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Friday January 30th 1863

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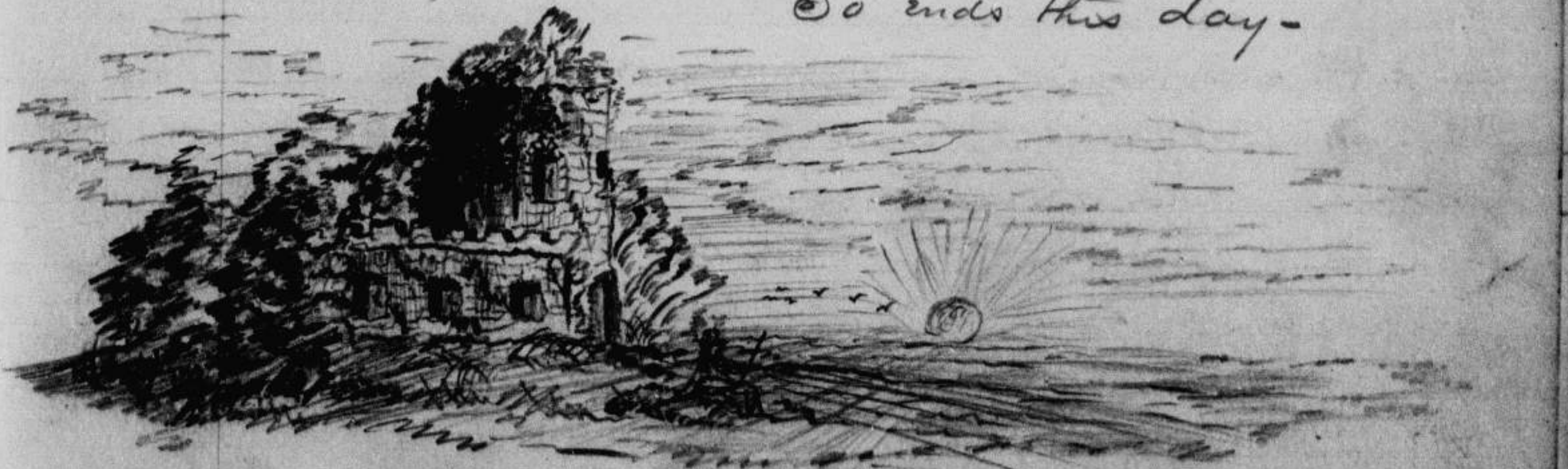
At 4 o'clock awoke. It being day light but did not get up. Took my book "Les Miserables" and read until 7 1/2 o'clock. When I arose and got breakfast - after which took Charlie and had a walk on deck. The watch was tending a maimed. "Henry Spill" - 4 sails yesterday. It is now growing cold. and when the wind blows from the South we feel the change very sensibly. The Carpenter is making a cover for the boiler. Sky light. 10 AM came into the room. Mary and Cam were sitting. George and myself had been working from Watson and brought some on for Charlie. Staid in the room until noon. In the afternoon made sail with Main top Gallant sail over single reefed topsail. The wind has gone down to almost calm. Still we do not make sail. In the evening it is cold and dreary. Smoked a cigar and went on deck. Mrs M & Emma walking in the waist where we are standing. Capt comes on deck occasionally. Mostly to watch us and to see what we are doing. and oftentimes to get rid of the children. At times he pretends to be very affectionate to the children and at other times he is cross as a hog - subject of getting one straight forward across with them. He will caress and be very playful until he is tired then he will turn them off with a growl and an unkind curse. He said at the table at supper that the children was the most forward and ungovernable children he ever saw. Perfect little devils. They did not care for their mother they had no government over them - and that every one disliked them from the Mate down to the smallest boy in the ship. Mrs M said that Emma was not considered forward by them that knew her. She was rather shy. The Capt said that was not the kind of forward he meant. "He meant" ugly self-willed. She said sometimes you will call her a good girl. He said perhaps she will be good this time. Mr Evans finds a deal of fault with the noise of the children. At 9 went to bed. George and Mary came in and played checkers in our room. I'm my bunk. Mary Perry - Henry - &c -

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To day it is again calm. and nothing of importance occurring in the fore part of the day. at 9 AM saw 2 Dolphins which we tried to catch. George with his harpoon - could not pierce him his back was too narrow. Sam & Mr M. came forward to assist. the proceedings. Went again to my room. Mike went over board for a rope which was lost. When overboard a large shark was seen. The Watch on deck tending for topsail. Mr Evans watch on deck. After dinner wrote my "Les Miserables" and under the boat. Spent the afternoon in reading. At this time a good breeze sprang up and we are now running S.W. by W. - comes from - Cam & Charie asleep. 4 PM they came on deck and at 5 PM after which went to my room and finished reading my story. Scarcely had I done my work. It was very dark Mrs Morry came in for me to go on deck. when we had a walk. Cam and Mary were walking with Mr Evans. Mrs M & Emma was dills with the Capt. Shortly after we stoped and Mrs M & E. took Mr Evans arm and walked with him. The evening was beautiful. The moon shone brightly. I took Charley and got him to sleep. and went to my room. We have seen some Sun Fish. and George saw a large Turtle. of the Loggerhead species. No vessels have appeared to day we are now on the Latitude of Rio de la Platte and expect if we have wind to be off Cape Horn in another week.

So ends this day.



A Stranger in a Strange Land