

Thursday February 5th 1863

Latitude 61 days from N.Y. South. Longitude West

When I awoke in the morning, my first impulse was to get my boots. "Great Expectations" - which I read until 7^{1/2} o'clock, although Cami made earnest endeavor to get me up. - However I was in time for Breakfast. (Nothing prevents me from being regular to my meals now) which when over, I returned to my first impulse - again. - Oblivious as to how the Ship was going - whether I made 10 - I read on - My Companion on this voyage will, I collect, with what interest, I read on never slipping to notice anything. - as to what was taking place around me I recollect that the Ship was going her course - and the wind was trying to pull down to a calm - I was in my berth so as to be out of the way. Mary was sewing. Chancy was playing around the Cabin. Cami was in the Main Cabin, and seated near Mrs M. in one of the large Chaises, when Mrs Newman burst in tears & Cami then spoke to her about being so pensive - unhappy - which ended in a long conversation - relative to our present difficulties - which conversation I will give by bits - during the time the Capt. was out and in the Cabin - "Singing on his usual tone" but made his remark this conversation - "I protest you, the woman again in communication" - The Capt. made the remark to Mr Evans that it was much pleasanter to have the women agreeable and talkative to each other. - During the day I scarcely went out of my room. - and it was not until evening that I went on deck. - Mr E. met me with a broad grin on his face - with "The old man says, that Emma is a dear little woman - she has been annoyed, and got the women to make up. - But says he I am determined to have as little to do with her as possible. - I did not stay long on deck, - as the chilly atmosphere did not agree with me. - But going to my room - I, George played a game or 2 of Angles with Cami - and then retired - Mrs M. had a long conversation with the Capt. - who was probably giving her his advice how to act - in the case. - The wind is mercifully gone - and we will have a good night's run - There is plenty of Sea - Albatrosses, and other large birds - flying around - George tried to catch one - but lost his time - and try to give the bird, both ends - at once -

"I have hung my lamp in my berth - and shall read a few pages of "Great Expectations" - They are heavy something to eat on the table and at 11 o'clock I have thrown out my lamp and they are still up - !!!

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This morning was awakened by the water leaking through the deck into my berth where I was sleeping - which had rather an annoying or later feeling - On going out in the Cabin found it had leaked in all of the Staterooms. - The sails which had been over the boats during the voyage had been taken away - the decks had dried under the hot sun and the first water on them caused the leak. - This morning the Stove was put up under the direction of the Capt. and a fire built - which makes it dry and comfortable - About 10 o'clock wind increased - the Topsails were doubt raised - and reef fore and main sail set - The Ship is now tacking S. S. E. - during the first part of the day the wind gradually increased, but the water was quite smooth - Mary and Cami was in the room. sewing - and at times George came in - to see what was going on - Mrs M. & Mr. Emma - and Mr M. were in the Cabin part, sewing and chatting - Mr Levi, this morning, is off duty, occasioned by the Rheumatism - on his shoulder - was taken 2 days since - and has been gradually growing worse - The Capt. offered George the chance to take command, but George declined - as he thought the voyage was too far advanced - So Turner was drafted from the Mate's watch - and took charge of the Capt. - About 3 P.M. I went to see Mr E. - He told me that he was no better - After supper went on deck - The Sea had increased - and the Ship pitched & rolled - so that it was difficult to stand up, and in walking fell down twice - Saw flocks on the water & quantities of Kelp - Flocks of Albatrosses and Cape Petrels were flying around in large numbers - As the deck was to slipper to stand - I naturally took to the Main Hatch - While walking there the Capt. came out and the Doctor checked in a little - I made no effort to assist as - perhaps it would not do - I went again in the Cabin - The Lodgers were all taking things comfortable - For the first time during the passage I set on the Siller opposite my door. - Although Lamps were lighted Mrs M. was sewing - Emma - sat near her - Mrs M. in her room - George was playing Revere with the children - Mr Evans came in - and played with them a long time - The children were soon put to bed - 8 balls struck - The Capt. went to bed as he was to be up the next watch - Mrs M. came and sat along with me - and we had some conversation relating to home - &c - The Ship was pitching badly - Mrs M. had gone in the Capt's room where by the sound they were busy in conversation - Emma was sitting by herself in the stateroom - So I closed my Stateroom door - and made preparation to sleep the day - our -