

- 15th day -
Wednesday - February - 25th - 1863.

81 days from N.S.
 Latitude South - Longitude West -
 The wind continued steadily from the North - on until 4 this morning - when it backed off - and the ship was more steady - to the South and west. During the night we encountered a Bang - which some said was the Fletcher - to all appearance - who were there about the same time as ourselves - But we are sure of it. At 6 A.M. we were out of sight of him - - About 8 wind commenced blowing strong - westerly - See at 10 am. raised a Sail - 2 Bows on our weather Bow - which we soon came up - with - - We were then carrying - Top Gallant Sails on fore & main Topmasts - - down our 2 Fore and Mizzen topsails - Fore and Main sail - - 20 fms. When we had come up with the Bark as to be ahead - - We thought through the Glass she look^d like the Fletcher as she had double Topmast yards - and long mizen Sparker - Those who saw the Sail the first part of the morning - was deceived - as to its being the Fletcher - And I feel confident the last one we saw was her - - At any rate there must have been two Barks - so many others as to be clearly distinguishable - - As the wind increased - Took in - Top Gallant Sail - - found we were going 8 knots per hour - - in the afternoon close reefed the Topsails - - and continued on - The ship pitched awfully and ship^d quite a heavy sea - in the afternoon - nothing of importance transpired - - Mary all on her room - laying on getting down in - thin Boots - - Have frequent squalls - of wind which often blows with great violence - The Capt says that he will not leave her to - as long - as she can head up S.W. - We have now left the fleet of sail - to the eastward - and are apparently alone - - Could we only have her sea - we could get along - as we now head N.W. by W - - Just came in from deck - Have done reef^d Fore - and main & mizen Topsails - - reef^d Fore - and main - Fore Stay sail - Main Spinnaker - Main Topmast Stay sail - Have done very little ship work since Mr Evans died - - Sick things on board do not seem as they did of old -

So ends this day -

16th day
Thursday - February - 26th - 1863

82 days from N.S.
 Latitude South - Longitude West -
 During the night the ship - roll^d badly - so that it was impossible to sleep - had been heading - on this - Starboard tack - all night - 8 Am - wind - not quite so heavy - - wind now heading us off to S by E - - our ship - - are now heading - from W.N.W. to N.W. - all day - - As the wind blows more from the South - The cold is more severe - and it is - - Scarcely endurable - on deck without an overcoat - on
 This morning overhauled - my - room - restoring my boxes &c - This took my time until nearly noon - - The women are all in the main Cabin - Chatterbox about dress &c - - The Captain goes on deck but very little - and never stays longer than is necessary - Since Mr Evans death - It seems like another ship - we do not know his name - and what officers we have got are good for nothing -
 This P.M. in my stateroom tried to write - but could not Charley was in Mary's room - - went out in the Cabin talked with - Mrs Newman - & Corey - - Then went in Mary's room George sat in the bunk - making a cap from an old - French Coat - Mary was also there - I commenced myself cracking some Country Walnuts - - We then went to Supper - - The Pig is now all gone - !! - - We had some Sardines for supper - and then went on deck - - We are heading up quite well - And the sails on sight - Think we will have a pleasant night
 Emma McFarland - looking out of the Cabin windows - I have just been talking with Mr Mann - about the prospects of getting around Cape Horn - - Have written on the Cabin window
 4 weeks from now - to Valparaiso -
 So ends this day.