

2nd day.

Thursday, February 12th 1863
US. days from 22nd
Latitude - South Longitude west.

! About 12 o'clock we got to sleep. The ship had ceased pitching so violently. And the dawn of day brought quietness. I slept until 7. And then went on deck. The Steward had fire in the Cabin but it was not cold. and the gas was worse than all. Mrs. M. was up and sitting in the Cabin looking as dismal. as one could wish that had lost all of their friends. The breakfast game was cold. And the men Mr. E. - 2nd Lt. Mr. Levi - Mr. Mann - George and myself sat down to our Gridder Cakes. (for we have them off Cape Horn). - Then appearances we all made a hearty meal. - I did. (I speak for myself) as George said. when the salt-all the beans. and I scraped the pan with an iron spoon. Breakfast ended. Sail was made. Ruffs stood out. Top gallant Sails. and Main Sails. set. The wind was. hauled her aft. The yards stuck 2 or 3 points. we are going. 11th knots per hour.

I have been in my room many all of the forenoon playing with Charley. The women in the Cabin Chatter about Bonnets & dresses and what they will make and wear when in Valparaiso. - Estimating the merits of their respective Bonnets. - looks. &c. - Smoking his cigar. sits Mr. Mann. (a duplicate of myself) in his room. talking German with his wife. - seemingly - at his wife's ends to know what to wish himself. the next few minutes. - But as Mary and George is not present. we must hunt them up. - Going into their room. found them both. busily sewing. - She on an old dress. And himself on a pair of old drawers which he was patching and mending. - so - as to fasten him around Cape Horn. - Telling down a volume of Abraham's history. Amused myself for some 20 minutes. - in the mean time we talked over our matters. - And came to the conclusion. we would never go to the U. S. - If it was decided that we should again on at any time be in reduced circumstances. we would send the women home. But as for ourselves we would stay on Chile. - or else go to the Islands and live on spontaneous contribution. -

After dinner - The ship was kept off and we are now running directly for the Straits of Le Maire - and should this wind hold. we will pass through them. tomorrow - by 4 o'clock. -

as the Capt. says we will reach them by that time. - All have now turned in for their customary afternoon naps. - While I write. Charley is fast asleep. in his "Biddy Lane" as he calls it. - As for my berth. growly because I can't go to sleep. - as usual. - George has just made his call. and leave for the Penn Port. - Saying as he goes out. "We are going like the A-L." - For myself. I am comfortable. - Thank ye! All alone. - sitting on my Box. - Bores on Tombs. writing. - and waiting for something new to turn up. - Mr. Evans has turned in. - and the Cabin is as quiet as if no one was in it. - Ring out of Copy. - We. editorially speaking. will secure our labors. until the afternoon as it passes away brings with it more important events. - when we will close the Chapter. - " - " - " - "

5 PM. have had a nap. - and through supper. - during the afternoon we have been steering. - and at 4 o'clock. are within 30 miles from Straits of Le Maire. - and by this Capt. morning. will reach them at about 10 o'clock. - He plans to run through the Straits. on the night. - and has concluded to keep the ship off. - which we are now steering. - By this we will have some 200 miles farther to go than if we went through the Straits. - The Straits of Le Maire. - separates "Staten Land" from "Terra del Fuego" or "Land of Fire" - The wind is still blowing strong from the north. - all sail. and Topmast Shudding sails set.

10 PM. after waiting on deck from 6 to 8 o'clock playing with the children. &c. went in my room. - then found Cam. - Mrs. M. got in my bunk. - and Mrs. N. soon after. - came in. - outside on the Cabin Emma commenced playing. "Blow out the Candles" afterwards "Blind man Buff" was substituted. - in which we all joined. - After several bumps. bruises and - stub toes. - and falling over Tombs. - Men and women. - we closed the game. - for the time "off Cape Horn" - The Capt. seemed to enjoy the sport very much. - and as the ship glides along very quietly. - there is no motion. - Mrs. M. who has not spoken to the Capt. for 2 days. also joined in. - The Capt. did not speak to me. - nor I to him. - We shall be near Staten Land. in the morning. - and then we will be on our battle ground. - - - Charley does not want to go to sleep. - and is excited with the play.

and now for Cape Horn

