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Wednesday January 28 1863

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Nothing of importance has occurred this day - After Breakfast I resumed my reading - Les Miserables - George says - "If there is any one 'less miserable' than himself he wants to know it" This is a very good book - and I have promised to steadily go on to finish it soon as possible - At 3 o'clock commenced raining - I came down for Mr. to catch water to do my - or our washing - got a tub and commenced - George had finished So. at 4 I went - The Capt. came on deck and immediately watched me - for upwards of an hour - Probably to see how much water I took - We had been going all day with the wind on our quarter - and starting sails - At 5 P.M. had finished my washing - and hung out my clothes on the rigging - The wind now came out ahead and heavy waves ran yards - on the Starboard tack - The ship would not lay her course - It now began to blow - all the light sails were taken in - and every preparation made for a blow - We took in the clothes we had hung out - and put them on the boats - At 7 P.M. it was raining quite hard - We all assembled in my room - George, Mary, Carrie and myself - Charley was fast asleep - in the bunk - We were talking when who should pop and come in but Mr. Evans - He sat down with us - and may have stayed perhaps 20 minutes - The Capt. called him - and sent him on deck with some orders - At 8 P.M. I went to the mess - The Capt. came back - After a smoke - and a talk over of "Prospects" we were all seated on the roof of our Cabin - Could hear the rain falling and the orders of the Officers to the Men - All was quiet on the Cabin - Mrs. M. & I were in their room - The Capt. had ordered So. on wind to Starboard - But before this the Sails had reefed - the Topsails - and the wind increased - So Ends this day -

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The first I remember in the morning was the morning storm - It may have been 4 o'clock - when I awoke - It was then daylight - The rain was blowing against the windows - and the ship was pitching tremendously - In a few minutes later she gave a violent lurch which upset one of the whale boats from its lashings which nearly went overboard - My clothes were on this boat - and were hanging over the bows - The Steward made the remark - "There goes some One's clothes!" The Capt. thinking they were mine - said - "The clothes be d-d - let them go - if they are to long to get up and get them - but the clothes - changed - to be his - not mine - There is where the laugh came in - After Breakfast - went on deck - The Mainsail was furled - and we were under close sail - The Main Spancer was then hauled out - and the Spinnaker - about 10 o'clock the wind moderated and sail was again made - Reefed ship out of the Topsails - and main top gallant sail set - The wind had now reached of the ship so that we were slanting - Why so she was quite around - and headed up on the Star - S.E. - She was pitched so violently as to make most every one sick - Mrs. Mary has been sick all day and I did not see her face - Most of the ladies took no Breakfast - Came for the first time land abid most all day - at 5 P.M. the ship pitched so much that we could scarcely stand - After Supper I got into my bunk to read - Mary came in - and I laid there - and talked a while - Mr. Evans came in my room again - and engaged for me - I then went to sleep - George came in and gave me a "Pickers" - I was scarcely half awake - and slipped into a sound sleep - at 12 Midnight when the watches changed I awoke and found I was not undressed - The wind was still blowing strong - and no sail had been made on the ship - It was raining - and coming through our window - At 1 P.M. I would say that about 8 P.M. had to take in sail and reef again - So - Ends - this - day - At 8 o'clock saw a Topsail Schooner - bound the same way with ourselves - in company the ship before the wind - to lash the boats again - came very near her - The Sea was breaking over her as high as the Mainsail gaff - at noon the Schooner was out of sight astern - Saw 2 ships to Leeward this day