

Thursday December 11th 1862

Friday December 12th 1862
This day.

6th day from NY
Saturday December 13th 1862

This day commences with fine weather scarcely any wind, all sail set about 8 had breakfast with Mr. Evans the Mate, Mr. Lee's 2nd officer and George. Saw a sail on the Labrador quarter, not discernible from deck and steering in an opposite direction from us. All hands busy belonging to the Watch in, clearing Main Mast, and getting out some boards for ship and went aloft, and saw another sail to far away to make her out. Passengers all on deck, some laying and getting and some to work, some working and were in Valparaiso. About 2 PM. Another sail in sight - standing over our bows. We are now traced up - and the wind making us off. 5 PM the vessel ahead is a Hornet, a Brig. The Capt. thinks, bound for the Spanish Main. 5 PM Wind increasing, took in Studding Sails, and all the light Sails - and looking for heavy weather as this is the first time we have been on the Wind from a heavy N.E. the Ladies find it hard - Mary around - 8 PM. all in bed - all well -

8th day from NY
Sunday December 14th 1862

7 AM - have had a disagreeable night. Making and taking in sail, great deal noise and confusion - "Charles" slept like a pig all night - wakes up but once. Camie is now getting used to the Sea, and feels more at home. Mary is in good spirits and is one of the most cheerful on board. George is the same old pilferer that wears the same. Mrs. Newman complains a great deal - and requires from the Capt a good deal of attention - thinks sometimes she is not as sick as she appears. Mrs. Morry. Strives to overcome her sickness and but for the heavy sea would be fit to duty. - until to day. - or for the past two days. She was mostly well - and around decks. There is quite a sea running - 8 AM - am just through breakfast - for some days past have taken my meals along with George and the Mates. The Capt makes no objection and is no doubt pleased with the change - as this gives him full privacy with the Ladies. His attention to Mrs. Newman are very particular - as she has no husband with her. To day is my birth day - 36 years old - little did I dream last year of my spending my first birth day on board of a ship on the Ocean. 10 AM - have just been in George's State room visiting. A Sea just came on board with Camie, and the children causing some little fun. Have seen no sail - which is the first day we have lost sight of them since we started. Some are reading others discussing the probability of our getting