

generally applied to Carpenters at sea and considering the circumstances under which I labored Chips began to accumulate quite fast. Supper was at length prepared and right glad was I for having fasted since morning and feeling much better than heretofore you may believe my appetite was quite demanding at any rate were I to record the different articles sacrificed in my behalf there certainly could be no doubt about it. But it is not my wish to astonish or frighten so I'll never mention ~~any~~. Have nothing to note after supper only the day ended finely with light breezes.

Sunday May 29

During the night the wind veered into the N. but the weather continued the same - fine and unchangeable. Breakfast on this morning was ready at precisely at the appointed hour and the anticipated balls occupied a conspicuous place on the table. After a fair and impartial trial they were unanimously declared to be a little above the superlative. In truth they were such that the most fastidious epicure their with could not find fault. We also had some of the fish fried and found it to be very good in resemblance and flavor very much like beef.

It being Sunday labor was for the day suspended and most of the time devoted

to reading or overhauling books and thinking of home. My own thoughts very naturally turned that way and there in imagination I beheld young and old rich and poor high and low wending their way to their respective Churches. But all of these I am sorry to say I cannot set down as Christians for while in my humble opinion a few of them only being actually devoted to religious pursuits are sincere and willing laborers in the vineyard. Many especially of the younger class about my own age I am inclined to think have for their chief object in attending a desire to see the folks make themselves conspicuous or get the latest styles the latter by no means a light consideration with the female portion who are often heard to ^{run} ~~run~~ upon certain new patterns of dresses shawls and bonnets which when worn for the first time attract no common attention especially as the wearer concentrates all her faculties studying every ~~eye~~ grace and accomplishment to make an impression on the beholder. Yet the dear creatures with all their faults I - I - yes I - love them and I do not mean to say that our own sex have not faults enough to balance theirs of course not I do not wish to be understood thus and some of them