

Saturday February 7th - 1863 -

Latitude 63 days from N.E. - South. Longitude West.

Carl-Evmy finished reading "Great Expectations" wonder if mine will turn out as well!! - After a good night's sleep, I arose about 5 o'clock - in this latitude is perfectly light enough - to read - I laid on my back - thinking over my circumstances and then got up and - in the 7 o'clock - The sea had gone down - and there was seen any wind - Sail had been made - and we were ready - the night commencing on deck - found Mr Evans - in the main hatch - getting out some "Eatables" - Breakfast - being ready - we partook of some Clam - Fillers - and Coffee - Mr Levi was still absent - and I believe no better or worse going on deck - busied myself - with the Carpenter's tools - making some diamond shape blocks - to put on the deck - that covers the Speakers - George was helping - Mend - an old Topsail - - On this occupation we labored for about - one hour - and I went on again - Mary was washing on the first cabin - where we sat - and Mrs M. in the after cabin - Mrs M. sat in the chair - near the entrance - apparently meditating - going into George's room - I commenced there overhauling my Journal of Books &c - To day I put on a pair of my new boots for the first time - They fit me very well - - The rest of the day was without much note - The Capt. has gone on deck more than usual - As the second mate is sick - and he does not like to visit "Turner" to much - with the ship - & mentioned to Mrs M. about her being so fleshy - She laughed - and said she had grown - remarkably so for some time back - Soon after on deck - I helped her take on her clothes - &c - - Supper - Mr Evans and myself - spoke about the time when we were loading the room and about "Mr Ladd" - We had a good time over it -! Mrs M. was sitting on deck - - Sunny - and apparently - Abstrahed or thought there was not much wind - And I went forward - - Had Mr Evans kept on - - This was about 5 1/2 PM - - The Sun was shining brightly - and warm - From this time until - dark was spent in writing - - About 7 o'clock - Most of the passengers were on deck - - Charly had on his little cap - and cloak - and looked comfortable - When dark on about 8 1/2 - - George, Mary & Cam - came in our room

for a short time - and remarks - - Cam got her "Solace" - (by the Chequer Board) - and with George commenced their round of disputation - - Mary - endeavored to read - and was occasionally interrupted by my - delivery of "Verses" in school-day fashion - - Consists of - "Gays Elgy" - - The Luggard page - which was rather to much for her - Temperament - - In the cabin we could hear their singing - the Star Spangled Banner - and other songs from the "Blue Book" Mrs Merry - as "Christie" - The Capt. and Emma - gave a helping hand - - Some thing was going on - scarcely any noise outside - When Mary concluded - to make them a visit - She went out and found them having a lunch - of Sandwiches &c - They offered her some which she declined - and returned - bringing some "Pineapples" and "Pickles" - which after eating we retired - The Capt. had the watch from 8 - 4 - 12 and Mrs Newman was on deck with him when I went to sleep -

During the day we saw patches of Kelp - on which were birds - sitting - - The wind is very - baffling - - It will be fair - for an hour or so - and then shift to some other quarter - - This forewarns more or less in their latitudes - We are nearing the Falkland Islands - and near the main land - The water is very green - or dark looking indicating - that we are on Soundings -

The voyage is somewhat tedious now that we are out so long - but were it not for the feelings that exist - would have felt rather lonely - - Some will remember things their way - and - others another -

For instance - - Mrs Merry had complained of the extreme cold - Mrs Newman - said she was warm - and wished that she could be cold - - Emma - said nothing until the stove was up - and for made - when she went to her room in the Duties - and with her Shawl - around her - Stayed there most of the day -

This PM - coming in the cabin - Mrs M. requested me to shut the door for her - The Capt. - standing outside - told me to let it be open - and if it was cold - to shut the inner Cabin doors - - I accordingly let it be open and went in without - saying a word - - To-morrow will be Sunday and the decks are cleaned up - and every thing in order -

So ends this day -