

11 days from N.Y. Lat. Long.

Wednesday December 17th 1862

This day commences with Strong Breeze from the S.W.E. - breeze continues strong all night no sail taken in except the Small Sail. 8. Am no sail in sight. The ship's gun yesterday has long since disappeared - astern and we look every hour for a new one - Our ship is a very fast Sailer and has overtaken every ship we have yet seen. - The Captain thinks we are going to far south - and will fall to leeward of Cape St. Roque. - Have had breakfast as usual. - Carrie and Mary do not feel as well as usual. - both took some Sedative powders. - Mrs Morey is lying down and does not feel very well but is somewhat better than yesterday Mrs M. Complains and as usual is lying down. as for myself I feel perfectly well. - Cannot throw troubles then very much. - Charles does not feel so well to day. - There is a little sea sick 12^m have been to vomit sundry times. - Wind continues same. For the last few days - the ship has tossed about very badly so that it is almost impossible to sit or stand. - Its almost impossible to write. - The Passengers all say they will be glad when we all get on shore again. - Expect it will be some days. - I have many sources of wonderment now - that is - How are my friends all getting along on Newark and also in Valparaiso. - I expect letters from home when I get there and this will be a source of great comfort.

8. PM - soon after supper wind commenced blowing on signals. - and increasing every moment. - I fired Main top Gallant Sail. - Ship leaping well over. - and sea coming over her at intervals. - The Passengers find it necessary to go on the Cabin for shelter from the rain which now begins to fall. - Wind increasing call all hands. - let go - Topsail Boatswain fore and aft. and put one reef in fore and Main topsails 3 reefs in the Mizzen. - Ship now lies easier in a heavy sea. - and all feel more secure. - Our Ship's Crew are mostly all young men not much accustomed to Merchant Ships. - having been on "Men of War". - There was somewhat of a quarrel - owing to the noise and confusion in taking in Sail. - 9 PM all in bed. - So ends this day.

12 days from N.Y. Latitude Longitude.

Thursday December 18th 1862

8 AM. Through breakfast. - during the night wind died away and this morning scarce enough wind for Steerage way. - The sea has also gone down. and we are almost becalmed. - This is a great relief from what we have experienced the last few days. All the Passengers are now on deck. - Carrie and Mary are in good spirits. - Little Charles is running around deck. - George is to work making himself a pair of Slippers. - has been to work for the last 2 days (making a last). - Shall make a note of it in this Journal. when they are finished. - I have just left all the Passengers on deck. eating Apples. - 10 AM. All calm and quiet. - Capt thought yesterday that we had struck the N.E. Trade winds. - but to day proves his idea erroneous. We are now in what is called the Horse Latitude. - from the Calms which are prevalent here. - It is said the Horse Latitude derived their name from the vessels once used in carrying Horses to the West Indies. - and these Latitudes becoming becalmed. - sometimes for six weeks or more they were obliged to save themselves from thirst. to throw their Horses overboard. - It is sometimes calm here for a great no. of days. - The Male (Mr Evans) watch indicates fitting a Fore top Gallant Stay. and other ship work. - Yesterday commenced sawing up an old fore Yard. and will finish it to day. - 12^m The perfectly calm. - no wind. - Ship heading all points of the compass. - when at dinner saw a Whale. - George says it is a Sulphur bottom species. - all hands at work this PM. bending Main Topsail. and fitting new head stay. - 2. wind breaks up. some very light. - 8 PM wind buffeting. - and light. - Starboard Tacks aboard. - Heavily E by S. has rained some. - all day we have seen large quantities of Sargassum weed. - in large patches. - We now expect to run into the N.E. Trade winds which will take many to the line. - Caught a pair of rain water with which I expect to do considerable washing tomorrow of pleasure. - the crew dark and George is washing out a few clothes. - Opened 1 Barrel Gin - for the Stomach's Sake. all relieved early. - Thus ends this day.