

to dissipate those unhappy thoughts which in spite of all efforts to the contrary will frequently intrude while so recently from home. The general feeling produced therefrom is here termed 'sulks' and to justify appearances the name is rightly applied for among us there were many whose chief feature were those sullenness and dispair.

But the fact that they have left their homes kindred and friends may account for their downcast looks and disconsolate airs.

Though a little affected myself quite curious it was to observe how some of them would strive to wear a cheerful countenance when the thing would seem to be almost impossible especially a few particular ones (I am speaking of the after gang) whom I pity the more just because they have more cause for sympathy having parted from those who were the very life and light of their existence. No doubt the history on both sides is a very interesting and romantic one made up perhaps of moonlight scenes poetry and sweet scented notes expressive of the deepest emotions.

Would that I knew the names of these devoted beings who are now with doubt sorrowing the departure of those whose happiness they of course naturally

very naturally contrite. I imagine it will not be very difficult under the peculiar circumstances in which we are placed to gain the desired information and if I am successful how I will indulge at their expense. Perhaps though it is not my case now the thought that I may sometime be in a similar situation though it is a feeble one might make me change my mind and sympathize instead it being a part of my nature and easily excited.

By an observation at noon it was found that we were about 70 miles from and sailing nearly parallel with the gulf stream.

At 4 P.M. wind began to increase and clouds wore a threatening appearance continuing thus until the close with predictions of rain near at hand.

May 31st

According to prediction the weather was stormy the wind changed to N. and blowing quite fresh. There was also a rugged sea which gave the bark a motion so entirely new as to nearly deprive me of the free use of my legs which until now I had thought to be quite accustomed to. The sick ones now began to increase in number amounting to about five