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as possible - and to counteract anything that might annoy Mr Newman - Mrs Mary and the Captain settled her. I told her about her good looks &c. Thence - coming her to leave our society for her false friends. So that she now scarcely ever comes near us - But stays almost constantly along with the 2 Ladies on the Cabin - But we will see how matters will turn out.

The Captain for the last 3 days has been troublé with Stricture and - Travel - so that he could scarcely get about - In fact he has been very ill on deck since we came out and then at times when we had squally weather - I presume he thinks it is of more importance to take care of his Lady's Person than any other thing -

This morning 6th o'clock he - Charley went out to see Mary - and on calling her distant to the Capt's Chambers - on "Medications" as he complained of his being worse - and that the Child should have been kept in his room - If the other Children had, another thing would have been said about it - These things should of themselves make no difference to us - But will show for themselves that they do -

Last evening we went to bed early (Jan 14) - and our taking ourselves away at this early hour gave a signal for the Commencement of another of those "good times" which life to our imagination but of which we have never yet been granted to realize.

The Ladies' constitutions - Special Passengers - are treated as fed - and in the day time do not come on deck - We get our meals when they are ready - (Just as that) - and nothing more while the out have their Tea - and other Luxuries - not on the program. "But if you judge, an hour the Capt will have his boots for his Grog - As I do not imagine it to be of any account on the long run - We are now ready - 9 PM + + + + +

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Thursday January 15th 1863 -

40 days from N.Y.
Latitude South - Longitude - West -

Now 40 days from home!! still it does not seem long. We have become so accustomed to every thing that takes place - be it good or bad that "we feel - it is for the best" and so argue with her - "Good luck" this morning arose. wind in dials. Sun shining pleasant and warm - have not seen the sun rise since coming out - but it is not enough during the day - As near as I can come the sun rises about 5^h 1/2. and as we are going in the direction of the Sun the days will grow longer - I do not like long nights!! - Charley was up the first, picking around - "making" "Savins" as he calls it - came out the Book of Portraits - all of which Charley thinks perfectly well - He has not forgotten any of the "loom" folks - and if he is allowed to see their portraits often will not forget them at all - Cat takes the young very well - and with Mary do not feel homesick at all - Then greatest hope and wish is to get to Val Parais soon as possible - Before Breakfast George and myself had to get some "Stipjacks" and Albacore, a species of fish that frequents these latitudes. We could see them skipping and jumping around in all directions - But never a one did we catch!! -

Our supper regulations are now altered (and for the best) The 2nd Mate, not taking his meals until we are done or he is relieved by the Mate. This makes our company more agreeable than it was before. For a more British man I never was with - and never wish to be with again - After Breakfast I went on deck - and read Doct. Trevelyan on both by "Parley" of year 1820 - after which I went into George's room - and found him commencing a Journal - He thinks better late than never - read of fragments from one of his books taken in 1812 - went in my room - and then remained until dinner.

Dinner had preserved Turkey - &c. The Mate George and myself. Charley sat down on the Sitter with Mr Evans - Charley calls him "Uncle Toby" - when he fell through and hurt his nose - This afternoon - The yards were squared in - the Topmast and Lower Studdensails set - But the wind blowing us off were again taken in - after supper went to bed - ... came down