should escape any further sickness until about 10 A.M. when though the sea was quite smooth I began to feel a disagreeable sensation about my head a sort of indistinguishable pain which I imagined would make me one of Neptune's victims for perhaps a considerable length of time.

I however determined to keep about as long as possible for I was at this time learning the ropes and getting my sea legs on and could hardly relish the idea of being interrupted.

When however dinner was announced I actually felt that I should be obliged to forego the usual ceremony at table which having been from infancy reared to the habit of eating had become quite natural.

As the fragments of the eve to be remembered dinner mentioned under the last date in addition to the usual fare were to compose an interesting portion of the meal this was the more to be regretted but But I was forced to believe there was no help for it nor did I feel inclined to seek for any at the time.