

but they happen in the best regulated families and so I am consoled a little. I went to the house of ~~Wicks~~ to day we do seem to get some small potatoes or preachers in these times I did not know we could select so many men of small talent but perhaps it is all for the best. It is quite like an April day to day. Thermometer in the room with window open at 5 P.M. is 68 deg. Fahrenheit. So I must be very much like spring yesterday, I bought some Copper stock for 100 Cts at 108.25 per share. I have written a letter to Ed Richmond to day informing him of Frank's Condition &c.

Sunday May 8th 1864

We have been very busy during the week past discharging the "Bark Barnstable". The freight bill was not marked properly and has made us considerable trouble. I think Capt. B. is a very honest likely man, but I do not think he has the capacity to do the work on shore ^(as a really managing) and if he lacks anything it is force and judgment about officers & men. I am well aware that there are many difficulties to be overcome in one of our Whaling Voyages and it requires a man of a great variety of skill and judgment. It requires great nervousness and then great moderation with a first rate officer a B. Steer if he be a tip top whalerman and a ^{first rate} ~~man~~ must mean money and he must not be mean in giving his men ~~any~~ less than enough to eat but for that he must give them enough to do. In trading he has got to be ~~full~~ as shrewd as the best merchants or he will be very likely to be cheated very much in trading during the voyage.

Sunday May 15th 1864

We have settled with most of the crew that came home in the "Bark Barnstable" and although we struck off all the illegal charges, there seemed almost the same disposition to find fault as heretofore; and I have made up my mind to charge all the old customs allowed us and to strike them off if we cannot collect and the great point is grace. Then with the sailor he has got something left then than the charges and the point is gained. Mr. Potter preached to day in the evening I went to Ed Barton's saw Mrs. Larr a widow from New York at 9 o'clock at home writing this then

End of day

Sunday June 5th 1864

During the last week we have sold the "Bark Barnstable" Bill of Sale made out to Edward J. Dennis of New York. I sold for these reasons she was a larger vessel than I care to fit. She has been ~~unsuccessful~~ unsuccessful and I think before we could have got her to sea we should have had to have laid out considerable money we should have had to enable her and then the outfit would have been very high and then taking all things into consideration I concluded it would be best to sell her.

Sunday - 26th June 1864

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To day has been one of the warmest - hottest days that has probably been experienced in this part of the County in 50 years. It is very dry and the earth is hot and yesterday the Thermometer stood at Paken's at 2 o'clock P.M. at 94 deg. with side and I saw myself at 6 o'clock P.M. at the same and to day in the room where I sleep the Ther. stood at 95 deg. and at 8 o'clock P.M. it is 93 deg. I have written to day to Mr. B. Leidy St. Catharines. I hope and trust that the poor soldiers do not have any warmer weather than we have - my thoughts are with them in this the great struggle and I do most sincerely hope that he who tempers the wind to the "horn lamb" and notes the "falling of a sparrow" will strengthen and bless them who stand to day for the cause of humanity and the principles of "Right" and are the favorites of the "Land of the living" we cannot be too grateful and too considerate of them.

Monday Evening July 18th 1864

Went to Mrs. B. this evening had a most pleasant call. Mrs. Cousins were there a Miss Julia Bryant and a Miss Leach both very agreeable and pleasant persons. Miss Julia plays the Piano most splendidly - I like the style of playing very much her fingers are well trained and her touch most splendid - ^{a great deal of} ~~practise~~ ^{practise} as well as skill and musical ~~talent~~ ^{talent} of a high order. Mrs. L. furnished a very splendid coffee and certainly the hours passed most pleasantly. I went home with the two ladies Miss Hattie and Miss "Julia". The moon was "full orb'd" the night perfectly clear and calm - a more beautiful & rarely seen and I had the great pleasure of a walk with them in Cornhill to Mrs. Griggs and back on the same road and left them at Mrs.

Hatter not at 11 3/4 o'clock
and returned at my home 12 1/4
While the at 12 1/2 in Tuesday morning