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Saturday January 17th 1863

43 days from N. Y.

Latitude South Longitude West

After a very warm and sleepless night, during which Charley continued to crawl out on his pluper and reaches crawled over us. We were about 7 o'clock. Mr Mann had been up to see the sun rise. George had made his accustomed visit to our windows. And Charley's numerous morning want been supplied. When we went on deck for breakfast. No sign of sail or other sight, but the still waste of waters lay around us. The ship was probably going about 12 miles per hour and heading South. After breakfast we went to the lee of the house when in the shade and a nice draft of wind from the. After sails made us feel cool and nice. Mary and Carrie brought their work on deck and with Charley, we staid away part of the forenoon. George was variously employed as usual. The Capt. and other passengers Mrs M. J. W. with Mrs Mann - who has now become one of the exclusives - were on the cabin. Clear from the rays of the sun. I went into my room and washed the floor &c. endeavoring to keep things in as substantial manner as possible during this warm weather. I must now begin to write some letters to send home. And from the Nov. that will expect them I must commence soon. Dinner time soon comes around. My appetite is nothing. That I expected it would be. So that a very little palatable Mr. Sometimes I feel very hungry, but I do not crave the victuals we have on ship board. - and I am soon through. All hands on ship duty this afternoon - as has been the case for the past week. And I am in my room reading & writing. Fleck is out of the question. - Mrs. Rueman comes out this P.M. in her white. waist and green skirt - so as to eclipse the rest of the ladies. But as we commence go through with day. with this exception. nothing of consequence has occurred. The day ended by Mrs N. having a crying spile. probably because we are not at home! and by a general evening talk. It is colder this evening than any one we have had for some days. But will probably have a good night's rest.

So Ends this day -

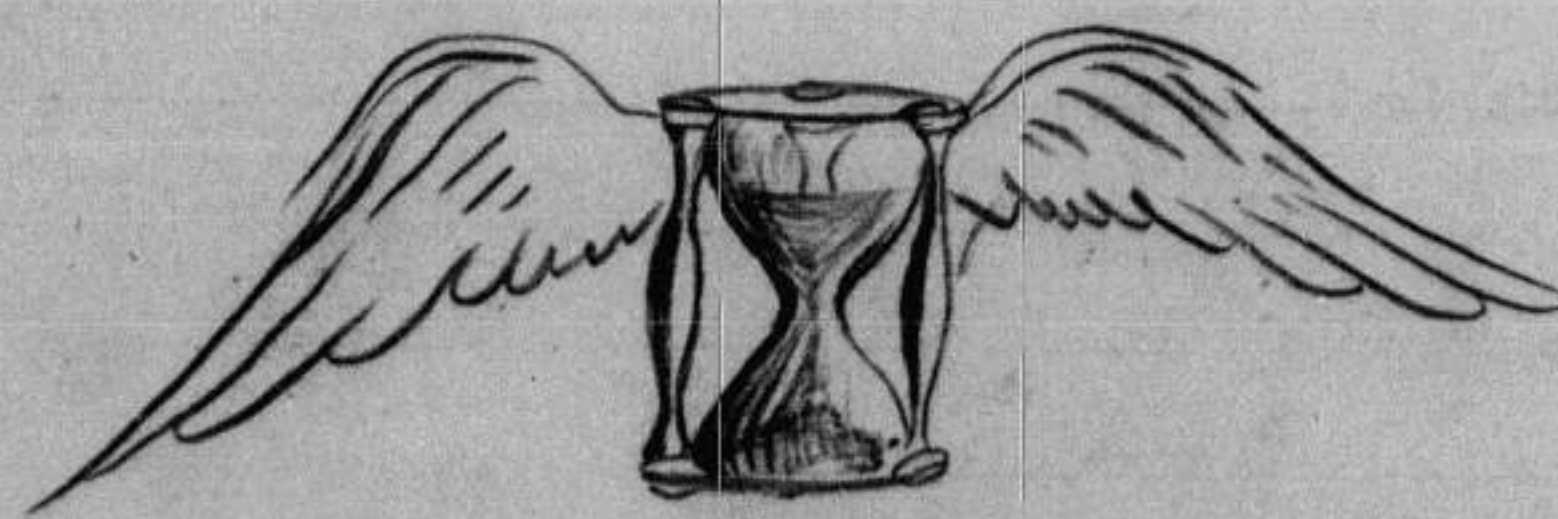
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During the night had very little wind. arose at 7 o'clock in time for breakfast. Mrs N. did not appear on her new rig. Sunday. there is not much going on about decks without a change of wind makes it necessary to make or take in sail. Most of the forenoon was occupied by the watch in squaring the yards. &c. - Sometimes the wind would come out in little puffs. ahead. and sometimes Astern. at times there would be no wind at all. And so things were managed on board. until noon, and after dinner. While reading a book. A large Shark was seen astern. a hook was procured. but the monster would not accept the large piece of pork which the hook held forth as an inducement for him to come on board. about 3 o'clock a light breeze sprang up. and we are now going S.W. with every sail set. Topmast & lower shudders sail set. - The smoke went down. and the twilight that follows below sun down & dark is very beautiful. We are now drawing near Reid - but this day have seen no sail. - 8 P.M. have been sitting on the lee rail - lately with Cam and Mary. Took a long walk. a short time ago 6 strokes my legs. - Mary found in with me. George is in his room reading. - retired at 10 o'clock.



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